



January, 2016 Newsletter



### Presidents Message

Hello everyone,

I hope you and your family had a healthy and happy Christmas season. I thought about you and was hoping you had the time and energy to paint. I must admit only one day did my brush touch my Arches 140 lb. paper. As I've mentioned before my studio is in my kitchen so sadly I must put my "art stuff" away to make room for Christmas baking and dinners.

When the last pan was washed and put away and my guest blowup bed was stored I brought back my studio. 😊

These are a few of the ideas I go by...

1. I paint an abstract to loosen up and set it aside to use later as a background.
2. I Break rules! In order to achieve my goals it's much more effective. Who set those rules anyway?
3. Julia Child once said "if something doesn't turn out just change it to something else... The audience doesn't know what you were creating." This holds true for painting as well.
4. Laugh and have fun. Don't take yourself too serious. Turn the music on and press repeat if you find a lively song you can dance and paint to... It will loosen you up.
5. Don't be afraid to experiment... Mix colors and use paper plates if you need more room.
6. This bears repeating... Put your work away and look at it a few days later. With fresh eyes It looks very different.

My son seems to stop by when I'm at that point where I say "I thought I could paint?" And he offers great suggestions.

Two sets of fresh eyes are better than one.

I'm looking forward to our Jan. Meeting on Sat. The 16th at 1P.M.

Steve Maher will have a great Demo. for us. His passion for painting has excelled him to great heights. Hope to see you there. Happy Painting,  
Donna Davenport, Pres.

### Guest Artist for January



Steve Maher will share his collection of popular composition formats in a presentation/workshop/conversation. Additional composition concepts will be offered. Other topics will include the use of dramatic values and several ways to transfer simple sketches to your preferred medium. He requests you bring a clip-board, book or stiff magazine to act as your lap desk for simple sketching/doodling. Hand-outs, paper and pencils will be provided.

Be sure to come to the January meeting on Saturday, January 16, 1pm at Petra Bible Church. Meeting starts at 1 pm. Park in the parking lot. Entrance is off the parking lot.

Those of you whose names begin with N-Z bring refreshments

As you can see, there is no featured artist this month. We will make up a list and have a featured artist next newsletter.