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Artist: Michael Turner



President's Message

The first Board Meeting is over, and it is only 5½ months until our SFPAC of Texas Annual Convention. This is one that you do not want to miss!!! Your officers and committees have been working hard to provide a wonderful, fun-filled time of learning and fellowship.

The Christmas Season is upon us, and I hope that all of you are painting beautiful works of art to exhibit at the convention. Christmas luncheons are being planned by all the clubs, and I cannot wait to see photos from them in the next *PAC Magazine*.

Joyfully new members are joining our clubs throughout Texas. Welcome!! We are so glad to have you join us in this beautiful art form, and we look forward to building new friendships with you.

It is with great sorrow that we have lost two of our members this fall, Michael Turner and Jean Donald. Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of these wonderful artists and friend to all of us. We will miss your smiles, laughter, and just you. RIP

The Bluebonnet PAC sent a letter that they voted at their September meeting to disband due to low membership. We are sorry to see them go but hope they continue painting and if possible come to our annual conventions.

Small items only are needed for the Goodie Bags this year. If your club wants to send money for this, send your check to Pam Early, Treasurer, and mark it for Goodie Bags; she will let Donna Rasco Castle and the South Plains PAC know.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Arlington Hotel on January 22, 2022, at 10 am. This is an important meeting and although Zoom will be available, I really would appreciate it if the officers and committees could attend in person. This will be the last one, and we will finalize the plans for the 2022 *Painting on the Ritz with a Brush of Rock & Roll Convention*.

We are all praying for all of our members and/or family who have health problems. I wish every one of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy & Prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you in 2022 at the Annual SFPAC of Texas Convention.

God Bless,
Bertie Stephens
President 2021-2022

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(natasha.brown8591@gmail.com)

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**Upcoming PAC
deadlines:
Jan. 15, 2022
May 31, 2022**

**Application Form for the
State Federation Porcelain Art Clubs of Texas Education Scholarship**

This scholarship award is provided by the State Federation PAC of Texas whose mission is to further our artists' knowledge; to stimulate interest, appreciation, and skill in the decoration of fine porcelain art; and to give back the knowledge of learning this fine art to others.

The scholarship is an annual award of \$500 based on merit. Please return this form with the accompanying materials to the State President, which will be forwarded to the Screening Committee. The application must be submitted by March 1st of every year.

Name: _____

Home address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email address: _____

Anticipated Date of Class/School: _____

Name of Teacher/School: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Subject of learning: _____

Please attach:

1. A one-page typed statement explaining why you are interested in this scholarship.
2. A short explanation of how you will be teaching this subject back to our organization.
3. Five printed images of your work and the year it was created.

Please sign this as an acknowledgement of the following rules of this scholarship.

This scholarship award will be based on the following: Must be a member in good standing of the State Federation PAC of Texas; must have knowledge of porcelain art, two years of experience painting porcelain, and a recommendation from one Texas Porcelain Art Club. A contract must be signed to execute the following: Two (2) workshops at the following convention year; participate in convention demos two (2) years; and give back to a club by providing a free one-day workshop within a 60-mile radius of the scholarship winner's hometown. Any artist who fails to comply with any of the "give back" guidelines of the scholarship will be obligated to pay back 100% of the awarded scholarship monies to the State Federation PAC of Texas.

I, _____ acknowledge and agree to comply with the terms of this application. If awarded this scholarship, I will complete the following obligations: Two (2) workshops at the following convention year; participate in convention demos two (2) years; and give back to a club by providing a free one-day workshop within a 60-mile radius of the scholarship winner's hometown. I agree and understand that if I fail to comply with any or all of the stipulations of this agreement, I am financially responsible to repay any and all scholarship monies awarded on my behalf to the State Federation PAC of Texas. Payment will be due and payable upon demand from the State Federation PAC of Texas.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

62nd Porcelain Art Convention 2022

"PAINTING ON THE RITZ"

with a *Brush of Rock 'n Roll*

Monday - Thursday
March 21st through
March 24th, 2022

Please check all that apply:

- Current State Officer Demonstrator Committee Chair
 Past State President Delegate Vendor

Name _____
 Street/Apt. # _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____
 Mobile Phone _____
 Club _____

Convention Registration: Monday, March 21 - Thursday, March 24

Member	\$35	\$ _____
Non-Member	\$40	\$ _____
One (1) Day Member	\$20	\$ _____
One (1) Non-Member	\$25	\$ _____

Convention Activities:

If purchased before March 1, 2022 - After
 Monday, March 21st VIP Pajama Party Hosted by Donna Rasco \$20 \$24 \$ _____

Price includes a T-Shirt - Circle Size: Sm Med Lg Xlg 2X 3X 4X

Circle Color Choice: Pink Black Jade Red Blue

Ice Cream Social / Game Show / Artist Challenge / Style Show

Dietary Requirements: *Gluten Free / Allergy:*

Tuesday, March 22nd Reception/Dinner - Tablescape
 Pork Loins \$35 \$40 \$ _____

Wednesday, March 23rd Lunch \$24 \$27 \$ _____

Wednesday, March 23rd Rock 'n Roll Banquet
 Circle one: Lemon and Butter Chicken / Tilapia \$35 \$40 \$ _____

Come dressed in your 1950s Sock Hop Attire. Poodle Skirts are recommended.

Thursday, March 24th Lunch \$24 \$27 \$ _____

Thursday, March 24th Painting on the Ritz Gala
 Circle one: London Broil / Salmon \$45 \$50 \$ _____

PJ Party and Meals Total \$ _____

Optional Activities:

Limit 20 Students per class. Workshop attendees will be determined by earliest postmark of registration form. Workshop is \$45, which includes an 8" plate. Remember to bring your palette!! You can only attend the class that is assigned to you. Please check tickets the day of registration to verify your day and time. No refunds will be given.

Monday, March 21st - 1 pm to 5 pm Janet Nelson Wolf \$45 \$ _____

Monday, March 21st - 1 pm to 5 pm Mary Ashcroft Grapes \$45 \$ _____

Tuesday, March 22nd - 8 am to 12 pm Janet Nelson Deer \$45 \$ _____

Tuesday, March 22nd - 8 am to 12 pm Mary Ashcroft Ornamental Corn \$45 \$ _____

Tuesday, March 22nd - 1 pm to 5 pm Janet Nelson Cat \$45 \$ _____

Tuesday, March 22nd - 1 pm to 5 pm Mary Ashcroft Violets \$45 \$ _____

Optional Activities Total \$ _____

Convention T-Shirt:

Circle Size: Sm Med Lg Xlg 2X 3X 4X \$15 x Qty _____ = \$ _____

Circle Color: Pink Black Jade Red Blue

If ordering extra shirts, please list color and sizes:
 If needed, attach a separate sheet of paper.



Grand Total \$ _____

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration forms along with payment should be postmarked by March 1, 2022.

After March 1, 2022, registration and payment must be made at convention or online.

Make checks payable to: SFPAC

Mail Registration Form and payment to:
 Victoria Dean

5532 Weatherby Ln., Plano, TX
 75093-3417

(214) 793-5510 Cell

victoria_v_dean@hotmail.com

You can register and pay Online at:

www.porcelainartclubsoftexas.org/
 state-convention/

online-convention-registration/

There is a convenience fee to pay online.

For additional information visit:

porcelainartclubsoftexas.org

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked by March 10, 2022.

Hotel Reservation

Hotel - Sheraton Arlington Hotel
 1500 Convention Center Drive
 Arlington, Texas 76011

Reservations: (888)236-2427

Code: State Federation PAC

"Book your rooms early!"

Room Rates: Single \$109 /Double \$119

Triple \$129/Quad \$139

Breakfast is included.

Hotel rates are good through

February 25, 2022.



Remember to dress the part! We encourage you to wear costumes in the 1920s style, dress formal, or come with style! This Gala will be an elegant event.

2021 Hall of Honor Nomination Form

All nominations are due by February 23, 2022, for one or both categories.

Please submit to: Candy Ferren

308 Thomas Park Drive, Hutto, TX 78634 candy1ferren@gmail.com

Nominations must include responses to the following criteria to be considered for this award.

NOMINATION FOR HONORED ARTIST	NOMINATION FOR HONORED MEMBER
<p>Name: _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How has this member served the SFPAC (officer, committee, other)? How has this member participated in club meetings, exhibits, and club functions? How long has this member been teaching porcelain art (minimum 10 years)? Describe how this member promoted china painting through art events, exhibits, publications, competitions, and overall porcelain art awareness. Describe how this member continues to advance his/her knowledge of china painting by taking seminars, attending conventions, and/or demonstrations. <p>Nominated by: _____ Club name: _____</p>	<p>Name: _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How has this member served the SFPAC (officer, committee, other)? Describe how this member participates in club meetings. Describe how this member participates in club activities, exhibits, and other club functions as well as assisting other members of the club on a regular basis. Describe how this member contributes to making the annual convention a successful event for all members. Has this member done any of the above in some capacity for at least the required 10 years? <p>Nominated by: _____ Club name: _____</p>

Tablescaping Contest

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Theme: Any design is accepted. The Roaring 20s may be incorporated into your design, but it is not required.

JUDGING CRITERIA:
 Theme 30 points
 Creativity/Originality 30 points
 Complexity 15 points
 Overall Appearance 25 points
 TOTAL POINTS 100 points



This is your opportunity to use your creative talents to decorate a table to remember! Looking for clubs to sign up for a table. Registration is required. Some clubs are smaller and may want to join with another club to decorate. Setup will be Tuesday morning from 8 am to 2 pm. Pickup must be done after dinner. There is no entry fee to enter. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Deadline to register is March 1, 2022

Rules:

We will provide you with 1 table, 8 chairs, 1 white linen cloth, and 8 napkins on your table. Prizes will announced and awarded at the Gala. Decoration of the tables must be completed by 2 pm. Guests shall not place any glue, nails, tape, hook, hangers, or suction cups of any type on the interior or exterior floors, doors, or walls of the venue. No confetti, glitter, or sparklers will be allowed inside the facility. Please DO NOT incorporate any live animals, open flames or items that may pose a health risk into your designs or they will be deemed inappropriate and removed from the contest.

Registration: Club Name: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Send to: Beverly Tucker P.O. Box 242, Concan, TX 78838
 Call to register: 361-960-6550
 Email: btucker6550@hotmail.com

SFPAC of Texas Logo Competition

All entries must be submitted to

Donna Rasco Castle by midnight, March 1, 2022.

Please submit artwork along with the entry form below.

Name of the Artist _____

Full Address _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Club membership (name or names of clubs) _____

1. Artwork submitted for consideration must be an original work on porcelain and that of an SFPAC member as of June 15, 2021. Any copied artwork will not be considered for judging. The Artist must be a Texas resident.

2. Entry should represent Porcelain Art, SFPAC, and the state of Texas.

3. The Federation will have full usage of the winning entry for as long as the logo is being utilized. The artist or family members will not receive any monies on a continued basis. All rights to publish, print, and reproduce are retained by the Federation. Artist agrees to grant the Federation full copyright permission.

4. All work submitted will be judged by an anonymous committee of five. The committee will not be allowed to submit an entry.

5. The artist retains the original piece. Quality photos submitted in jpeg/jpg form or 8x10 photo print, must have 1 (one) in color and 1(one) in black and white. Entries along with this signed form must be postmarked by midnight, March 1, 2022, and sent to: Donna Rasco Castle, 2311 109th, Lubbock, Texas 79423 or email drasco2020@gmail.com.

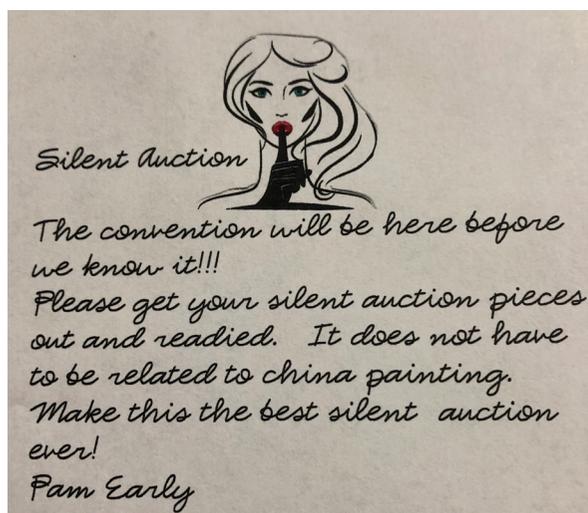
6. The winning entry will receive a one-time monetary award of \$100.00, which will be presented at the 2022 State Convention.

7. All entries will be displayed at the 2022 State Convention for display purposes.

8. The original piece will be loaned to the Federation for 30 days for photography. At the Federation's expense, artwork will be shipped back to the artist.

I, _____, agree to the terms of the contest rules and release the copyright to the State Federation of Porcelain Art Clubs of Texas. In the event something were to happen to the original piece of artwork while in the possession of the SFPAC, I, _____, will not hold the Federation or individual responsible for the original piece of artwork. The Federation and individual will make sure all efforts are taken to protect the art piece.

Get your brushes out and paint our "Great Logo Center!"
We need the best representation for our logo.
Create what you think is the best representation of
Porcelain Art, the State of Texas and our Federation.



Exhibits

We are all looking forward to the 2022 Convention and seeing all of the lovely pieces that have been painted by our members during our downtime. I am asking each club to be supportive and fill the exhibit tables to the brim. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.
~ Carol Wooster

Demos

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Demo Hostesses

We need 40 demonstrators over two days, Wednesday and Thursday.

The hours will be the same for both days:

09:00-10:00 a.m. 11:00-12:00 noon 1:00-2:00 p.m. 3:00-4:00 p.m.

As in years past, we are asking all of our generous artists to share your talents. Please respond as soon as possible to reserve the time slot you prefer. Once again, as demo chairperson, I applaud all of you for being so willing to participate in past years. - Judy West

Jlwest4@yahoo.com 254-675-3368 or 940-452-5704-cell

Hostesses are needed for the 40 demos!

If you are willing to serve as a demo hostess, please contact Peggy Riggs as soon as possible. - Peggy Riggs

riggsp46@gmail.com

817-923-1155 or 817-996-1613 (cell)

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"Painting on the Ritz"

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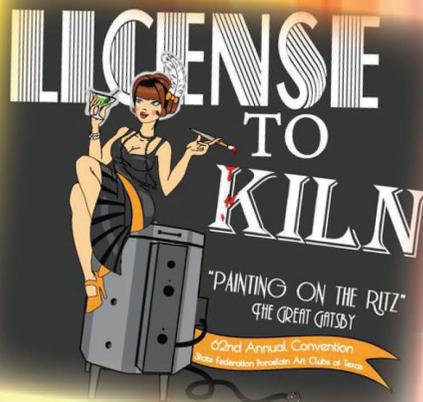
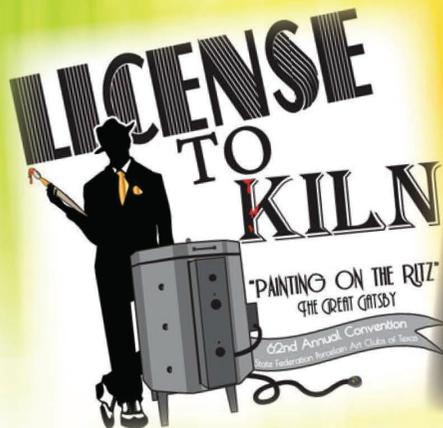
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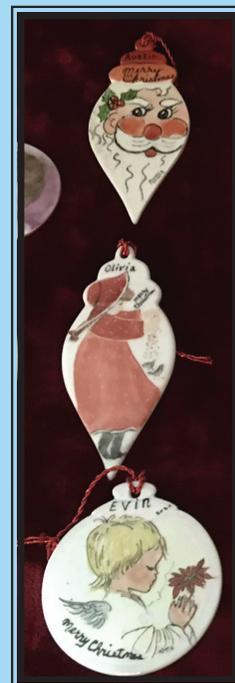


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2022 Convention

Janet Nelson



There is no question that art and the appreciation is a gift. I have been blessed with enough of that gift to have entertained myself for over 50 years, thanks to my mother. Inspiration is everywhere you look. With two of my dearest and most talented friends, I jumped into the world of porcelain painting in 1976. We found a wonderful teacher in Fort Worth, Glenda Betz, and discovered a club in Dallas. My mother was a china painter when I was a child and supplied me with the necessary paints and a few brushes. Painting on china became my obsession.



I have been fortunate enough to learn from and call so many wonderful artists friends. I have tried to share what I have learned through teaching classes and seminars wherever I happened to be. You go to classes to learn techniques and gather as much information as you can to come out with your own style. Most often when asked to teach, animals are what is requested. Each animal has a personality of its own and always challenges me. I enjoy painting live things and love them until they go to live somewhere else.



I have been honored in so many ways. A number of my paintings have been shown in our porcelain painting magazines in the U.S. and abroad. Over the years I have made an effort to do my part in promoting porcelain painting and have held many positions in organizations on a Local, State and International level. It is my desire to paint all of the china and use all of the supplies I have collected over these 50 years!



Featured Artists' Workshops . . .

Mary Ashcroft Seehagen



Mary Ashcroft Seehagen is a native of Caro, MI, and has been painting for 48 years. She has traveled extensively (Japan, England, Brazil, Mexico, Uruguay, United States) to instruct/conduct china painting workshops and water color exhibits each year, at private seminars and porcelain schools.

She is an internationally known porcelain artist, a past President of the International Porcelain Artists and Teachers Association, a member of the World Organization of China Painters, a popular lecturer, painting demonstrator, and judge of art shows.

She married Rudi Seehagen in 2001. Rudi was formerly from Berlin, Germany, then emigrated to Utah in 1973. They shared their life's work and their love of porcelain painting before his passing in 2015.



Mary was owner and director of the Porcelain Painter's Paradise school which was held four years/eight sessions in Mesa, AZ.

She has a daughter, Amanda, who also lives in her home town.



Mary's paintings are included in private collections all over the world.

Michael Turner – Master Artist and Teacher



On August 29, 2021, the Porcelain Art World lost a talented and masterful porcelain artist and teacher, Michael Turner.

He was a great seminar teacher, continually teaching and conducting seminars at many of the State Federation of Porcelain Art Clubs of Texas. And most importantly, he was a true friend to many porcelain artists and students in Texas, the US and abroad.

He traveled extensively across the US teaching in private studios and porcelain art schools. He actively participated both at the state and international levels by leading workshops, teaching seminars, and doing individual instruction.

When Michael demonstrated or conducted seminars, there was no one anymore giving with information about porcelain art.

He loved to teach and loved to share his knowledge with fellow porcelain artists and students.

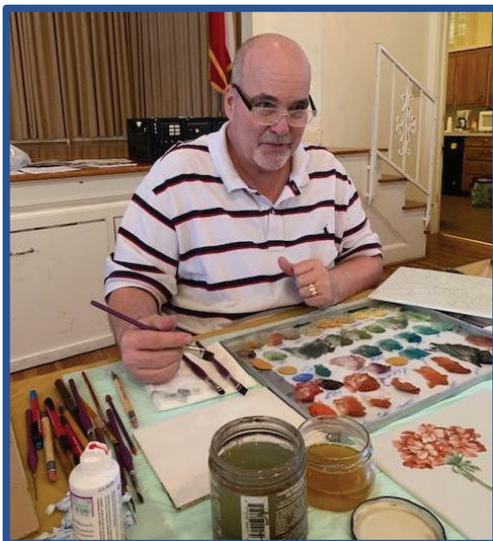
Michael has been published in our SFPAC PAC magazine many times as well as in international publications.

He has served SFPAC as Treasurer and on many committees. He faithfully attended the Texas convention. He was Feature Artist for several Texas conventions and other state and international conventions.

Michael was a charter member of the Brownfield PAC organized in 1996. He also was designated as a 'lifetime member' in recognition for his contributions to that club.

In 2019, Michael was also named Texas Honored Artist for his unwavering support to the State Federation of Porcelain Art Clubs of Texas and his extraordinary artistic skill.

Michael will truly be missed by many. Our sincere condolences go out to his family and friends.



Dianne Snodgrass



Alice Nelson

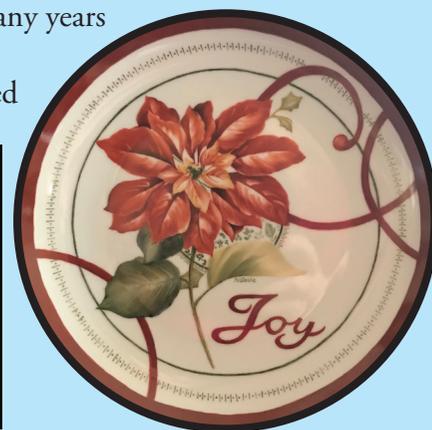
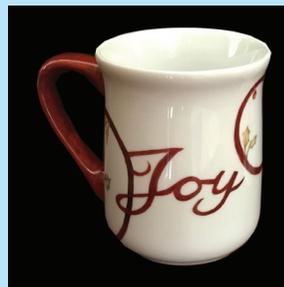


Natasha Brown

Natasha Brown had never painted until just after her youngest was born. At that time, she wanted to paint so bad, she could hardly stand it. A friend suggested she check into the Rec Center near her home. There she found Judy Fender and began learning how to paint oils on canvas. Ten years later, life got very busy, and painting had to go on hold for a while. In the meantime, Natasha's mother Anna Knight started painting porcelain china. Natasha knew she would paint again, and this time it would be china. After all, how many canvases can you hang on your walls?!? So in 2005, when that youngest daughter was a senior in high school, Natasha checked out Dallas China and found a teacher, which led her to meeting Nancy Rollins, Melanie Doroziac, and Vicki Dean — who had been friends with Natasha's mother!! — and Stella Shilling who had taught her mother!! And so began the blossoming of a new love of art.

Over the past 16 years, Natasha has been fortunate to paint many times with Mary Ashcroft as well as with other outstanding artists. Along the way, Natasha discovered that her mother had studied with Rudi Seehagen! ~ Natasha served as editor of the *IPAT Magazine* for 2-1/2 years and is the current editor of the *PAC Magazine*. At this time, she is very fortunate to be able to travel throughout the United States and even Canada and learn from more wonderful china painting artists. ~ For many years now, Natasha has painted pieces for charity auctions held in the Dallas area. The pieces shown were inspired by a study by Mary Ashcroft. The pitcher was inspired by Stephanie Granger's painting shown in the Fall Issue of the *PAC Magazine*.

~ “Some of my best friends are my china painting friends. I love this art, and I love the people I continue to meet. The Lord has truly blessed me!”



Club News

From Around the State of Texas . . .

Alamo PAC Alamo PAC was able to meet for the new year, and it was very nice to see our club members again. We held a paint-a-long with Dresden designs on a 10" plate, and all members did a great job. Refreshments were provided by Claudia Nelson and enjoyed by all. Our next meeting will be a demo on dusting led by Claudia. We wish our club member Peggy Busch a birthday this month. Also our member Helen Hitchcock has been recovering from the virus, and we are so very happy for that. Stay well to all and happy painting for the up coming year. - Carol Wooster

Brownfield PAC The Brownfield ladies are excited to be meeting again at our regular meeting spot, the Brownfield Senior Citizens Center. Due to Covid, the center had been closed for several months. Several members were able to attend a wonderful seminar taught by Susan Thumm, held at the Lubbock Garden & Arts Center. It is always so enlightening to paint with great teachers! — Brownfield PAC was saddened by the loss of our dear friend and a founding member of our club, Michael Turner. He taught us all so much. To honor Michael, members donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Michael's impact reached far beyond our club to Texas and the world, with his talents and friendship! — Christmas is just around the corner, and Brownfield PAC will be celebrating with a luncheon at the home of Necia Marlowe. Painted Christmas mugs or ornaments will be exchanged. - Terri Nichols

Cedar Creek PAC We haven't had a club meeting yet due to many of our members being hesitant with the new Covid virus strain. However, we are planning on some fun projects and meetings. Stay tuned for tips and techniques. Until then here is some useful information. **TIPS ON MATTING PAINTS** - If you are in a pinch and need a quick bit of paint to use for a matted area, you can make it yourself with your regular china paint. There are many recipes to matt your china paints. A good rule of thumb is 2/3 china paint to 1/3 zinc oxide except for purples or pinks; mix them half and half. If you wish more of a matt surface, use more zinc oxide. Remember to be consistent with your measure, test fire your recipe, take notes, and make enough to last the entire project so it will give a consistent end result. If you can't get or don't have zinc oxide, you can use Desitin with at least a 12% content of zinc oxide. Using dry paint, mix with enough Desitin to a toothpaste consistency of paint. Test it, make enough for your project, and make notes. If you don't, you will wish you had. **Problems with Black popping off?** Diane DesOrneaux says by adding a very small drop of liquid bright gold to your black it will aid in preventing the catastrophe. - Susan Hearron

Bay Area PAC Almost all of our members attended our September kick-off to the new club year. The display table was full of pieces painted by Sandy Long and Sue Shelley with both of them showing gorgeous artwork. Sandy had poinsettias, pansies, and wild roses, while Sue showed a pair of vases with Mucha ladies, a Dutch windmill scene, a blue delft floral, and two bunny portraits. We enjoyed Darlene Adair's homemade cake and icing along with store bought sweet treats. Mini pizzas were cooking while we conducted our meeting. Sue Shelley will be teaching a paint-a-long session for us in January. Cherryl Meggs will come to us in February. Since the convention falls on our normal meeting day in March, our program chair had to hustle and shuffle some dates around. We're moving up our March meeting with Sandy Long's pansy paint-a-long to March 14-15. Then we'll have our show and tell convention review in April, followed by our May luncheon. It's going to be a great year! - Brenda Bell

PAC of Austin Rhonda Haynes forms the shapes, fires and glazes the pieces, and then paints these beautiful cabochons. (These pieces were incorrectly labeled as having been painted by Susan Hilburn in the Fall Issue of the *PAC Magazine*.)



Corpus Christi Hi-Lights PAC Well it's hard to believe that the end of another year is rapidly approaching. With the variant continuing to surge, we have yet to meet face-to-face but are hopeful we will get together by the end of the year! We are so looking forward to the convention in the spring and hope that it goes off without a hitch! In the meantime, many of us continue to enjoy meeting twice a month via Zoom and displaying/selling our works in a variety of venues. I have been fortunate enough to have a porcelain vase accepted into the Dimension XLVIII national, multi-category, jurored exhibit at the Corpus Christi Art Center for a show this September/October. It's so important that we enter and display our work in order to keep our art form before the general public. I often say, "Ours is the hidden art ... unless you know someone who does it, it is hard to get information about it." Below is pictured the piece that was accepted. From our members to yours - Happiness and continued good health and warm wishes for the year ahead. ~ Susan Greathouse



PAG of Dallas PAG of Dallas club got off to a great start for the 2021-22 club year. Since this was the first meeting for the new club year, members were excited to be meeting again in a very safe CDC-compliant meeting space. Our first meeting was a fundraiser. Club members brought in all types of items to sell, including art books and magazines, a great variety of beautiful white porcelain, amazing wire wrapped jewelry, and a wide range of non-porcelain painting items. Of course, the most popular item for sale were baked goods!!! As you all know porcelain artists are also great cooks and bakers! This fundraiser was quite a success enabling us to add to our treasury — a definite “Win-Win” for members and the club. — This summer Dallas members have been busy with painting projects. Jayne King had her thoughts on Christmas! She is painted Christmas ornaments for her sister-in-law, Becky, who lives in an assisted-living facility. Becky will be giving the ornaments to the care workers at Christmas as a token of her appreciation for helping her on a daily basis. Each ornament is different, and Jayne said the ornaments were a labor of love for her sister-in-law. Nancy Rollins and Vicki Dean traveled to Caro, MI, to paint with Mary Ashcroft Seehagen. They visited the city library where Mary had a display of her porcelain artwork in locked display cases. This is a great idea to introduce and educate the public about our beautiful artwork. Libraries are always needing to arrange display cases with interesting exhibits. I encourage each club to approach their local library with the possibility of arranging a display of their members’ porcelain artwork. An invitation to attend a club meeting could also be included in the exhibit. Please submit photos of your club’s exhibit at your local library!

~ Vicki V. Dean

Ellis County PAC Our club had a wonderful tea party in August to kick start us into the new year. We exhibited our china and enjoyed authentic English sandwiches while we sipped our tea. Members brought painted tea cups and mugs to exchange. It was a nice beginning. — During the past year or so I have been cleaning out and organizing during the shutdown. I’d like to share with you a few tips from yesteryear and from a lost dear friend we all knew and miss – Michael Turner.

If you want something to recede into the background, wash color over it.

If you want it to come forward toward you, wash color around it.

If you have something too yellow, you can soften it by a light wash of bluegreen over it to soften the harshness of the yellow. ~ Michael Turner

From notes from yesteryear - **Orange color will hold better if you use 1/3 Albert yellow, 1/3 yellow brown and 1/3 yellow red.** ~ Susan Hearron

Fort Worth PAC Finally! Fall is here! Even with the 100 degree heat during August, we were busy with our Educational Fundraisers. Our President Elect, Elaine Rice, taught us about wet and dry grounding. This is a very unique technique that some in the group had never done. We had our first regular meeting on September 10. Paula White taught us how to correctly apply paint for grapes. We were able to see from Paula’s pieces that grapes are not just purple or red. She even demonstrated how to stamp grape leaves on our design. We also enjoyed a delicious lunch of taco salad and sweet treats. ~ Mary Risley



Grapes painted on a glass jar by Stella Shilling

Golden Triangle PAC The GTPAC began a new year on September 24th. We had a 3-day seminar given by Paula White. The subject was a lighthouse on rocky shore. There were seven members and two guests in attendance. The ladies learned many new techniques as they had fun painting and visiting. Paula was gracious enough to donate one of her landscapes (a 10”X14” tile) to the club for a fundraiser. Thank you, Paula. The demo on Friday was an in-depth presentation of the color wheel, the blending of colors, values and utilizing light source.

In October we have a business meeting and possibly a paint in. We continue on to November with learning the technique of wire wrapping with Paula Quick and Marlene Locke. December will end our 2021 year with a nice Christmas Luncheon which is always a special occasion for all. We will begin the year of 2022 with exciting plans to continue to learn and enjoy our Art. ~ Ann Kondos



Painted by Paula Quick

Heart of Texas PAC Happy fall y'all from Heart of Texas PAC. Hopefully everyone had a great summer, but I think the majority of us are looking forward to some cooler weather. Some of our members met over the summer to enjoy some painting time and fellowship. Our ladies were so excited to officially return from summer break and to start a new year. We have so many plans for this year. We discussed our fundraiser which will be an Easter basket full of goodies. We also discussed bringing back an old tradition of show and tell. Each member is to bring a piece they are working on or have finished since the previous meeting. If you don't bring a piece, you have to make a small donation to the club. — We wanted to share images of some things our talented ladies have been working on over the summer. Jamie Strauss painted the Texas-shaped ornaments. Twyla Wallace painted the beautiful ladies on the trays. The image of the two young ladies on the round plate was painted by a new student, Ashley Pritchard; this is the fourth fire. Ava Nitschke painted the roses on a tile. — To close this news, it's with a very heavy heart that we announce the loss of a dear member, Jean Donald. Jean lost her long, courageous 5-1/2 year battle with stage 4 breast cancer. She gained her heavenly wings on September 18, 2021, with family at her side. She was an asset



to this organization, full passion for this beautiful art. Her knowledge and skill was insurmountable. There is no doubt that she will be missed. — Until the next issue, stay well and safe. God Bless. ~

Holly Johnson



Tools of the Trade



LED Swing Arm Desk Lamps are bright and inexpensive. The brightness level is adjustable. Available on Amazon.



Update — After tracing a pattern onto china using these pens, blow onto the pattern with a hair dryer. The ink will disappear and you can reuse the pattern! These come in different colors and are available at Walmart, Staples, Office Depot, and Amazon.

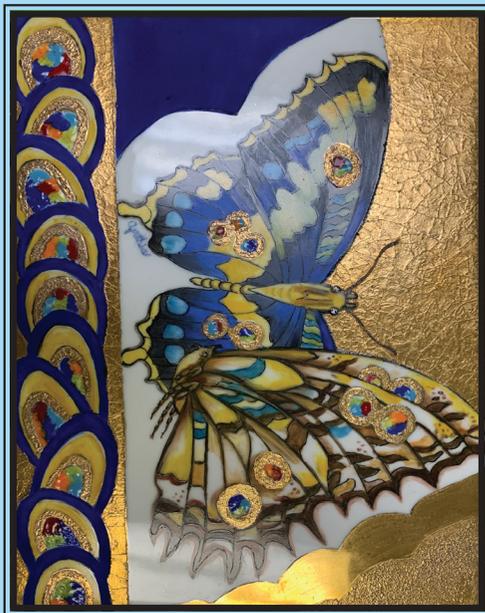
PAC of Houston We had a great time at our first meeting of the year. We wore masks at the request of the church, and we forwent the pot luck luncheon. Dee Tobias made a delicious pound cake, and Marisol put individual slices on plates and saran wrapped them for us. Of course I looked like a pig because I couldn't stack a couple of slices on one plate. So everyone knew I had 3 servings from all the plates around me! What can I say, it was delish! — Our display table was full with many styles of painting. There was incredible black penwork cheetahs among jungle plants on a lidded round box by Linda Marshall. She also did paste work on crosses with gold. Sue Shelley had contemporary styled bunnies in multi colors with blue noses and also traditional blue delft flowers in a basket. Therese Newland painted a lot of tiny pieces, sewing thimbles and necklace pendants, with subjects varying from roses and birds to the American flag. Ann Sirota displayed a small teapot and oval box. Ann Zitterkopf showed a white bird on a black background. Brenda Bell exhibited wall candle holders with copies of Bougerau paintings, Angel with cupids, and angel and fairy couple and a square tile with a butterfly kaleidoscope. — There were many door prizes to win since we began our new raffle method. Anyone with a birthday in the meeting month brings a wrapped prize. Six people bought winning tickets! — It was so good to finally see Martha Van Winkle's broken china mosaics program. It's been 2 years since she was first scheduled! She gave us details on how to break the porcelain into smaller pieces. It included equipment to use as well as safety advice so that we don't accidentally end up broken, too. Her work table was covered with boxes of porcelain pieces, hand tools, glues, grouts, sealers, and many finished items. Luckily she gave us a printed hand-out with all of the information so we didn't have to take notes. She even had the nerve to saw a teapot and cups in half to give them a flat back so she could glue them to a board. Marjy Fulton won the mosaic birdhouse door prize. But there were many finished flower pots, plates, and trays that Martha also generously gave away. (I think she was just sick of packing up all her supplies!) What a great start to our year! ~ Brenda Bell



North East Texas PAC WooHoo! NETPAC is finally meeting once again, and what a meeting it was! Garland Women's Building fairly rocked with laughter and conversation as members caught up with one another, greeting one another with smiles and stories of the past few months. After a much-needed business meeting to update club affairs and discuss the upcoming convention in March, members surprised Mary Sue Hughes as this year's recipient of the Frances Crow Art award, presented by President Pat Moore. The meeting was followed by a covered dish luncheon. Afterward, we had time to browse and purchase donated blank china items on display. Thanks to Gail Dean and to Chester and Eileen Huckaby for the hard work and many hours spent pricing, sorting, and storing 10 tubs containing blank china donations. Ways and Means has fundraising well in hand for the year! To the dismay of all, Pat Moore gave us the news that NETPAC has been notified that the Women's Building will be closing December 31, 2021. After many years of wonderful memories, this club is seeking a new meeting location. Wherever we land, please know that you are always welcome at NETPAC. On a sadder note—we are all thinking of our longtime member, Ruth Ann Lubbert, whose brother has recently suffered a serious stroke, and we are also praying for a speedy recovery for Debbie Mayfield, who will be having shoulder surgery, as well as Mary Sue Hughes, who is having eye surgery soon. Blessings from NETPAC. ~ *Gayle Harry*

Northwest Harris County PAC As our club has not met for some time we are meeting this week painting hydrangeas with Daphne Stevens. We are excited to be together once again. Thankfully our old meeting place is open at the Lone Star College in Tomball. Next month Stella Shilling will be our guest artist. We will be painting a piece with a plaid border. We are looking forward to being with Stella once again. She has been sorely missed. She is such a wealth of knowledge. We still rely on her at times. In December we will have our yearly luncheon and exchange a painted piece. THEN.....It's 2022. Don't know were the time has gone. Wishing all an early MERRY CHRISTMAS. ~ *Diana Ward*

Palo Pinto PAC We had a small cozy group for our September meeting. Cynthia Pinnell gave a presentation on using texture to enhance our porcelain for china painting. Her butterfly tile is a beautiful example of her work using textures. She included a demonstration on applying fiberglass to porcelain, which was very interesting. Afterwards, we had a quiet, contemplative basket meal (prepared by Juane Reed and Linda Behrens) in the meditation garden in Mineral Wells, which is close to the church where we meet. Thank you for your contributions to make this event happen! ~ We are looking forward to Kay Marcum teaching a class on painting feathers at our October meeting. Then on October 9th, Mineral Wells will be hosting their annual Crazy Water Festival. The club will have a booth to promote porcelain art and hopefully attract some new members. We will be selling bisque and some finished pieces. We also hope to have several china painting demonstrations. ~ November 2 and 3 will bring Vicki Dean presenting a workshop featuring a Color Wheel Technique.



This is expected to be a fun several days! ~ Difficult words to write: Jodie McMillen's husband Mike passed this week. Our hearts and prayers are with her. Please remember her in your prayers, too. ~ Linda Schmidt



River Valley PAC River Valley PAC met for the first time in several months; it was a joy to see so many smiling faces. Our first meeting was a show and tell of painted china members had done during the pandemic. There were many pretty pieces. We are all glad to be back on a monthly routine of getting together. ~ We look forward to October when Ruth Ann Lauritzen will give a demonstration.



Ruth Ann is a wonderful doll maker so we always look

forward to her demonstrations. ~ November brings our club member, Ann Zitterkopf, to lead us in a long awaited seminar on pine cones, and then before we know it December and Christmas are here. ~ We hope each of you are back painting and meeting, sharing ideas and designs. ~ *Claudia Nelson*



South Plains PAC Summer has come and gone. Fall is in the air and winter is right around the corner. South Plains PAC has been very busy in these last few months. We continue to get together on Mondays at the Garden and Art Center for painting, helping each other with our painting, laughing and just having plain fun. In July, our sweet Julie Lawrence lead a seminar of elk, deer, and moose. I am so grateful to you Julie for your willingness to share your talent with us. Janet Nelson also came into town to give us a seminar on Santas. What wonderful times we had in these seminars. And we are not yet done. We are looking forward to a seminar with Susan Thumm. She will be bringing us instructions on how to paint cantaloupe. September brings the fair to Lubbock. There are pieces to be entered into the fair. Let's fill those cases ladies. Of course, it's hard to think of this time of year without thinking of Christmas. Our annual Christmas party will be in the warm and cozy home of Laurel Austin, where we will have a great time eating, visiting, playing games, and exchanging vases we have painted. Can you believe a new year, 2022, is moving ever so close. My how the time flies. Lastly, I can hardly wait for the fun things Donna Rasco has planned for us! ~ *Lissa Edwards*



Tri-County PAC With Christmas in three months, our club was blessed to have Pam Early come in September for two days to teach us how to paint a Santa face. Wow is she an expert! Her Santa porcelain examples jump off the page like in a storybook. They are so detailed and cheery! Our group did a wonderful job duplicating one of her Santa portraits. Some in our group were stretched and challenged. Others dove right in! Each plate turned out beautiful and unique. These examples are not complete, but you can already tell that the finished product will be a showstopper! We had lunch both days and chatted about kids and grandkids as usual — one of our favorite things to do! We hope you are all well and painting! ~ *Dale Dodge*



Uvalde Club

Christmas is coming at a very fast rate!
We are busy creating for that big date!

In October, Donna Rasco brought porcelain clay.
For a 3 day workshop..oh my We did play!

You see, Donna learned from Nancy Benedetti.....
well that fun excitement made us girls quite heady!

We fashioned beauteous gifts with our own little hands!
Made us smile, tip our glasses...and strike up the bands!

Family, friendship, ideas and painting fits us like a glove.
Let's cheer each other on and keep our hearts full of love!!

Stephanie Gager



Victoria Crossroads PAC Victoria Crossroads PAC is alive and well. Thanks be to God! We continue to meet every forth Tuesday monthly with times of exception due to Covid variants. We are all pleased that Fall has arrived and along with it brings a renewed spirit for painting and preparing for the holiday season and beyond. Our club is few in numbers of members, but we have a deep bond of friendship and love for porcelain art. I'll end with our club motto: "A thing of beauty is a joy forever; it's loveliness increases; it can never pass into nothingness." ~ *Lauren Jackson*



PAG of Waco We were all very saddened to hear about Michael Turner's passing. He was truly one of the great artists and people of our time. We were scheduled to see him in July, but he just wasn't up to it. I just loved his attitude. He was so quick-witted and always brought smiles and laughter to everyone he was near. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family. He will truly be missed. ~ This past weekend we had Stella Shilling here teaching us her glass techniques. It was fabulous. She has a vast knowledge of all things glass and was willing to share all she knew. We just loved all her examples of different types of glass items you can paint on, including a pickle jar. So, cute and just shows you the possibilities of painting on glass are endless and really make you think before throwing out any kind of bottles! We were so very blessed that so many of our members could join in for this seminar. Two of our members, Kathy & Promise Waterbury, catered our lunch for Saturday and Sunday. We never ate so well, with BBQ and all the fixin's on Saturday, and then on Sunday they spoiled us even more with one of the largest charcuterie spreads I've ever seen on Sunday. Thank you ladies; it was wonderful. ~ The convention is fast approaching and we are all talking about the upcoming event and can't wait. See you there! ~ *Laurie Brown*



Members of the Wichita Falls PAC were saddened by the passing of Annie Rogers. Annie was a creative artist as well as a very sweet and caring person. In the last few years, Annie was unable to paint but would attend our meetings because she loved to be with her fellow artisans. She will be missed by all of us.

West Texas PAC Summer is coming to a close and we are getting ready for our first meeting in September. We will start out the year with a seminar with Susan Thumm. She will be teaching her red birds and snow. So excited. ~ We have taken some time from our summer fun days to organize our rooms. The church where we meet has given us 3 rooms for our studio, storage, and items for sale. We have a lot of blank china and supplies that have been donated to the club, so if any member needs something it is available. New members also have supplies to get started with. ~ At our last meeting, we painted yellow and white daisies with a bird. We are so blessed to have Pam Early as a member. She shares her talent so freely. Here are wishes for all the clubs have a fun and productive year. (Please accept the Editor's apology for omitting this news in the Fall Issue. Her brain has been a little bit fried lately.) ~ What a wonderful way to start the new club year with a seminar by Susan Thumm. We painted red birds in the snow over three very intense days. Not only does Susan teach you to paint, she teaches you to SEE all of the colors that make up the composition. It is always eye opening and wonderful to have Susan Thumm come to Sweetwater. ~ In October, Becky Robinson will demonstrate strawberries, and in November, Pam Sargent will demonstrate pumpkins. ~ Pictured are Pam Early, Donna Axe, Martha Stewart, and in front Pam Sargent. We are very proud of our pieces. Until next time, happy painting. ~ Pam Sargent



Wichita Falls PAC After a three-month vacation, the PAC met again on September 13, 2021. The program was chaired by Karen, Seda, and Judy. Karen made a beautifully decorated table displaying the plates she painted featuring the facial images of celebrities. She demonstrated the unique technique she used to make whimsical snow faces and shared her patterns for lips, noses, and eyes to help us create snow faces of our own. Creating our own character was a fun and a easy challenge. ~ Karen, Seda and Judy are painting the snow people and Santas to sell in the annual Christmas Festival held in the historic downtown Nocona, Texas. The main street of this historic town will have the traditional sights and sounds of the Christmas season: lights, caroling, and music along with other festivities. ~ After our meeting we enjoyed our usual lunch together. Since we had an absence of meetings for the last three months, we had a lot of catching up to do on past and current events. We were pleasantly surprised when Seda provided our after-lunch dessert, giving each of us a sugar cookie decorated with snow people. It was indeed an enjoyable time together. ~ Our October meeting will be chaired by Pat McClure. We always look forward to her presentations. ~ Rachel Brown





Artist: Michael Turner