

# Dust in the Wind

JANUARY 2022

## LCPS Mission Statement

We seek to unite artists from beginner to professional who are interested in the pastel medium and to serve their needs by encouraging artistic growth and development through education and sharing. We also work to create public awareness of pastel as a unique and beautiful art form.

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## From the President



**The entire LCPS Board would like to wish you a very happy New Year!**

We are excited for 2022 and have begun work to make this a great year for the Lake Country Pastel Society. I recently re-visited the group's mission statement and bylaws and they are the perfect guide posts as we navigate through our 2022 programs. Here is a brief outline of the vision and goals set for the upcoming year:

**Support All pastel artists** – different styles, experience level and artistic goals.

- Provide educational opportunities through our meetings and workshops.
- Provide community and networking opportunities at group painting events.
- Showcase our member's work through exhibitions, the newsletter and the website member gallery.

**Promote the pastel medium and expand our membership base**

- Public exhibitions and shows to increase awareness of the medium, its luminous beauty and the variety of styles and applications possible.
- Community outreach to encourage new and especially, beginner-level membership.

None of the above would be possible without the behind-the-scenes work of the board members. And so our third goal will be:

**Support the LCPS organization as it serves its members.**

- Retain and build our team of board members – fill our open positions.
- Clarify responsibilities to make it easier to serve your term and seek partner chairs.
- Find ways to express appreciation for the time and effort given by the board.

I am honored to step into the 2022-2024 LCPS President role and excited to serve. I am especially looking forward to returning to in-person member meetings (finger's crossed!) and the chance to get to know EVERY ONE OF OUR 87 members in the years to come.

In closing, I hope for each of you a creative 2022 filled with joy, curiosity and connection.

*"A well designed life is generative - it is constantly creative, productive, changing, evolving, and there is always the possibility of surprise"* "Who do you want to grow into?" -- from one of my favorite books **Designing Your life by Bill Burnett and David Evans**

Wendy Peterson

## Board Member Roster and Open Positions

**President** – New to the position, Wendy Peterson's role will be to continue the legacy of the LCPS organization by building on the foundational goals and working with the other board members to collectively deliver quality programs and successful events to support our members.

**Vice President – Open** to anyone interested in sharing their talent and time to help keep the society running smoothly. This position is designed to prepare you to move into the President's position.

**Treasurer** – Susan Warner's role is the handling of ALL of the financial aspects of the organization and her attention to detail is truly a gift to our group. She is also handling the currently open role as our Public Relations chair.

**Secretary** – Nancy Dahlof has the important role of recording and archiving the Board Member proceedings. We have been lucky to have her assistance for more than her original two-year tenure.

**Program Chair – Open April 1.** Cinda Columb will be stepping down effective April 1. Thank you Cinda for all your hard work over the past several years! We are seeking idea people (one or more) to fill this important event planning position. The program committee is responsible for creating and executing a variety fun and interesting agendas and events for our member meetings.

**Exhibit Chair** - Susan Estill is behind our successful shows. She identifies and secures venues, handles the registration and planning for the event and coordinates the set up and tear down of the show. We had two amazing shows in 2021 under her direction and she has already lined up our next show at the Red Wing Arts Center.

**Workshop Chair** - Becky Jokela sets up the annual workshops including identifying the prospective artists, negotiating fees, handling participant registration, event set-up and is the on-the-ground liaison for the guest artists. In spite of Covid-related restrictions, Becky managed to schedule and fill two workshops in 2021 – Nancy King Mertz and Rita Kirkman. She has lined up a much-anticipated workshop with Karen Margulis for October 5-7, 2022.

**Public Relations – Open.** This position will help us to achieve our community outreach and public awareness goals. If social media and marketing are part of your skill set, please volunteer to take the lead.

**Membership Chair – Open June 1.** Due to Ann's heavy teaching schedule, she is asking to step down this summer. The focus of the position is to seek ways to attract new members and to help current members connect with one another.

**Newsletter Chair – Open** – Wendy has moved into the role as President and is seeking a replacement. This is great spot for anyone interested in writing or publishing. The newsletter is currently produced bi-monthly. Two people could easily split this role.

**Mentoring Chair** – Eileen France will continue in this position and has generously offered her time and talents to any artists looking for specific training or guidance.

Christine Tierney and Pat Duncan will continue on the board as **Past Presidents** on an as-needed basis. We simply could not let go of all that talent and expertise!

Several of these positions could be co-chaired.

Please contact Wendy Peterson if you are interested in more information about any of these positions. Cell: 651-247-4405 (Text with call back information is preferred) or email to [wlpeteking@gmail.com](mailto:wlpeteking@gmail.com).



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# JANUARY MEMBER MEETING - PAINT-IN EVENT

**Saturday, January 15, 2022, 11:00am-4:00pm**

Escape the cold and ice of January and join us for a warm day painting indoors with fellow pastel artists.



**Prizes!!!** Drawings will be held for prizes at 12:00, 1:00 and 2:00.

## **Bring:**

- A sack lunch and drink. Additional light snacks and water will be provided.
- Your standard “plein air” set up including easel, pastels, paper and a **tarp or sheet to lay under your work area.**

## **New to pastel?**

Visit the “Exploring Pastels Table” – a hands-on learning experience from 12:00-1:00.

**New Brighton Community Center – Room 211  
400 10th Street NW  
New Brighton, MN 55112**

The center requires masks be worn when inside the facilities. For more information: <https://www.newbrightonmn.gov/departments/ParksRecreation/fit>

For more information contact Cinda Columb - Program Chair at 612-210-9920 or [cindacolumb@gmail.com](mailto:cindacolumb@gmail.com)

## **SAVE THE DATE - MARCH MEMBER MEETING - SHOW YOUR WORK!**

**Tuesday, March 8th from 7:00pm-9pm**

Our program will include topics in anticipation of the show at Red Wing and more!

Topics to include: Why Show? Are You Ready To Show? Demonstration - DIY framing options. What jurors look for in a winning piece and more. We are also hoping to have an Artist to Artist Critique where you can bring a one of your pieces for one-on-one feedback.

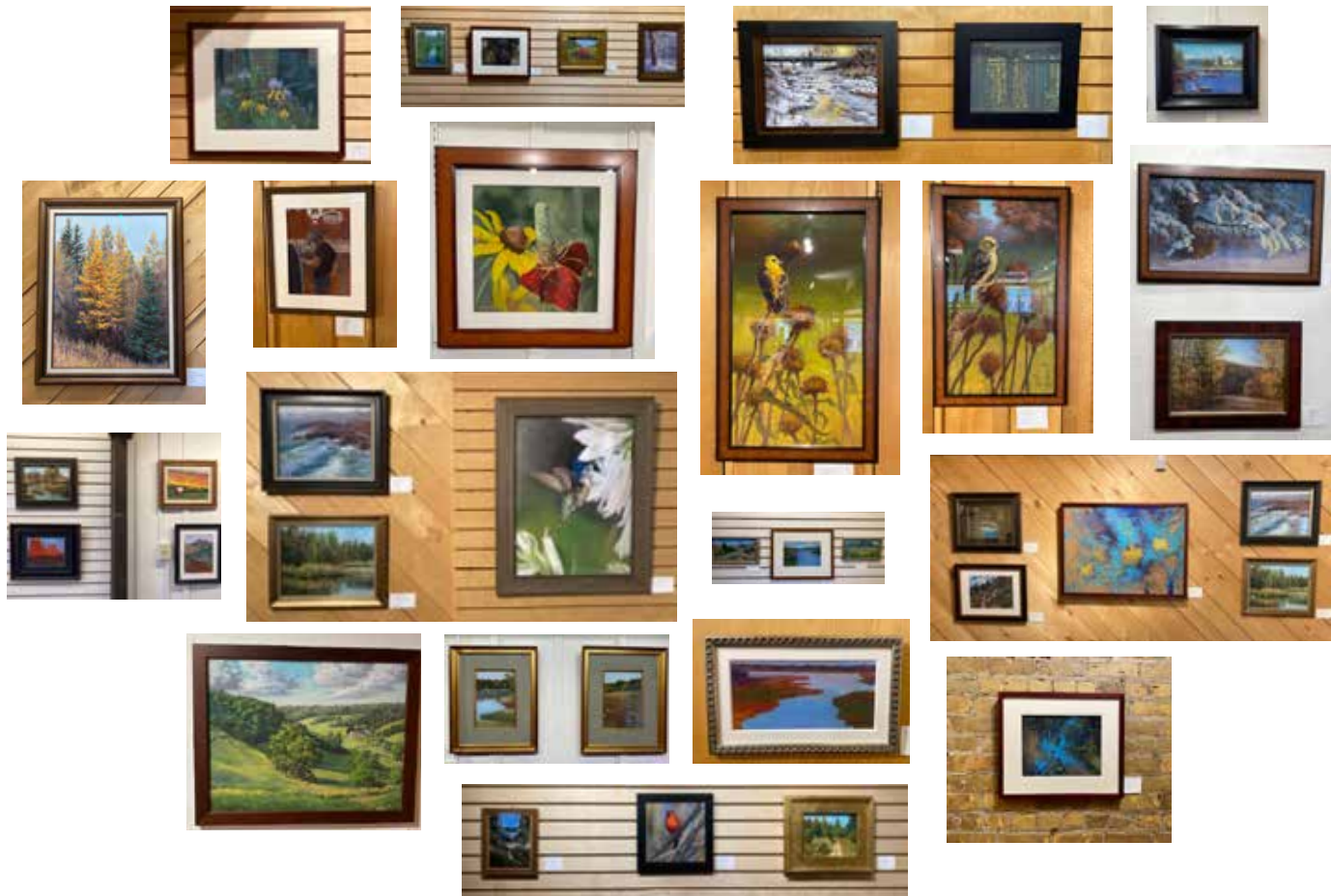
# THE ART LOFT AT BOREAL

AN EXHIBIT BY THE LAKE COUNTRY PASTEL SOCIETY

2276 COMO AVENUE  
ST PAUL, MINNESOTA

December 1, 2021 – January 22, 2022

Pickup: Sunday, January 23, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



## Our Next Show

**Red Wing Arts Association - Red Wing, Minnesota**

[redwingarts.org](http://redwingarts.org)

**Show Dates:** May 20-June 19, 2022

**Format:** Open Invitational (Non-juried) for Entry;

**Judging for Awards**

**Judge:** To Be Selected

Additional information including the prospectus will be included in the March newsletter.

*Exhibit Chair - Susan Estill*



# HOLIDAY GATHERING 2021

Christine Tierney welcomed us into her bright and spacious studio in Shakopee on Sunday, December 12th for a LCPS holiday gathering.

It was a wonderful chance to meet- up with other members over pizza and cookies.



From left to right: Wendy Peterson, Carol Pruchnofski, Pat Duncan, Cristina Garrasi, Angie Archer, Diane Gilbertson, Becky Jokela, Karen Berning, Sandy Gildersleeve. Not pictured: Fred Somers, Nancy Dahlof, Karen Berning and Christine Tierney.

## Announcing our October 2022 Workshop with Karen Margulis



The Lake Country Pastel Society will host Karen Margulis for a workshop on **October 5, 6, and 7, 2022.**

Karen is a gifted pastel artist and instructor who generously shares daily tips and paintings on her blog. Check out her website at [kemstudios.blogspot.com](http://kemstudios.blogspot.com).

Workshop information and registration forms will be included in the March newsletter. Be sure to plan ahead- this class promises to be informative and FUN!

Contact Becky Jokela - Workshop Chair, at [bjokela@gmail.com](mailto:bjokela@gmail.com) for more information.

A collection of art supplies including several markers in various colors (blue, orange, purple, pink, yellow, white), a yellow pencil, and a small jar of teal paint. The items are arranged on a light-colored surface.

**Wet Paint**

1684 Grand Ave St. Paul, MN 55105  
[wetpaintart.com](http://wetpaintart.com)  
651-698-6431  
M-F: 10am-8pm Sat: 10am-6pm Sun: 12pm-5pm

## Rita Kirkman's LCPS demonstration now available for member viewing!

Thank you to the Lake Country Pastel Society for bringing me all the way up from Texas to Minnesota to teach a workshop! This is the demo I did for you on your Thursday night meeting. I had a wonderful time, thank you all for being appreciative!

Apologies for the poor sound quality. The decision to record this was last minute, and the mic was just the one in my little Sony pocket camera, set up behind the chairs.

at <https://youtu.be/od5iqwXbGxQ>

Thanks,

Rita



## Facebook and Instagram

LCPS is on both Facebook and Instagram. On Instagram, you can use hashtag #lakecountrypastelsociety. Just add this hashtag to your regular posts and those who follow it will see your post.

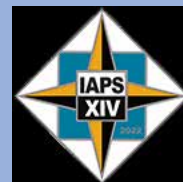
Our Facebook page can have multiple Editors. If you want to be more active posting on the page, you can become an editor. Just contact Susan Warner at [contact@Lakecountrypastelsociety.org](mailto:contact@Lakecountrypastelsociety.org)

With our Facebook Group, members can more easily interact with each other. All active LCPS members can request to join the group.

Photos posted during the month to either the Facebook page or group may be featured as our cover photo for the month.

<https://www.facebook.com/lakecountrypastelsociety>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/441200556541310>

Susan Warner - Acting Public Relations Chair



## IAPS Fourteenth Biennial Convention

"THE BIGGEST PASTEL PARTY ON THE PLANET..."

**Tuesday, June 21-Sunday, June 26th,  
2022 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

**ARTIST - IAPS MEMBER: \$195.00 (Membership in LCPS automatically makes you a member!) Registration fee will be fully refundable until April 15, 2022.**

**LODGING:** Several members have mentioned that the main hotels are booking up or already full. Other affordable options are through VRBO or AIRBNB.

**January 4, 2022 - Registration for Workshop and Demo Classes Opens 12:00 noon EST. These fill up quickly!**

**Saturday Night Banquet tickets: Banquet tickets are limited and will go on sale on January 4, 2022.**

Link for more information: [http://www.iapspastel.org/convention\\_welcome.php](http://www.iapspastel.org/convention_welcome.php)

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## LCPS Attending Members Group

The following individuals have indicated they will be attending. If you wish to be added to, or removed from the group email list, please let me know.

Angie Archer  
Pat Duncan  
Wendy Peterson  
Fred Sommers  
Susan Warner

As the event nears, we will coordinate things like travel to/from the airport, travel to the event and meeting spots for all interested.

Wendy Peterson - President  
[wlpeteking@gmail.com](mailto:wlpeteking@gmail.com)

## Cheryl leClair-Sommer

Cheryl LeClair-Sommer has a soft pastel painting juried into the Arts North International exhibit at Hopkins Center for the Arts. The exhibit is open regular hours from January 8 through February 12, 2022.



Leading - Soft Pastel on Sanded Paper - 12x16

## Michelle Wegler

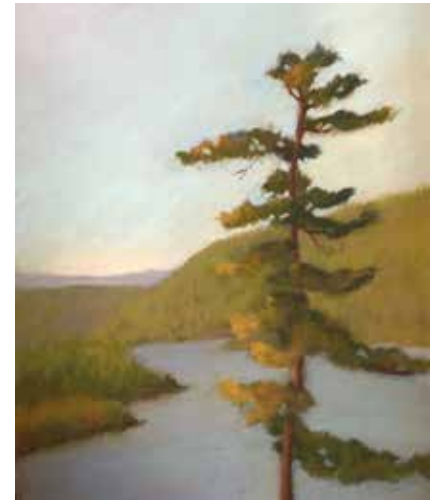
Michelle Wegler is pleased to announce "Gunflint Overlook" was accepted into Arts North International 27. 158 artworks were selected from over 800 entries for this show. It's a beautiful space and should be a great show.

The exhibit will be held at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN, January 8-February 12, 2022. Reception Saturday, January 8, 6:00-8:00.

Never miss an event that Michelle participates in, sign up for her newsletter!

<https://www.michelleweglerart.com/email-newsletter>

Michelleweglerart.com



Gunflint Overlook

## Kathe Drake

My painting Hydrangeas and Pears won first place in the Associates Division of the Arizona Pastel Artists Association (APAA). The show is up now until December 17 at the Scottsdale Artists' School and also online at APAA's website. My prize was an 80 piece pastel set from Jack Richeson which I've already enjoyed using.



Hydrangeas and Pears

## Rita Kirkman



**"Happy New Yearling" Paint-Along!**

New Subject...  
A Horse,  
...of Course!

photo

Saturday, Jan 15, 2022  
1-3 pm Central Time

(Registration link in description)

painting sample 6x4 inches

### "Happy New Yearling" Paint-Along with Rita Kirkman

\$25, Saturday, Jan 15, 1pm CT

#### New subject! A Horse... Of Course!

Join in on Saturday, Jan 15 at 1pm Central Time to paint this lovely young Mustang. The paint-along will last about 2 hours.

Register EARLY to have time to prep your drawing. Rita will send you the Zoom invitation, the reference photo, some surface prep info, some tips that include alternative underpainting methods in case you don't have what she uses, and even a line drawing that you can use to transfer to your board or paper in case you don't have time to freehand your drawing. No drawing skills required! Plenty of instruction will focus on values and temperature which are universal to all color mediums.

(PS: Registration includes a link to the video which will be ready just a few days later, so if you miss the date, no worries!)

Register here! <https://www.ritakirkman.com/workshop/29072/happy-new-yearling-paint-along>

## Christine Tierney

### Christine Tierney Studio News

Christine Tierney's oil painting "Henri's Art Student" has been juried into the annual Arts North International exhibition, showing at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343. The opening reception and awards ceremony is Saturday, January 8 from 6-8 pm. The public is invited.

### Tierney Studio Art Classes

Start the year off right by treating yourself to some art time. Take a painting class from Christine Tierney. The studio is located in Downtown Shakopee at 113 S. Lewis Street, Shakopee, MN 55379. Choose from Monday afternoon 1-4 pm, or (for you early birds) Tuesday mornings 9-12. Call Christine for information 612-210-3377.



Henri's Art Student



Portrait of Nancy - pastel - 22x18

### Christine Tierney Portrait Commission

I recently completed a very special pastel portrait commission. In November my client (a very close childhood friend) contacted me to request a portrait of her terminally ill sister. It was to be a Christmas gift to her. As I was working on the portrait, I got a call from my friend - her sister had passed away quickly and unexpectedly. They wanted to know if I could complete and ship the portrait to California in time for the December 20th memorial! I hustled, probably way over packaged, and shipped it (unframed), and the painting made it to California on time and without a smudge! Portrait of Nancy, pastel, 22x18.



## Carl Nelson



During the months of February and March, paintings by member Carl Nelson will be on display in the upstairs gallery at The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Carl's work will include mostly plein air pastel field studies completed over the course of time at the ARB. As Carl puts it, "I have always enjoyed painting at the ARB, but many of my studies have simply gone into the file and have never been shown. I thought it might be nice to finally share them."

Carl has displayed at the Arboretum in the past. In 2005, he had a solo show in the Reedy Gallery that also included oil and watercolor mediums. One of his larger pastel landscapes was purchased by the Arboretum and now hangs in the adjacent private dining room upstairs.

While Carl enjoys painting in oil and watercolor, for plein air, he tends to favor his pastels for the quick mobility and set-up as well as the expressive strokes of color the medium provides.

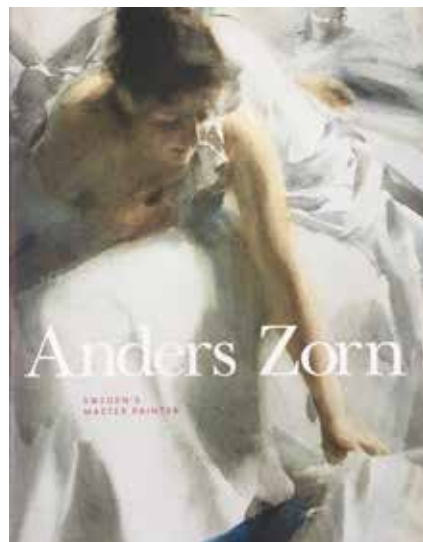
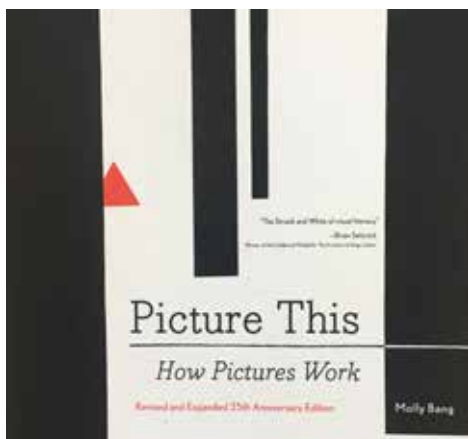
To view more of his work and see his e-newsletters you can visit his website: [carlnelsonart.com](http://carlnelsonart.com)

## On the Bookshelf

Looking for a new book, or two? Here are two that recently appeared under the Christmas tree.

**Picture This** by Molly Bang is a fun book that helps explain visual narrative in the most astonishingly simple fashion.

**Anders Zorn Sweden's Master Painter** published by Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. What can I say? Just stunning.



## Board of Directors

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## Lake Country Pastel Society 2021-22 Calendar

### January

- 1 - Newsletter Published
- 15 - Member Meeting - PAINT-IN
- 22 - Boreal Show Ends
- 23 - Boreal - pick-up your paintings

### March

- 8 - Board and Member Meeting

### May

- 9 - Board and Member Meeting
- 20 - Red Wing Art Show

### October

- 5-7 - Workshop - Karen Margulis



**New Brighton Community Center  
400 10th Street NW  
New Brighton, MN 55112**

In case of bad weather .....

LCPS will email members by noon the day of the meeting and will contact people who don't have email.

If you have questions, call Wendy Peterson 651-247-4405.

*I shall always hold that the mixing of color - it's desired hue, shade or nuance - is the real thrill of painting. The sheer delight and almost surprise of abstract color variations and vibrations and mass-harmonies.*

John Carlson

