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## Membership

Our members are what make the Society so successful and we are thankful for all of the participation and support given to the Society by our members over the last year. As of August 31, we have over 120 members from Princeton and surrounding towns in Central Massachusetts.

## Leadership

Following the departure of our president, Susan Ulrich, at the end of last fiscal year, PAS has managed its organization via shared membership via other Officers and members of the Board of Directors. This process has worked well.

## Key Accomplishments and Events

*The Board of the PAS would like to offer sincere thanks to everyone who made these accomplishments and events possible!! None of this would have happened without you! Over the last year:*

We moved into **larger space** on the first floor of the Center Building, providing easier access for our members.

We have taken significant steps forward towards **reestablishing our legal non-profit status** at both the federal and state levels.

We have ended the year with our **financial status in the black**. While our membership fees represent a large portion of our income, many of our events have also contributed to an improved financial position.

The **Portrait Group** continued to provide weekly portrait painting work sessions every Tuesday with a live model. The Portrait Group continues to be a key aspect of what makes the PAS unique.

This year a number of our members have begun a new **Still Life Painting Group** that meets every Wednesday at the Center Building. As with the Portrait Group, all are welcome to come and participate in these sessions.

Eight members donated their time and talent this spring to turning old, abandoned pieces of furniture and new, unfinished items into beautiful works of art, all for the cause of providing simple, decent, and affordable housing for people in need. The pieces were donated to **Habitat for Humanity's MetroWest/Greater Worcester "High Heels and Hard Hats"** auction event at the Natick Mall in April. Thanks to Sharon Bahosh, Andrea Driscoll, Judy Dino, Len Haug, Diane Pedersen, Janice Rayner, Judy Tyler, and Susan Ulrich.



*Judy Dino paints a chair for the Habitat event.*

Under the coordination of Len Haug, we continued to install **quarterly member art shows** at the Princeton Branch of the Barre Bank and at our Town Hall. This year Andrea Driscoll, Kathy

Hebert, Luann Hume, and Eileen McCarney Muldoon were our exhibiting artists. Many bank and town hall visitors enjoyed these shows and several pieces were sold during this period.

We hosted **two art shows** coordinated by Len Haug. Our **Small Works Holiday Exhibit and Sale** in December was very successful, with 36 participating artists and a large number of attendees. Over \$3700 worth of member art was sold during the event, with 80% of all artists selling at least one item.

Over 50 artists exhibited over 85 pieces of art in our 21st **Annual Spring Show, entitled “Coming of Age.”** Over 125 visitors attended the three day show, which was judged by Ralph Caouette and Carol Ranson, WRHS Art Department faculty members. First Place was awarded to Joanne Talbot Quinn, Second Place to Tom Kellner, Third Place to Jean Stabell, and Honorable Mentions to Sid Solomon and Joe Smith. The Opening Reception and Awards Presentation was enhanced by the music of Jen Caswell along with member-provided refreshments as well as the floral arrangements provided by members of the Wachusett Garden Club. Four pieces of member art were sold, totaling over \$1400.

We established a **library of art books available to our members** including the addition of books given to the Society by the family of artist and longtime member Connie Salter. Our current library contains over 250 books on art history and media techniques.

We co-sponsored the **2011 Fall Hey Day event with MassAudubon Wachusett Meadow.** Len Haug coordinated the art exhibit, demonstration, sale and auction. In spite of inclement weather, over 600 attendees came to the event. Thanks to the 30 participating artists who filled the barn with their beautiful theme related art. A special thanks to our artist demonstrators and those members who helped to staff the event. PAS sold several pieces of member art work and raised over \$600. Proceeds exceeded \$600 to support both the Society and Mass Audubon Wachusett Meadow.

We created our **first calendar** in partnership with Wachusett Meadow Mass Audubon. The calendar,

released in time for Hey Day sales in October, 2011, featured the artwork (and some literary work) of 29 local artists. Total profit from sales and sponsorships after printing expenses was approximately \$2,500, of which \$1,000 was donated to Wachusett Meadow. Original artwork from the calendar was displayed at Barre Bank, Bagg Hall, PAS Center and the Paxton Library (where one original piece of artwork sold – Chris Nichols’s photography).

We continued to **maintain and improve member communications** via our blog, our website, our periodic newsletters and most recently via the introduction of our online event calendar.

## **Community Arts Events**

We again sponsored the **Portrait Marathon** in October, a day when volunteer artists paint live models who agree to purchase at least one of the resulting artworks. Organized by Naoko Gomi and Jean Murphy, the Marathon displays the substantial talents of participating PAS artists, and PAS shares some of the proceeds.

We sponsored a **movie night** featuring “Bold Underpaintings for Lively Pastel Landscapes” in which pastel artist Richard McKinley offered 120 minutes of premiere art instruction. Joanne Quinn, who organized the event, sends a thank you to the Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod who loaned us this DVD.

We sponsored an uproarious evening of “**Armchair Theatre**” with the reading of “You Can’t Take It with You,” organized by Mary Trostel.

Some of our member artists participated in the Seventh Annual **Community Arts Festival** held at the Thomas Prince School.

With funds from the Princeton Cultural Council, on March 18th **Lora Brueck** gave a presentation, organized by Karen Rossow, about her art books. Lora has been making them for about 20 years and had a display of many that she’s made, exploring a wide variety of approaches to the term “book”. She explained the different methods and styles incorporated and also brought some mass-produced books on the topic of making art books. The event

was attended by about a dozen people who were very impressed and glad they had the opportunity to see all Lora's art!

We provided an educational session on "Web-Based Marketing for the Artist" courtesy of PAS member Beth Mellor of Beeboo.

We held an evening of favorite readings, called *Lit Aloud!*, for a receptive and participatory audience, organized by Claire Golding and Christian Gal.

We sponsored a **live performance by Muriel Dyas** on Sunday, April 1st of "Meet Mary Surratt, Convicted Assassin." Muriel Dyas of Lunenburg enacted a portrayal of Mary Surratt, the American woman who was convicted and hanged for conspiracy in a plot to assassinate Abraham Lincoln. An exhibit of portraits by the Portrait Group of other female characters in Muriel's repertoire was on display, including Anne Boleyn, Marie Antoinette and Elizabeth I. Over 30 people attended. Questions from the audience revealed keen interest in this subject. Refreshments from the Civil War period were provided.

We held a **Plein Air/Experimental Painting Party and Pot Luck Barbeque** for members at Jen Caswell's Storm Hill Farm. Jen, who organized and conceptualized it, writes: "First we did a group painting: Each person as they arrived chose some unusual item to use to apply paint to a canvas. We're hoping to sell the magnificent work that resulted at Hey Day this October! Next, we played a version of Musical Chairs, art style, by attaching canvases to each other and moving through space around a huge table with painting stations all around it. When the electronic music stopped, we painted on the canvas nearest us until the music started again. It was interesting to see how people felt about being unable to develop any emotional attachment to any one piece of art. Finally, we each chose a spot to do some plein air painting on the farm, and then gathered for a cookout and swimming later in the day. Lots of food, fun, and friendship."

## PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR

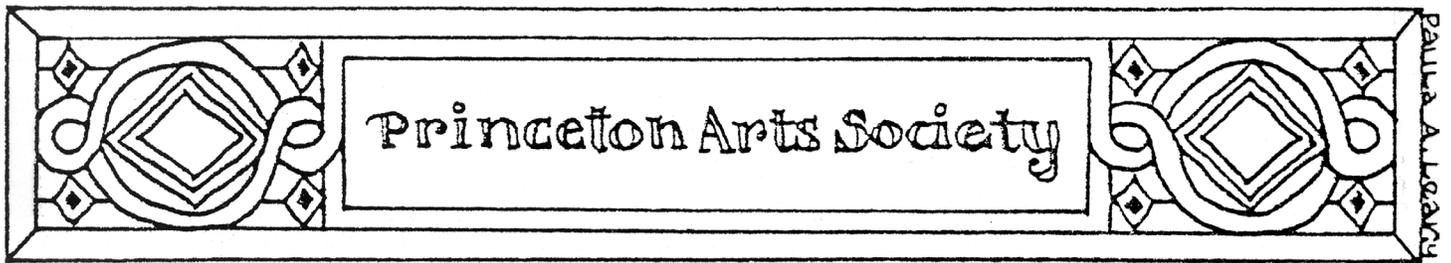
### September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013

- **Town-wide Yard Sale fund-raiser** September 29, 2012 Princeton Center Offering art supplies for sale
- **Hey Day** Oct 6, 2012 MassAudubon's Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary, Goodnow Rd, Princeton
- **Fred Mason exhibit** Oct 6 through 14, 2012 Crocker House, MassAudubon's Wachusett Meadow, Princeton; Reception and personal reminiscences, Sunday, Oct 14 at 2 pm at the Crocker House
- **Portrait Marathon** Oct 20, 2012 9 am-2:30 pm Princeton Center Have a loved one's portrait made by talented artists
- **Gaston Frame presentation** November 5, 2012 Shrewsbury, MA Learn about matting and framing from the experts
- **Small Works Show**, Dec 1-2, 2012 The Princeton Center Our annual show of small works for sale
- **Movie Night** January 16, 2013
- **Armchair Theatre** February 20, 2013
- **Read-aloud event** March 24, 2013
- **Poetry month** event April, 21, 2013
- **22nd Annual Members' Show** May 18-19, 2013

*Programs are subject to change without notice. Watch your mailbox for additional programming throughout the year! Also check the blog regularly:*  
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Judy Breen and Len Haug at the Spring Members' Show, May, 2012



## Officers and Board of Directors, 2012-2013

**President:** Shared by the Board (on official documents, Claire Golding)

**Vice President:** Shared by the Board

**Board Meeting Chair:** Claire Golding

**Secretaries:** Lou and Mary Trostel

**Treasurer:** Naoko Gomi

**Exhibits Chair:** Len Haug

**Marketing:** Judy Tyler

**Newsletter, Graphics, Email, Blog, Web:** Beth Mellor

**Board, 3 years:** Andrea Driscoll, Judy Dino

**Board, 2 years:** Bob Hersh, Janice Rayner, Bobbye Samdahl, Karen Rossow

**Board, 1 year:** Len Haug, Jen Caswell, Dave Stromberg, Christian Gal

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## Princeton Arts Society Membership Dues Form

9/2012 through 8/2013

Please send payment to the Princeton Arts Society, PO Box 28, Princeton, MA 01541

\$15 Student Membership       I am an artist; my preferred art form is: \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 Individual Membership       I am a friend of the arts

\$40 Family Membership       Please accept my donation of \$\_\_\_ to the PAS

\$65 Sustaining Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

*In an effort to reduce mailing costs we prefer to send announcements and updates about PAS programs via email.*

*We share your email address with other PAS members only.*

We are always in need of volunteers. It's a lot of fun and always creative. Please help us be the best we can be!

I would like to help with  programs  shows  publicity  meetings  other \_\_\_\_\_

We welcome your comments! \_\_\_\_\_