



Looking Ahead to 2016

Happy Holidays everyone. It's hard to believe the first year for the painting club in our new CAT Center home is coming to a close. Thanks to all those who made it happen. Next year looks even better. Registration begins shortly for the Winter/Spring classes. Be sure to check the club calendar on the web site online at QCFAPC.wordpress.com for complete listings and the latest version of the catalog. Dates and times may have changed.

Hot Topics and FAQ.

Q: Do I have to renew my membership before I can register for classes?

Yes!!! This why so many reminders have been sent. Most 2016 classes begin registration the first week in December. Without your renewal, there is no priority registration and no price discount. Just pick up a form either in the studio, at the club house or online. It is not valid without payment. Turn in your completed application, signed waiver, and check to the concierge desk or the monitor in the studio.

Q. I just joined recently. Do I have to renew now?

A. Membership runs on the calendar year. As a courtesy to those who join in the last three months of the year, (October, November, December) your membership is good through the end of the following year.

Q. Why do we have to fill out the application all over again?

A. The POA made changes to the waivers we must all sign in order to use the studio. The club is required to have these on file at all times. In conjunction with the new waivers, the membership form has some changes that will make it easier for the club to serve the needs of a diverse membership. With over 100 members and growing, keeping the paperwork flow streamlined for all the hardworking volunteers like our membership committee, treasurer and web guru is essential. Please renew now if you have not already. It only takes a few minutes.

Holiday Party Time

In lieu of a December member meeting, club president Debbie O'Rourke will host a holiday potluck Thursday, 12/10 from 2PM to 4PM at her home. Come have fun and enjoy the season.

Since we are a large club it is members only, no guests please.

Bring a dish to pass and the beverage of your choice. **Kindly RSVP today!!!**

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November guest lecture on Southwest art from Tucson museum curator.

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Plein Air Group: December at the Mission

The next plein air paint out will be held Tuesday, December 15th.

Members will meet at 8:30AM at the Madera Clubhouse Parking Lot and carpool to the Tumacacori National Historical Park.

Enjoy painting the mission and grounds in the morning light with the plein air group. There is an admission fee of \$5 unless you have a senior pass.

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Paint plein air at the Tumacacori Mission in December

December Artist of the Month

Our final Artist of the Month for 2015 is painter and teacher, Karen Halbert.

Karen is a full-time landscape painter in Santa Fe and Quail Creek. She worked as a college professor of mathematics and also as a computer software executive for the New York Stock Exchange.

Karen brings her wealth of skills to the fine arts community as an artist, but also as a member of the Plein Air Painters of New Mexico and as a teacher for the QCFAPC.

You can see Karen's work in our gallery windows during the month of December, or on her website at www.karenhalbert.com. She is represented by the Purple Sage Gallery in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Congratulations, Karen.

Would you like to be an artist of the month in 2016? Please contact QCFAPCpresident@gmail.com for more details.

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