

**PASTEL SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
General Membership Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2021**

***Note: Due to quarantine restrictions for the global Covid-19 pandemic, PSCF meetings were not able to be held in person from March, 2020 through October, 2021. The Zoom platform will continue to be used for Board meetings, demos and most membership meetings.**

A Zoom meeting was arranged by Vice-president Joanie Ford.

1. **Welcome** – President Deborah Shelley welcomed everyone to the meeting (14 participants).
2. **Treasurer’s Report** – The report was not available.
3. **Secretary’s Report** – There were no minutes available for November meeting, which was held outdoors at the Leesburg Boat club.

4. **Vice-President’s Corner** –

Jan Vermilya won first place in the Miniature Society of FL in the abstract category. She has paintings in the Rainbow River Art Gallery in Dunedin.

Helen Mathyssen Dobbins won first place in the drawing category of the Miniature Society of FL exhibit. She also won an honorable mention and second place award in other exhibits.

Francine Levy is participating in the Mayor’s Gallery Show in Orlando.

5. **Announcements**

Deborah Shelley reminded participants to send in membership dues for 2022. The renewal form is on the website. She attended the VanGogh immersive exhibit in Orlando and stated that it was impressive.

Deborah reported that March 9th will be the date for drop-off of paintings in the juried exhibit at Leu Gardens, which will run from March to July, 2022. There will be a 25-piece limit for this exhibit.

Joanie Ford requested members send photos of themselves and/or their paintings for the website’s membership page.

Carol Bertino reminded members that Jeri Greenberg will instruct a Zoom workshop on March 12, 2022. The cost is \$40 for the three-hour workshop on “Interiors”. Space is limited to 15 attendees.

Suzanne Zielinski will be teaching from her home in the new year.

Deborah and Suzanne congratulated the winners of the “Joy” exhibit, and offered many thanks to the exhibit committee.

Award Winners:

Best of Show: *Just A Snack* Kathleen Karl
First Place: *Wood Storks – Seminole County* Francine Levy
Second Place: *Path to the Beach* Shawn Dell Joyce
Third Place: *My Geraniums* Linda Hansee
Gary Dupuis Memorial Award: *Last Sunlight* Yoshi Koseki
Award of Merit: *Venetian Reflections* Alexander Turnbull
Award of Merit: *Cottage on the Lake* Sharon Repple
Award of Merit: *Morning Sun at Pirates Point* Harriet Dobbins
Award of Merit: *Tentative, Delightful* Renee Crouser
Award of Merit: *She Dreams of Mountain High* JoAnn Sherburne
Award of Merit: *On the Horizon* Carol Bertino

6. Program

Member Orit Reuben presented “Guidelines for Submitting to Fine Art Exhibits”. This in-depth presentation, with detailed power-point visuals, was crafted by Orit with our upcoming juried exhibit at Leu Gardens in mind. She provided information necessary for members to facilitate the process of submitting their work, and enable members to meet the submission requirements of both the Leu Gardens exhibit as well as other national exhibits.

This slide show presentation will be made available to members at a later date. Highlights included an Introduction and some cautions about reading the Prospectus carefully. Orit discussed painting Eligibility. She also detailed Image Requirements and Preparation, showing how to duplicate, edit and name images. Orit demonstrated using tools needed to resize the image dimensions and resolution.

The Leu Gardens exhibit submissions will be limited to botanical, landscape and Central Florida history topics.

Submitted by Carol Bertino