



Pittsford Art Group

Newsletter - February, 2021

A Message from the President, **Margie Mitchell**

The sky is turning blue again, no more gloomy days! I hope all of you by now have received or will receive your vaccine as life will be getting back to a new normal soon. With that in mind we may be able to meet again sometime this year.

It's a pleasure to have our Zoom meetings each month, but I know we all miss getting together and enjoying each other's company.

I have some art instruction books I've collected over the years. I thought that when we get back together we could have an exchange or a sharing of these items. If you also have some you'd like to share, get them together and bring them to our first meeting - not sure when that will be, but just thinking ahead.

We have our presenters all lined up for a few months, so please take advantage of the Zoom meetings!

Take care everyone and be safe!

REMINDER!

Sylvia Ball will send **occasion appropriate cards** to members or their families. If you know of someone who is ill or a member that has passed, please **email or call Sylvia Ball**.

Watercolor Studies by Presenter: Kathy Armstrong

Kathy started her demonstration by showing the members a progression of paintings building upon glazes and the use of masking for highlights.



Kathy then lead us through a watercolor study of a polar bear from a photo. She tapes the canvas paper to gatorboard. She starts with a sketch of the polar bear and suggests leaving your paper white and work backwards. Do not paint items that you want to be light. She tests each color on a scrap paper to make sure it has the correct strength and does not stretch her paper nor start with a wet canvas. Kathy started with warm colors adding yellow and then some cool colors with ultramarine and purple. She recently took Paynes Gray off her pallet and uses blues - Indanthrone and neutral tints. She uses Daniel Smith paints and mentioned that Golden purchased Qor paints. She often uses 140lb paper to teach her classes but if she is doing a painting for a show she may use 300lb paper. She mentioned that Indanthrone has a deep blue richness and flows well.



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Kathy added different greens to the background to make it pop (cool yellow makes better greens). If you choose the opposite color you can dull it down or you could let it dry and glaze.



She didn't leave the white backlight under the bear, so to recover, she took a paper towel edge to soak up the paint. Kathy uses various brush sizes, mops, and cat's tongue, 10, and 12. Use as large a brush as you can as long as you can keep it under control. If you don't like the color you put down, just get it wet to dull it down and you can soak it up again with the brush or a paper towel. You will get blooms if you have the wrong water ratio in the brush and on the paper. Kathy will use many layers to add detail to the final painting. Watercolor always dries much lighter than when it is wet. Start with a bold color that is vibrant since you can always tone it down but remember, you cannot increase the vibrancy. Kathy shared the final painting for me to pass along to our members - and here it is:



[Kathy](#) teaches virtual classes on Wednesday morning from 9-12pm through [Pittsford Fine Art](#). Reach out to her if you are interested in knowing when she will be teaching classes (kathyarmstrongfineart@gmail.com).

Kathy also mentioned that she will be teaching a six-week class in April, 9-11am @ Spiegel Community Center limited to 12 people.

ROTATING EXHIBIT Schedule

Venue->	Pittsford Town Hall	Friendly Home Main	Friendly Home Memory Care	Star P.T.	Presbyterian Church	Pittsford Village Hall
# pieces->	10 to 15 medium	22	11	16	3 large, 7 small	10 to 15
Jan - Mar'21	Barbara Jablonski	no exhibit	Shirley Zimmerkidd	Sylvie Culbertson	Hiroko Jusko	no exhibit

Sylvie Culberston says, "STAR P.T venue can be available any time. I've been showing there since October - time to change their scenery!" Please let us know if you'd like to show there. If you have questions or concerns about this schedule, please contact **Laura Davis**.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING Show TBD

OUR NEXT Zoom MEETING is **Thursday, March 4th** at 7 pm with presenter **Nancy Lane**. Check the [PAG website](#) for a list of upcoming presenters.

GUESTS are welcomed and encouraged to join us at our monthly meetings to hear and see what's going on and to watch our wonderful demonstrators. To help with rising costs and declining membership, it would be appreciated if a **\$5.00 donation** was made to the group for in-person attendance. If the guest would like to join our group then their donation will be applied to their joining fee. During the COVID pandemic, joining one Zoom meeting is free of charge!

WELCOME our New Members!

Please reach out to your family and friends and invite them to attend one of our shows (tbd) or monthly meetings and join our group!



Cathy Schwegler

Pittsford Art Group on Instagram

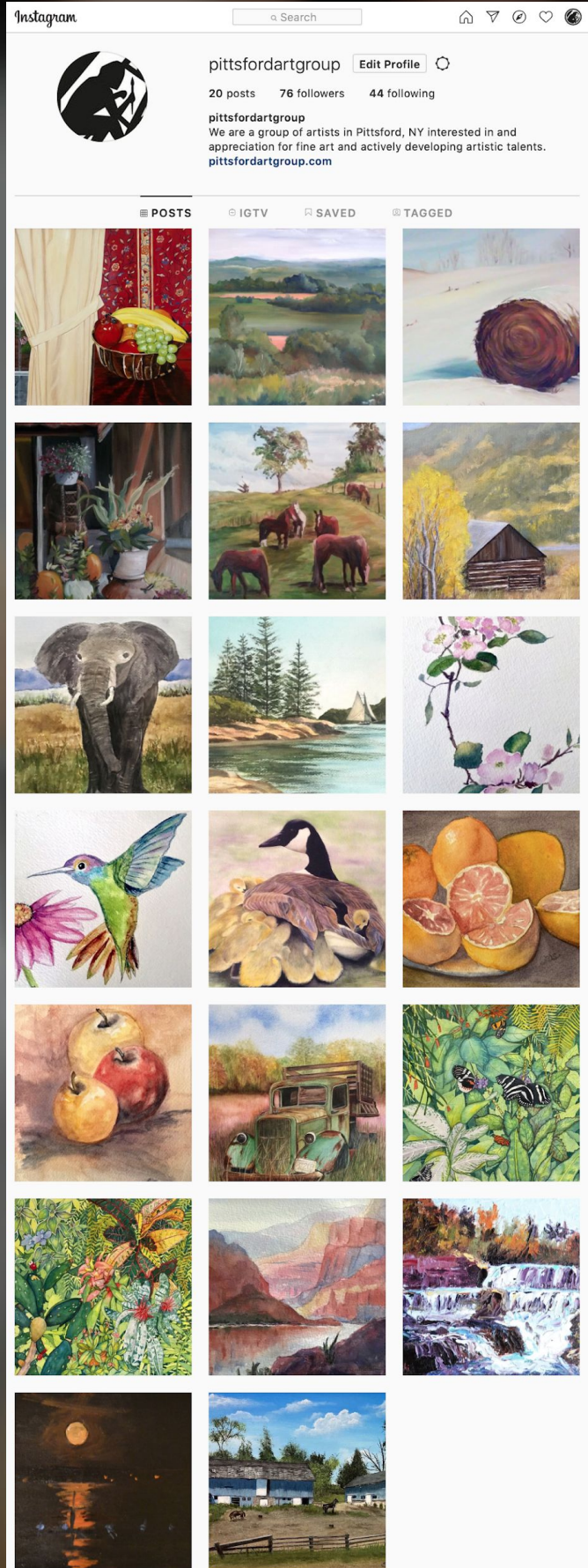
Here is a snapshot of our Instagram page with your paintings - we have 20 posts to-date. Do not worry - your painting is not cropped. The full image shows on the Instagram feed.

We currently have 76 people/groups following us with several of them "liking" our posted paintings.

If you are interested in displaying your paintings from the PAG account, please send them to me (Joe) as I outlined in a previously sent email to the group.

Have a look!

<https://www.instagram.com/pittsfordartgroup/>



Barbara Jablonski is hosting a painting plein air workshop. Check out her [website](#) for details.

NEWS to share?

Please email **Joe Sirianni**



BOARD & Committee Members

2020 – 2021 Positions

Executive Board Officers

President	Margaret Mitchell
Vice President	Betsy Liano
Treasurer	Marcia Mundrick
Recording Secretary	Sylvie Culbertson
Corresponding Secretary	Joe Sirianni

Standing Committees

Membership	VACANT - Please volunteer for this needed position!!
Program Chair	Betsy Liano
Refreshments	Niesdri Welsh
Rotating Exhibits	Laura Davis
Sunshine	Sylvia Ball
Website Manager	Joe Sirianni
Newsletter	Joe Sirianni

2020 – 2021 Season Shows

TBD