

# WHAT'S THE *Point?*

*CPSA*  
Colored Pencil Society of America

District Chapter 103 | Chicago IL

January 2021

## NEWSLETTER



**Catching Some Rays**  
by Jeannie Bogar, CPSA

*J. Bogar*

## Greetings from your president

I hope this letter finds you and yours well as we begin a new year. 2020 has been challenging and for some of you, a year of significant losses. Many of us have experienced sickness and the passing of friends and family members. I want to acknowledge those losses, and to those to whom this applies, I would ask that you please accept my sincere condolences to you and your loved ones. We are all looking forward with renewed hope for a kinder, gentler year as we begin 2021.



We often use the beginning of the year for self-reflection and as a starting place for resolutions and new goals. Often my goals require more ambition and discipline than I can fulfill. Nevertheless, I do plan to make some changes this year. In terms of my art, I would like to see myself grow in trying new media and techniques, starting a sketchbook project, and making drawing a daily habit even if only for a few moments each day. I want to incorporate more drawing from life, do some hands-on practice of demos I have viewed online or seen in magazines or books, and perhaps take a class this year. I would love to see myself get bolder with some abstract or stylized images. Have you also considered some new goals? I would love to hear your ideas. We plan to allow time for sharing at our January 17 meeting.

Our guest in January is Pam Luer. Pam is an experienced graphic designer and artist who currently lives in Minnesota. Because of Zoom she is able to join us for a presentation, for which we are very grateful. You may look at her website [pamluer.com](http://pamluer.com) for a foretaste of her work. She will be demonstrating and discussing nature sketchbooks at our meeting. By now, you should have received a materials list for the mini-workshop she is leading in our January 17 meeting if you want to participate in real time with her demonstrations. The time for the meeting is 1:30-3:30 PM. You will be receiving an email with the link to Zoom for the meeting.

A few of us participated in a holiday card exchange this December. You will find the images in this newsletter. It was a fun project that we may try again next year.

We have more definite plans for this year. See the schedule of meetings for details. I do hope we will be able to meet in person for the annual convention in Cincinnati this year. The entries are open now, until March 31, 2021, and the prospectus for the Convention and Exhibition is available at [www.cpsa.org](http://www.cpsa.org). The website just posted the entries and award winners for Explore This! 17, and we extend our warmest congratulations to Gail Collier for her award for her beautiful drawing "Social Distancing." Our chapter participated in donating toward the prizes awarded in the exhibit.

Please renew your membership for 2021 for National and our chapter if you have not already done so. We have several new members who have joined our chapter, and we look forward to seeing them at our meetings this year. Welcome new members!

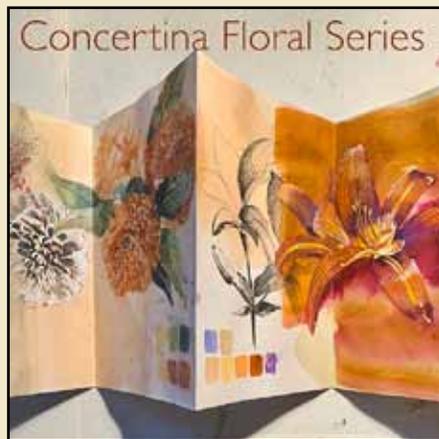
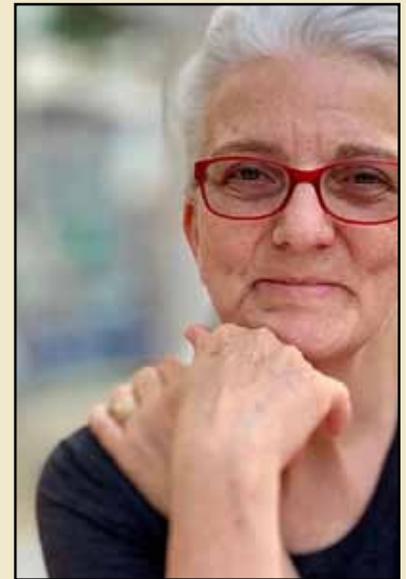
Happy Drawing!

— Linda Hilderbrant

## Our January Chapter Meeting

### Mini-workshop and demos by Pam Luer

Pam is an artist from Minnesota, and will demonstrate a variety of media and techniques, including watercolor pencils, sketchbooks, photos and life drawing, and studio tips. You may view her work at [www.pamluer.com](http://www.pamluer.com) and on Facebook.



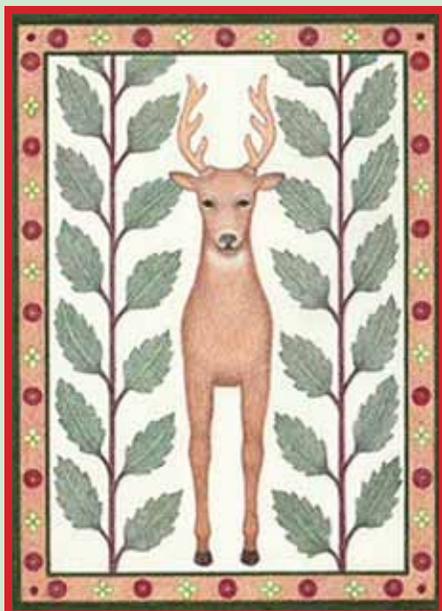
### Midwest Color 2021 Get your pencils moving!

Plans are underway for our chapter to host the Midwest Color Exhibit 2021.

The October show is a joint endeavor with the CPSA Detroit Chapter and will be held at the Prairie Center for the Arts in Schaumburg. Midwest Color is a juried show of artwork that is predominately done in colored pencil. Each member may submit up to 3 pieces of their artwork. Artwork submissions will be held in the spring/summer.

To coincide with the exhibit the chapter will be offering the workshop, Secret Weapons of Colored Pencil by Melissa Miller Nece. More details on the exhibit and workshop entries to come later.

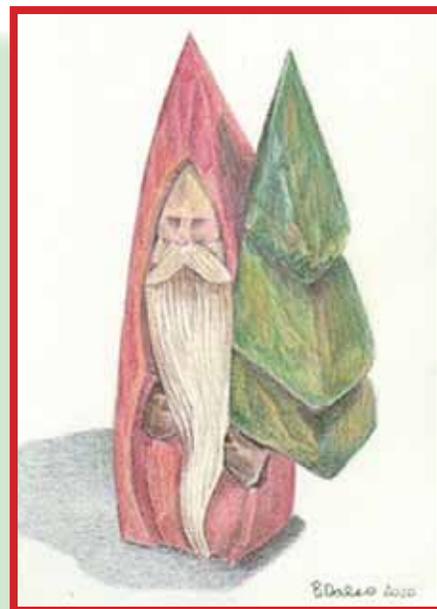
## Our 2020 Holiday Card Exchange



Erin McNamara

We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season.

In November we asked members to join us in a Holiday card exchange. The cards were created using at least 80% colored pencil in a standard greeting card size. Those who participated made and sent a card featuring their original art to their secret recipient. The result was some amazing cards being exchanged.



Beth Daleo



Cathi Bartels



Dava Dahlgran



Denise Wilson



Linda Hilderbrant

## Member Profile

# *Jeannie Bogar, CPSA*



### **What is your background and how long have you been using colored pencil?**

I have a bachelor's degree in Art with a focus on Visual Communications. Interestingly, one of my college projects highlighted the colored pencil work and illustration of colored pencil artist, Bill Nelson. After graduation, I worked in a design studio where the focus was package design. One of the highlights of that job for me was creating the illustrations for the packages, many of them included colored pencil. There was a gap in my use of colored pencil as I raised a family. In 2013 I focused on using colored pencil again in my artwork and expanded my techniques and uses since then.

### **What inspires you and your work?**

Nature, sunlight, walks, and spending time with my family inspire me. Also, attending classes and workshops are very good for me. The interaction with fellow artists and seeing what they are working on is very motivating and influential. I enjoy the vibe in the Beech Tree Studio classes that I have attended for the past 8 years. I miss gathering in person with fellow CP artists and look forward to the future.

### **Are you a full time artist? If not, what else do you do?**

I am not a full time artist but am devoting more time to art this year. It is January, during a pandemic, so I don't have any excuses! I have always enjoyed creating things

and since a young age, I have kept myself busy drawing, painting, baking, decorating, gardening and more.

Entertaining family and friends at my home is also something that I do often. When my boys were young I painted murals in their bedrooms and for school fun fairs decorations. I volunteered in the classroom as an art presenter while my children were in grade school and co-chaired the art explorer program at their school for three years. I am currently the exhibit chairperson for DC103.

### **What are you proudest about in your work and have you won any awards?**

When I look back at past artwork I am glad to notice that I keep improving in my craft. It is also a great feeling for me when friends and family take the time to come to an exhibit to view my work and support me on my journey. I have received the Memorial Award in the 2015 chapter exhibit and earned signature status in the CPSA this year.

### **Do you promote your work?**

I promote my work by entering shows, doing commission work, using social media, word of mouth and offering prints for sale.



*Flowers for Ali*

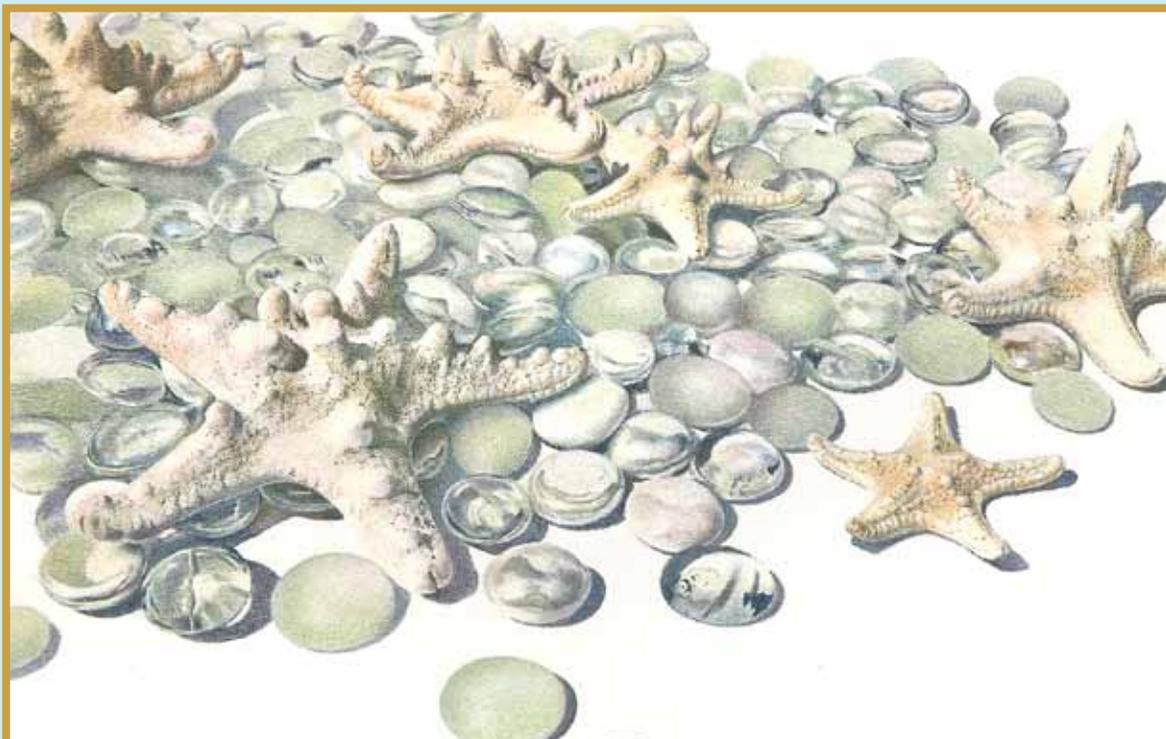


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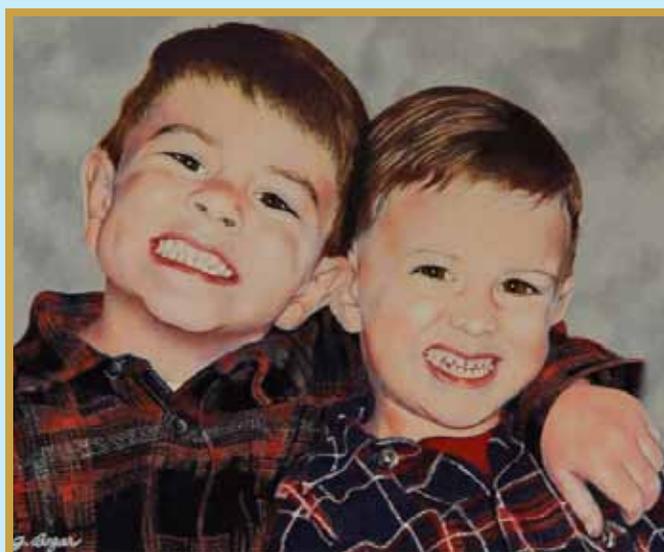
**Stargazing**

*J. Bogar*



**Beach Boys**

*J. Bogar*





# Congratulations!

Congratulations to Gail Collier for her piece “Social Distancing” which won the Faber-Castell Award for Excellence.

Tracy Frein and John Paul Smolko were also accepted into the show.

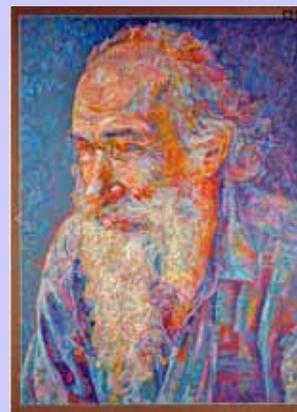


Tracy Frein CPSA, CPX – KT



**Faber-Castell Award for Excellence**

Gail Collier, CPSA, CPX – *Social Distancing*



John Paul Smolko, CPSA, CPX – *Mr. John Lasar (LJ)*

## 2021 CONVENTION

July 27-31, 2021

Summit Hotel, Cincinnati OH



In conjunction with its annual International Exhibition each year, CPSA presents a fun-filled convention providing colored pencil artists the opportunity to network and become acquainted with other artists, attend workshops, win door prizes at the Art Gala, and enjoy the banquet when the award-winning artists are announced.

**NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES** until March 31, 2021.

Please read the prospectus thoroughly for entry information and instructions.



# Missions and Goals

Founded in 1990, the Colored Pencil Society of America (CPSA) is a nonprofit organization for colored pencil enthusiasts working to promote colored pencils as a fine art medium by sponsoring exhibitions and workshops, being involved in product research, and educating the public in general.

The organization strives to elevate the medium, educate others about it, and encourage innovation with its use. Some of the ways CPSA works to gain

recognition for colored pencil include:

- Sponsoring two annual exhibitions for colored pencil artists
- Providing a network of district chapters around the United States
- Promoting colored pencil art and artists
- Sponsoring workshops at its annual convention
- Testing lightfastness of colored pencil brands

## CPSA Mail-in Membership Form



**2021 Membership Year: November 1, 2020, to October 31, 2021**

Please check and complete all applicable items:

**PRINT CLEARLY. Enter information exactly as you wish it to appear in the CPSA directory.**

- I am a new, first-time member. I first learned about CPSA from:
- Internet search
  - Facebook
  - Art instructor: \_\_\_\_\_
  - A CPSA member
  - Magazine ad: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I am renewing from the 2020 membership year

I am rejoining after a lapse in membership

I am a member of or will be joining this local CPSA district chapter (number or city): \_\_\_\_\_

First Name (If desired, you may also add middle name or initial)		Last Name (for alphabetizing purposes)	
Street Address or PO Box			
City		State/Prov.	Zip/Postal Code
<input type="checkbox"/> United States <input type="checkbox"/> Canada <input type="checkbox"/> Other Country: _____			
Primary Phone (      )		Alternate Phone (if available) (      )	
Primary Email Address			
Alternate Email Address (if available) in case we can't reach you at your primary email			
Your Personal Art Website (if applicable) for inclusion in the "Websites of Members" listing on the CPSA website			
<input type="checkbox"/> I regularly teach colored pencil classes or workshops and would like to be included on a CPSA list of instructors. (CPSA will list your art website as how to contact you.)			

### Membership Payment

**One-Year Dues** (Applicable year-round without proration)

- \$45 U.S. and Canada (U.S. Funds)
- \$65 All Other Countries (U.S. Funds)

**Ten-Year Membership Option (U.S. only)**

- \$400 membership through October 2030

We welcome donations. Amounts in excess of dues will be considered a donation, and used for CPSA general operating expenses.

**Make check\* payable to CPSA**

**Mail with completed form to:**

Mandy Peltier, Membership Director  
 Colored Pencil Society of America  
 6361 Talokas Ln Ste C140 #205  
 Columbus, GA 31909-5645

### Membership Renewal Deadlines

Renew by **October 31, 2020**, to continue your membership benefits without interruption. After **December 31, 2020**, members who have not renewed for the 2021 membership year will forfeit any **Signature and/or Charter status** and **CPSA show acceptances** counting toward Signature or Merit status.

### Note to U.S. Members About Mailings

CPSA twice-yearly *To The Point* magazines (November and May) go by bulk mail to the address you enter on this form. If you will be away from the address listed above for an extended period over May or November, please arrange for bulk mail to be collected, held, or forwarded to you. Check with your local post office for available options.

### CPSA Directory Listings

All members of record as of December 31, 2020, will be listed in the directory published in January 2021. The 2021 membership directory will be available only as a PDF file. Members will be notified by email when it is available for download, or you can contact the membership director to request a copy. Listings include member name, street/PO Box, city, state/province, country, phone, and email, as provided. CPSA prohibits use of member information for promotional purposes without authorization from the CPSA national governing board. For a partial listing, check the box below.

- I want a **partial** directory listing (**name, city, state, country only**)  
 (Note: checking this box will make it difficult for other CPSA members to contact you.)

**You can also join or renew online at [www.cpsa.org](http://www.cpsa.org)**

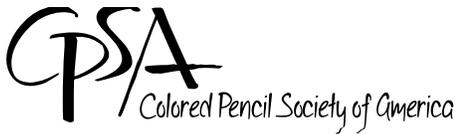
\*CPSA charges a non-waiverable \$12 returned check fee for any check that is returned to us by your bank for any reason.

**Chapter membership form on next page**

### Hi Members,

Our membership year began November 1, 2020 and continues through October 31, 2021. Remember that you must renew your CPSA National membership before you can renew your Chapter membership. Membership includes a quarterly newsletter, *What's The Point?*, inclusion in the distribution roster, meetings with special guest speakers, demonstrations, finished artwork critiques, and more!

Renewal forms can be found on our CPSA DC103 website and in this newsletter.



District Chapter 103 | Chicago IL

## 2021 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Chicago District Chapter 103

Due November 1, 2020

Please return this form, with your \$20.00 check to:

**Cathi Bartels**  
**6N779 Brierwood Dr.**  
**St. Charles, IL 60175**

(Make checks payable to: CPSA Chicago District Chapter 103)

I understand that all CPSA memberships must be renewed every November 1 and that chapter dues cannot be prorated.

I also understand I must join the National CPSA organization to be affiliated with the local chapter.

**Yes! I have paid my national CPSA membership dues**

#### Additional Information

- New member     Renewal
- I would like to actively participate in CPSA Chicago Chapter 103.
  - \_ Publicity
  - \_ Hospitality
  - \_ Exhibitions
  - \_ Computer Work \_ Mac \_PC
  - \_ Demonstrations
  - \_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

[chicago-dc103@cpsa.org](mailto:chicago-dc103@cpsa.org)

#### NOTE:

A list of CPSA DC 103 members will be available by contacting the chapter's membership director. Emails, addresses and phone numbers (if available) can be accessed through the National Membership Directory, which is published yearly.

NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	
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CITY	STATE
ZIP/POSTAL ZONE	
PHONE (INCLUDE AREA CODE)	
E-MAIL	

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Your pencils are all lined up and ready!



## 2021 MEETINGS

We plan to continue to meet on Zoom for the near future. When possible, we would like to resume in-person meetings. For the present, the Palatine Library meeting rooms are unavailable. We will update you as soon as things change and there is a safe option for us.

How to join a meeting on a desktop computer:

Download the app at <https://zoom.us/download> or when you click on the invitation link we emailed, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom.

- 1) Open the Zoom desktop client.
- 2) Join a meeting using one of these methods:
  - a) Click Join a Meeting if you want to join without signing in.
  - b) Sign in to Zoom then click Join.
- 3) Enter

### January 17, 2021 1:30 pm ZOOM

Mini-workshop and demos by Pam Luer.

A brief discussion about the Midwest Color Show, to be scheduled in October 2021, with Detroit Chapter participating in Chicago. Tentative venue is Prairie Center for the Arts, Schaumburg IL. This exhibit typically runs for one month and will feature a 2-day workshop with Melissa Miller Nece, "Secret Weapons of Colored Pencil." We chose this topic by group vote last spring.

### February 21, 2021 1:30 pm ZOOM

Members' Critique. This critique will feature members sharing and commenting on our chapter artwork in preparation for the CPSA International Exhibit (Cincinnati, OH, August 2021), and the Midwest Color Exhibit (Chicago, October, 2021).

### March 21, 2021 1:30 pm ZOOM

Demos with guest presenter Diana Garrett. Diana will demonstrate using a variety of Golden Products with colored pencils, transparent watercolor, and other media and surfaces. Her website is [www.dianagarrettdesigns.com](http://www.dianagarrettdesigns.com).

### April 18, 2021

Board position nominations for Secretary and Vice-President for a two-year term. Chapter convention piece art project led by Emily Weichbrod using Shrinky-Dink material. Details to follow. We hope this meeting will be able to be held in person.

### May 16, 2021

Election of Secretary and Vice-President for our Chapter Board. Tentative: an outdoor venue draw-together or mini-workshop. Continue work on Midwest Color Show planning and projects.

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