

# *The Miniaturist*

## **SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER** *The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers* *Society of Washington, D.C.* *www.mpsgs.org*

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### ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Dear MPSGS members,

We had a super successful exhibit in 2022 with show sales of \$55,700, 27% of the artworks. This year 2023 will be our 90th anniversary exhibit. We hope to have a few special additions to the exhibit to celebrate, including an optional theme for artists to consider as they create artworks. Recently a large collection of miniatures was donated to MPSGS by a long-time patron. We plan to show images of these works on our website this spring, and they will all be for sale at a reasonable price. Also, this spring we will have another zoom demo by one of our members. Info about these events will be sent via email.



We hope that some of you will consider volunteering for MPSGS tasks. There are tasks that can be done at home, as well as show preparations beginning in August. As always, I welcome suggestions to improve our MPSGS Society activities and annual exhibit. I look forward to meeting new members and seeing our long-time members in September.

Thank you for being a member of MPSGS!  
Kind regards,  
Nancy Still President, MPSGS

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### ASSISTANCE TO MPSGS

MPSGS needs volunteers to run the organization. Not everyone has the time or ability to hold a board office but throughout the year, we need people to help out with the many small tasks necessary to put on our annual exhibit.

If you can provide any help to our Society, please let Nancy know. Here is a short list of a few tasks:

- **Receiver of artworks:** We always need a few new receivers each year; this is a super important function as we cannot have an exhibit without them.
- It will be our **90th anniversary** in 2023. We need someone to lead the efforts to highlight this year's exhibit for our 90th anniversary. We have some ideas in mind and could really use some help with this.
- **Exhibition Preparations:** It is a lot of work to receive, organize, catalog, and jury works into the show. We do this in just a few days.
- **Hanging Day:** Hanging 600+ works of art takes many hands and we do it all in one day. We always need people to help make the exhibit come to life.
- **Social media:** Many of you can't live without social media. We need someone who is knowledgeable to lead this effort to get the word out about our organization and our annual exhibit.
- **Backup help to Board members:** Board members sometimes need a bit of help throughout the year, often of an administrative nature. Being able to spread the workload makes it easier on those who make MPSGS possible.



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### **UPCOMING MINIATURE EXHIBITIONS**

**The Giant Miniature Art Exhibition** 2023, sponsored by National Trust of Australia (Victoria) (works to be 1/12" scale, dollhouse size). Show runs June 5 – July 23, 2023. Due: March 31, 2023 — For more details/entry form, contact [miniature\\_exhibit@marketwise.com.au](mailto:miniature_exhibit@marketwise.com.au).

**The 18th Annual Heartland Art Guild International Miniature Paintings & Sculptures Art Show** dates are July 3 - July 28, 2023. June 24 is the deadline for shipped art to arrive. For more information call or email Jean Cook at 785-521-0449 ([cookijean@gmail.com](mailto:cookijean@gmail.com)), or Patsy Bortner at 913-244-4587 ([patsybortner@suddenlink.net](mailto:patsybortner@suddenlink.net)).

**The Miniature Art Society of Florida (MASF)** Dunedin, FL.  
49<sup>th</sup> Annual International Miniature Art Exhibition,  
January 14 through February 4, 2024 <https://www.miniature-art.com/>

**Seaside Art Gallery** - Nags Head, NC. 32nd International Miniature Art Show,  
April 29th - May 27th, 2023.  
<https://seasideart.com/collections/international-miniature-art-show>

**The Hilliard Society** - Wells, Somerset, UK. Exhibition: June 10th - 17th 2023. New artists can submit entries for a free pre-selection assessment. Entry fees are payable only if the work is accepted to go forward to the main selection process. Send images and contact details to [rozpierson@clara.co.uk](mailto:rozpierson@clara.co.uk) to arrive by March 27, 2023.  
<https://www.hilliardsociety.org/>

**Council for The Arts**, Chambersburg PA. 39th Annual Juried Miniature Exhibition  
November 3 - December 23, 2023.  
<https://www.councilforthearts.net/miniature-art-call-for-art>

**WaterWorks Art Museum**, Miles City MT.  
They have an annual miniature show. Unfortunately, their deadline is already passed; it was February 17, 2023, but is being included as a heads-up for 2024.  
<https://www.wtrworks.org/>



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## Spring Art Demo

On May 7, 2022, we had a zoom demo by **Beth de Loiselle**. Beth has been a member of MPSGS for many years and has won numerous awards, often for her very small animal portraits. You can read more about Beth on her web site: <https://www.bethdeloiselle.com/about>

Beth de Loiselle's oil paintings strike the eye from across the room with her signature bright colors and unique stylization. Her work will typically depict floral still-life or animal subjects but her scope of ability is boundless. As an animal portraitist Beth's keen observations capture that particular expression, compassion and familiarity to its owner. Her soft nuanced brush strokes exude the delicate characteristics of her radiant floral bouquets.

Beth received formal training at the Schuler School of Fine Arts in Baltimore, MD, and is inspired by her upbringing on Maryland's Eastern Shore.



During the demonstration, Beth said she starts with a drawing, often in graphite or pastel pencil, and outlines the figure, working out values as she goes. She works on panels or ivory and uses a full range palette using both tubes and hand ground paints.

The smallest piece she has completed was the size of a dime. Beth also works with a jeweler to create pendants or cufflinks using her miniatures. When working on pet commissions, she will often ask owners to tell her stories about their pets.



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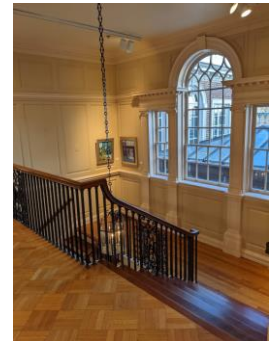
## *89th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature* **November 19, 2022 -January 7, 2023**

Our 2022 exhibit at the Strathmore Mansion featured 651 artworks created by 243 artists. We were particularly pleased that 21 of those artists are new to our exhibit. One of our MPSGS goals has always been to encourage new artists and mentor those interested in painting miniatures. Nine countries were represented in the exhibit: artworks were submitted from Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Israel, Pakistan, South Africa, United Kingdom, and the United States. All artworks in this year's exhibit were available for on-line viewing and purchase.

Behind the scenes preparation for an exhibition of this size requires a great deal of planning and organization. Thus, our receivers, volunteers, and Board members must be given a round of applause. Without their efforts, we would be unable to produce such a wonderful exhibition. Our judge, James Rogowski, deserves a big thank-you for an outstanding job selecting our award winners. It is a challenging task when there are so many superb entries.



**The Mansion at Strathmore**



Our exhibit would not be possible without the volunteer efforts of dedicated local members, friends, and family who make our show possible. Many hours are spent organizing, jurying, judging, and hanging the works.

Thanks to all!



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Set up and jurying

651 pieces of art  
\$55,700 in sales  
27% of artwork sold



Strathmore Street Banner  
2022 Exhibit  
Art by Judy Lalingo



Opening Day November 19, 2022

NOTE: Strathmore is planning to have one or two miniature workshops in Autumn 2023 at the Mansion, associated with the MPSGS show and taught by one of our members. We've had them in the past but had to stop during the pandemic. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Still. She'll send more info as it becomes available.

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*Encouraging the spirit of the miniature*

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## *MPSGS New Members*



We have been very pleased to see so much interest in miniature art and especially in our organization.

Please welcome our newest members in 2023.

### From the USA:

Karen Bendersky, MD  
Sushila Bloom, MD  
Nancy Davis, MD  
Janice Ducharme, TN  
Janice Hendra, MD  
Cathryn Leyland, NY  
Linda Morgan, TX  
Becca Mulenburg, MN  
Catherine Post, VA  
Donna Shear, MD

### And our International Members:

Barbara Valentine, UK  
Karyn Wiggill, South Africa





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## Members' News

**Eileen Bass:** Has just been awarded her signature membership of the Miniature Artists of America..



**Celyne Brassard:** will have three paintings in The 31st Annual Invitation Miniature Art Exhibition The Art of The Miniature XXXI , taking place at The Snow Goose Gallery from May 7 – June 10, 2023. She will have one painting in *Encounters with the Animal Kingdom* by the Society of Animal Artists, at The Janice Mason Art Museum, Cadiz, KY.

**Elizabeth Brown:** Won the CPA International Award in 2022 at the Cider Painters' Exhibition with her painting entitled "Washing Day".



**Gini Harris:** took part in the annual 2022 MASSA (Miniature Art Society of South Africa) exhibition and won two awards. She received 1st for Oil, as well as First for the Members challenge, which was "pearls" in honor of Massa's 30th birthday.



A break in the Clouds



Inherited Treasures

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**Deb Keirce:** I have THE coolest miniature painting commissions right now. First, I have this one that an old collector of mine is having me do. It's a 2.25" square painting on a 7"x14" panel. On the panel are GPS coordinates of the bar they were in, in the painting. His plan is to have me paint a similar piece every Valentines' Day, so they can line their wall with memories of the previous year! I am attaching an image of the finished painting. And the second collector sent me 11 pairs of antique eyeglasses. He is having me paint the lenses! I have 4 finished so far and will attach images.



**Judith T. Krauthamer:** 2022 marked a move from selling online (our website [www.jk-dk.art](http://www.jk-dk.art)) with a return to local exhibitions. I was pleased to participate in local juried shows at the Nature Conservancy and at the Howard County Community College. I was invited to support the County Arts Council's annual gala, in addition to participating in our MPSGS Strathmore exhibition. I continued experimenting with alcohol inks as a desired and sometimes challenging medium.



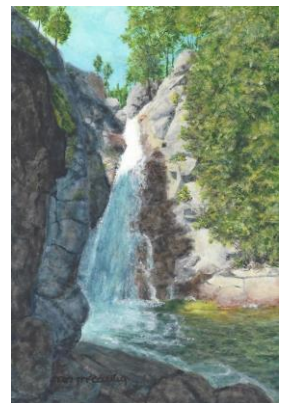
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**Cathleen Martinetto:** It has been a busy and rewarding year. I entered four international miniature shows, and I am happy to report sales and awards. Seaside Art Gallery again sold two out of my three entries. My American Bald Eagle entitled "Let Freedom Fly" has indeed flown to a new owner. Likewise, my "Florida Panther" has left the Everglades for sanctuary elsewhere. Cider Painters accepted my three entries, and I was blessed to receive the CPA Portraiture Award for my rendering of Jesus, entitled "Heaven on Earth." MPSGS accepted my three entries and graciously bestowed an Honorable Mention for Portraiture Award for "Man of Faith." MASF accepted all five of my entries. It was exciting to view the show in person and say hello to many artists and friends.



**Nan McCarthy:** I had another good year in 2022. In the spring, my work was in the miniature show at Seaside Art Gallery, Nags Head, NC, a show I have done for many years. During the summer, I showed a painting in the Parklane Gallery's 30th Annual International Miniature Show, Kirkland, WA. In the fall, I again exhibited paintings at the Chambersburg, PA, Council for the Arts Annual Miniature Show. In addition to the MPSGS show, I ended the year with the 2022 Winter Show of Miniatures and Small Works at the Parklane Gallery. "A Beautiful Place," 6"x4", was one of several waterfall paintings I did in 2022.



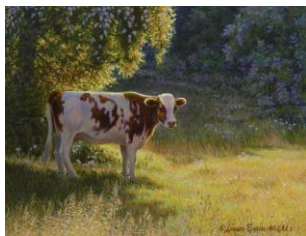
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**Carol Rockwell:** I was the first sole online judge for the 48th International Miniature Art Society of Florida Show this year. It was quite an honor to be asked to judge this wonderful show. The work was outstanding. I also won first in Ivorine in this past Cider Painters' show.

**Linda Rossin:** 2022 was another very busy year for Linda fulfilling commission requests. And there is no slowing this artist down. She also sent paintings to 12 miniature shows where she received the following awards: MASF - 1st for Interior or Still Life to 'Odd Man Out'; AMAS Spanish Moss - 3rd Best in Show to 'Dune Walker'; Miniatures in Mariposa - People's Choice Award to 'Butterfly Kisses'; Seaside Art Gallery - In addition to 'Swing King' being selected for the gallery's promotional post card, Best Oil/Acrylic was given to 'Pond Dweller'; Heartland Art Guild - People's Choice Award for 'Butterfly Kisses'; Parklane Gallery - 1st Place to 'Morning Light'; Mountainside Art Guild - Merit Award to 'Tranquility'; Council for the Arts - Two Honorable Mentions, 'Butterfly Kisses' and 'Autumn in the Barrens'; MonDak Heritage Center - 1st Place to 'Bull Doze'r and an Honorable Mention to 'Bovine Beauty'; CPA - DPL Law Offices Award for 'Odd Man Out'; and lastly MPSGS - 1st Place for Animals to 'Pond Dweller.'

In addition to the above miniature art shows, her miniature painting, 'Salt Seeker' was juried into the Society of Animal Artists 62nd Annual Exhibition of "Art and the Animal" that took place at the Turtle Bay Exploration Park in Redding, CA. Another miniature, 'Barnyard Birdies' was featured in the SAA's online exhibition "Winged Things."



Morning Light



Salt Seeker



Barnyard Birdies

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**Christian Rzycki:** Christian won the Prestige "Painting" Award 2022 from the French academy "Arts - Sciences - Lettres" in Paris, He won the Best of Show award, Cider Painters of America and was elected as CPA signature member. He received the Best of show award, Seaside Gallery, NC.



He was awarded First in opaque watercolor, MASF, Florida. He was also awarded First in International Category, MPSGS Washington D.C. Additionally, he won the Parisian Thuillier Gallery award in an exhibition in Le Mans, France. He received the Guest Artist of Honor, "l'art d' ICI et d' AILLEURS" exhibition in Huy, Belgium.



**Mary Serfass:** I was honored to received Second Place in Mixed Media at the Miniature Art Society of Florida's recent exhibition for The Nest. Also, I received the Landscape Award for Moonset at The Cider Painters of America's recent exhibition.

In addition, I would like to thank everyone for your kind words and cards when my husband passed this past August. Doug was a great supporter of the arts, and a terrific partner here at the gallery. He is greatly missed, and fondly remembered.



The Nest



Moonset



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**Katherine Weber** was honored in January 2023 to receive an award of Third in Transparent Watercolor for her painting titled "Wood Duck Couple" by the Miniature Art Society of Florida at its 48th Annual Show in Tarpon Springs, Florida.

**Yvonne Wright:** My miniature painting "Nocturne" won First Place in Acrylic at the 48th International Miniature Show held annually by the Miniature Art Society of Florida (MASF). This painting was inspired by a piano recital I experienced at the Mauch Chunk Opera House in Jim Thorpe, PA and it's about music and its atmospheric projections of sounds and acoustics amplified by the grand historic building, that so beautifully touched my soul.



**"Afternoon Tea"** miniature painting (acrylic) won Third Place in Portraiture at the 89th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature held by the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, DC (MPSGS). The idea behind this miniature portrait of a friend was to capture the richness of textures and the overall atmosphere of Victorian lifestyle.

**"Oliver"** (acrylic) won First Place in Portraiture at the 47th Annual International Miniature Art Show, hosted by the Miniature Art Society of Florida (MASF).



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## THANKS!

We are proud to call **Genevieve Roberts** a beloved Emeritus member of our Society.

She has reached the milestone of age 102 and is still teaching art, and faithfully enters her works in the MPSGS exhibit.

She opened her home for organization of MPSGS show artworks for many years, and we truly appreciate it!

