

### **EXHIBITING AROUND TOWN:**

- Sylvie Culbertson @ The Friendly Home
- Brande Arno @ Star Physical
- Liz Sciortino @ Pittsford Town
- Laura Davis @ Presbyterian

#### **Dates to Remember!**

September PAG Meeting-

# Pittsford Art Group

#### Summer 2013

### Message from The President

As I reflect on this membership year, I am pleased with what we accomplished as a group of artists. We really did accomplish a lot and that has a lot to do with the volunteering so generously offered by members. Thank you.

We started our programs in September with a mini, all-member art competition and we ended the year with handing out 6 x 6 inch panels and artist's trading cards at the picnic to inspire you over the summer. We want to offer another allmember art competition in September, so get busy painting!

We had our first all-member show at the Spectrum Gallery located inside Lumiere-

photo. Three paintings sold and we had a wonderful reception. We shuffled the deck for demonstrations and explored two new ideas: Keeping an all media artist journal that included some materials to experiment with and drawing with ink pens.

Keeping with tradition, we had our annual Spring Show at the Pittsford Barnes & Noble. Many members joined together to make it happen. We had two critiques and a few demonstrations with more traditional mediums. Then we rounded out the year with our annual Picnic. Lynn Wickes, chair invited new member, Tina Kolberg to give a presentation on how a website is built and managed. Then how to navigate the site and add links to our own website. Everyone learned something.

The Picnic is our chance to view a portfolio of finished pieces by the talented budding artists of the Pittsford School System. I'm always amazed when I look at their artwork. Varied subjects and mediums, dramatic and subdued palettes, the resulting pieces engage the viewer. You just want to talk to these kids about why they picked this subject, or chose that color, is there symbolism. I love talking to them.

> From what I could see at the picnic, every member spent time with them. They have dreams and part of your membership dues is allocated to fund these scholarship awards.



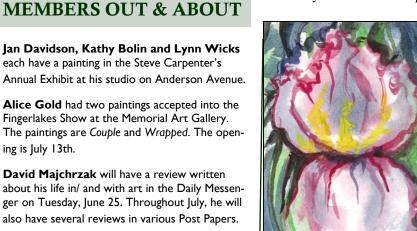
In August, the new board will meet to plan a new year full of programs and shows. But for now, keep in mind we will have our first meeting of the new 2013-2014 membership year on the first Thursday in September, 2013. Like always, we'll meet at the Pittsford Town Hall located on Main Street in the meeting room located in the lower section of the building. 7 PM with a brief business meeting.

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**Artist Card by Laura Davis** 

Church

Thursday, September 5th



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## TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? Here are some exhibits to check out recommended by other PAG Members!



From the Desk of Kathy Wagner:

Attention fans of Maurice Prendergast - as I am one - "By the Sea" - an exhibition of Prendergast's seascapes will run June 29-Oct. 13 - at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine!!! My two favorites - Prendergast and Maine - together!! Couldn't ask for a better combo!

Kathy mentioned if anyone is interested in seeing the show and then doing a little plein air painting, she would be glad to organize the trek!

#### Note from the Picnic Chair

**Lynn Wicks** would like to thank everyone who helped set up (in the pouring rain) and all who helped with clean up.

Thank you to **Liz Sciortino** for handling arrangements with the Scholarship winners and their families. It is always a pleasure to see new, up-coming artists!

Both Lynn and Tina Kolberg were very pleased that the presentation generated interested and that we now have a work group which will get together to hammer out details of what else needs to be done to make the web-site more complete.

Tina won't be available much over the summer, however Lynn will be emailing work-group members with some things that need to be

done to fill out the webpages—e.g. history items, artist statement and/or contact info for all members, etc.

Lynn will set up a meeting with work group members for sometime in September. Anyone interested in input can share their ideas with Lynn by email or snail mail or phone.

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Again, thanks to all who helped make the picnic a success despite the downpour!







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#### ARTIST SPOTLIGHT—Sylvie Culberston



**In recent years**, my inspiration has come from my travel/journal sketch books, from my first timid efforts to the latest ones crammed with memories.

The idea to use a travel sketchbook came on a visit back to London, just missing a Turner exhibit at the National Gallery and, after whining to an attendant, I was allowed (with white gloves) to flip through a drawer full of Turner's (messy!) sketches! This gave me an idea!!



A vivid memory at school was at age 5 the teacher hung a white cloth on the blackboard, gave us chalk and black paper, turned out the overhead lights and said "draw". My first lesson in observation I think!

After that it was poster paints once a week in school and being dragged by my father to The National Gallery on weekends.

My interest in landscape may have come from rides into the country on weekends, always with an interesting view as a stopping point to have our picnic.

Then our annual holiday was a fortnight in Cornwall (think Doc Martin on WXXI) with views galore. My mother and father both could draw and paint well but I had to plead with them to show me.

One day, finding myself in my first house in Fairport with many blank walls and no money for art work, I decided I would paint my own pictures. Sitting at the kitchen table with my toddler and her paint box, I painted the snow covered back yard – it was a start.

Pretty soon I realized I needed some help so I signed up with Creative Workshop and have been a regular, studying with local artists for the last 20 years.

My paintings are piling up. I need more walls! Lumiere has sold a couple and they have made very good copies of some.

I make cards with the help of Copymax and send out my own Christmas cards every year.



My other passion is golf. My golfing friends wonder why I don't paint more golf course scenes; but when Mother Nature's work is altered the excitement for me is gone. (Except when my ball falls in that hole!) 'Economy of Strokes' though, is what connects golf to watercolor landscape painting.

Painting is my soothing escape from the inevitable stress of life. I plan to encourage my two baby granddaughters (9 months) to paint as soon as they stop trying to eat everything in sight.



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For our September meeting please bring your completed artist trading cards with you. There will be a numbering system employed to match your card to another member. If you don't want to trade, but want to share, that's ok.

Bring also your 6 x 6 inch panel that you painted over the summer for another minicontest. The entry stub and fee collection will be done at the meeting and there will be a pot of cash from the fees given to the winner.

Lastly, in September, I'll be stepping down with some of my responsibilities to share them with Margie. So looks like they're be a little less of me and more of Margie. Let's welcome her warmly and be encouraging as she gets her toes in the water. Kathy Bolin will be our Vice President and she brings wisdom and strength. Kitty Lawrence has graciously accepted the treasurer's position. And Sylvie and Chris will stay on their jobs. A big thank you to both for their dedication and hard work.

Enjoy your summer and God's peace bless you and your family. - Brande

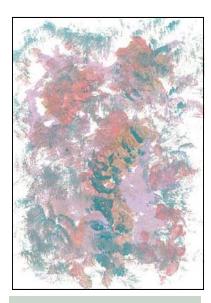
#### **Examples of Artist's Trading Cards by PAG Members!**

## Dates to Remember!

See you on September 5th!

### Have News to Share?

Contact Christine Sisak at csisak5@naz.edu, or 3454 Rush-Mendon Road/ Honeoye Falls, NY 14472



Margie Mitchell



#### Laura Davis

Are you working on yours?