



Puget Sound

Tugboat Tolars

**A Chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters*

January/February 2017

WELCOME 2017!

I hope that your Holidays were all wonderful, filled with joy and happy memories.

I am hoping we have some exciting changes that will benefit us all. First of all, we are having monthly meetings again. The January 7th meeting will be a brief "business meeting" followed by a great Watercolor card demo by Cherlene, then a small but fun raffle.... A painting friend Pam Stalker will be setting up TWO tables for us all to browse and buy from. We will have snacks, and spend the rest of our afternoon painting our unfinished projects and visiting. A great time to TALK to each other and really get to KNOW our group. I know I have been a member for a few years, yet there are still some of you I know by names and smiles.....but nothing about your likes, or life. I love getting to know people, and think this will make us all closer ...(or, you will fire me as President...lol)

Please, bring a friend...it will be a good time to get to meet new painters and add to our group.

Then in February, we will have a structured paint in. I believe (will have to check schedule with Cyndy) Vickie will be teaching a piece from one of the classes she took at the convention. There will be NO CHARGE for this paint in. I know it will be great fun as we always have a good time. This may change as it depends on Vickie's health. We should know more by the January meeting.

As you probably already know my theme for this year is Peace. I would love for it to be "PEACE ON EARTH" but that is almost overwhelming. So my PEACE is for us to create peace in our own lives, and the lives of those we touch. Remember...

BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 7th. Happiness to you all.

~~~Helen



Visit our Website  
[www.tugboattolars.org](http://www.tugboattolars.org)





January

Cyndy 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Renee 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Mary Beth 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Jane 30<sup>th</sup>

March

Janie 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Gary 4<sup>th</sup>



Scruffy Brush Studios

Check out the calendar at [www.scruffybrushstudios.com](http://www.scruffybrushstudios.com)

| 2017 Executive Board |           |
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| Ways N Means         | Patti     |
| Sunshine             | Renee     |

**New Schedule for the Newsletter**

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| January 1   | March 1    |
| May 1       | July 1     |
| September 1 | November 1 |



January 7<sup>th</sup> 2017  
 10:00 - 4:00  
 Our first painting day!  
 Come and enjoy participating in a watercolor demonstration, sales table, time to chat and work on your own unfinished projects.

 Valley Sewing  
 General & Contract Sewing

13928 Hillcrest Ave.  
 Poulsbo, WA 98370

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 (360) 697-1303

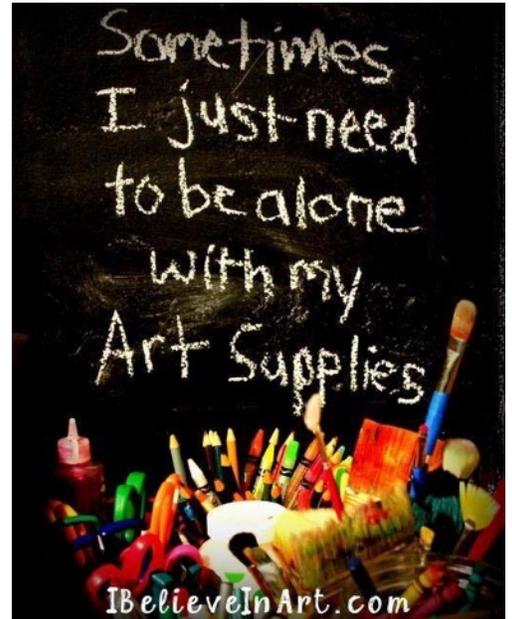


**SALE~ Great surfaces cash and checks welcome....great buys**



Hoping everyone had a fabulous holiday season!! I can't wait to get started on 2017! I have some ideas in mind for our classes and demo's for the new year, but would love to hear from the group... what kind of projects do you want to paint, what kind of demo's would you like to see....are you interested in doing a class or demo?? Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 7th!!

~Cyndy



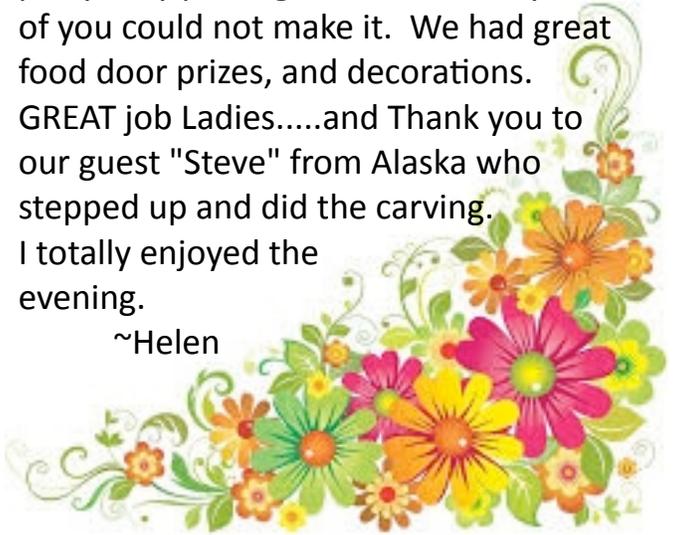
Please let Reneè know if there is anyone in need of some sunshine sent there way!



**SCHARFF BRUSH ORDER**  
Patti will be submitting a brush order soon. See Patti for catalog and order form.

A special THANK YOU to Penni and Marybeth for the very nice Christmas party they put together. I am sorry more of you could not make it. We had great food door prizes, and decorations. GREAT job Ladies.....and Thank you to our guest "Steve" from Alaska who stepped up and did the carving. I totally enjoyed the evening.

~Helen





“As we start a new year we want to remind you that your membership in the Tugboat Toler brings great opportunities to paint with your friends right here in your neighborhood. If you haven't already renewed or are thinking about joining this year, please email 2017 Membership Chairperson, Patti Peterson at [pjpatti03@wavecable.com](mailto:pjpatti03@wavecable.com) to get more information and an application. Membership signups forms will be available at the each meeting.

Not a computer user? Please contact Patti at home on her land line 360-895-0174. Enjoy painting your world.”

## Made in America . . .and drawing pencils

Cherlene

Have you seen the ABC World News segment Made in America? I have and it has made me into an intense label checker. It got me thinking what is not from USA. After a few months of checking "countries of origin", and creating my International Fruit Salad, I began to wonder what **IS** Made in America.

Here's a laughable example of "country of origin's. I took a fresh fruit salad to a friend's home over the holidays. Here is what I purchased for my fruit salad:

Raspberries from Sunny Ridge Mexico

Pineapple chunks packed for Wal-Mart from Costa Rica

You gotta love this one . . . *California* Giant Blueberries from . . .Uruguay

Strawberries from Dole in Canada

Therefore; I named my salad an International Fruit Salad.

Laughing aside, how many of our art supplies are made in the USA? I did demos for Crayola and Liquitex in 1984 when the company was purchased by Hallmark Cards. They are made Easton, Penn. Here is a fabulous site to show the details of the manufacturing of Crayolas. There are 23 photos in addition to the text. You will be fascinated at it; I am sure!

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2974653/Waxing-lyrical-Inside-colourful-Crayola-factory-12million-crayons-100-000lbs-paraffin-wax-day.html>

Do I really; do I really need to know any of this?! YES, I do! One manufacturer I found exports to India, USA, UK, Dubai, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh & South Africa. Guess that isn't made in the USA or they would not be "exporting" to USA.

I found an interesting fact about the drawing pencils I use at this website:

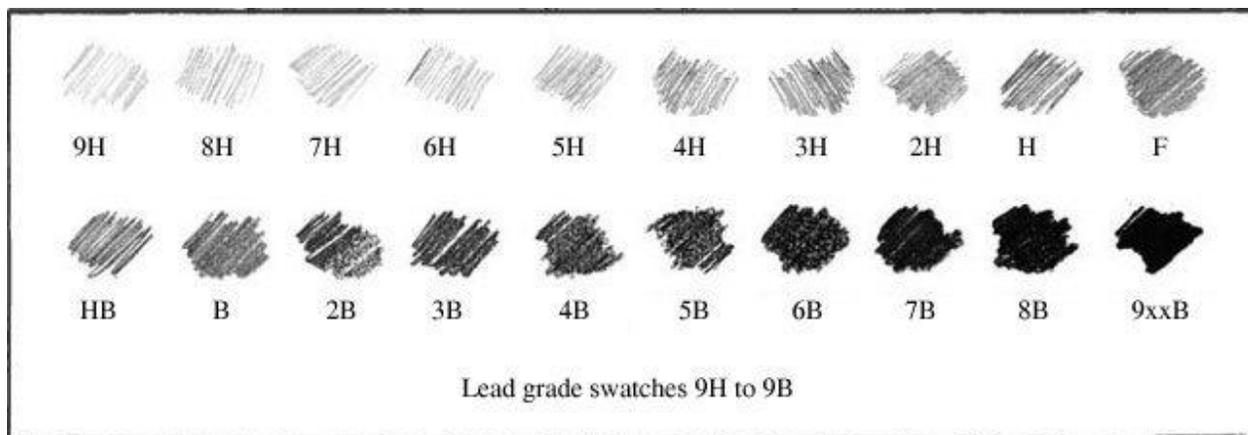
<http://www.generalpencil.com/history.html>

My first love in the art field is oil painting; a close second is pencil and pen drawing/sketching. I feel most designs begin with a sketch or drawing. Today, There is a range of lead pencil hardness that are useful for design sketches. Harder grades are preferred for their lighter mark, and ability to hold a fine point. Softer leads can be used to add shadow and shading. Using different grades of lead, can add a range of value to your drawings.

H leads are extremely smudge-resistant and give cleaner lines, making them useful for things such as outlines, technical drawings, light sketches, and even watercolors. Left-handed pencil users can also take advantage of smudge-resistant H leads. On the downside, hard leads tend to easily indent or scratch the paper.

The lead grades in the middle of the spectrum are F and HB. HB (American #2) is the standard lead grade used for writing because it's dark enough to be read clearly while having minimal smudging.

B leads are smooth to write and draw with. They smudge easily, but are readily erased. They're perfect for pencil drawings as artists can take advantage of the brush-like expressions, especially in the higher B grades. Animators in particular enjoy using 10B over animator paper because it writes like butter, creating nice, quick, heavy lines with no friction.

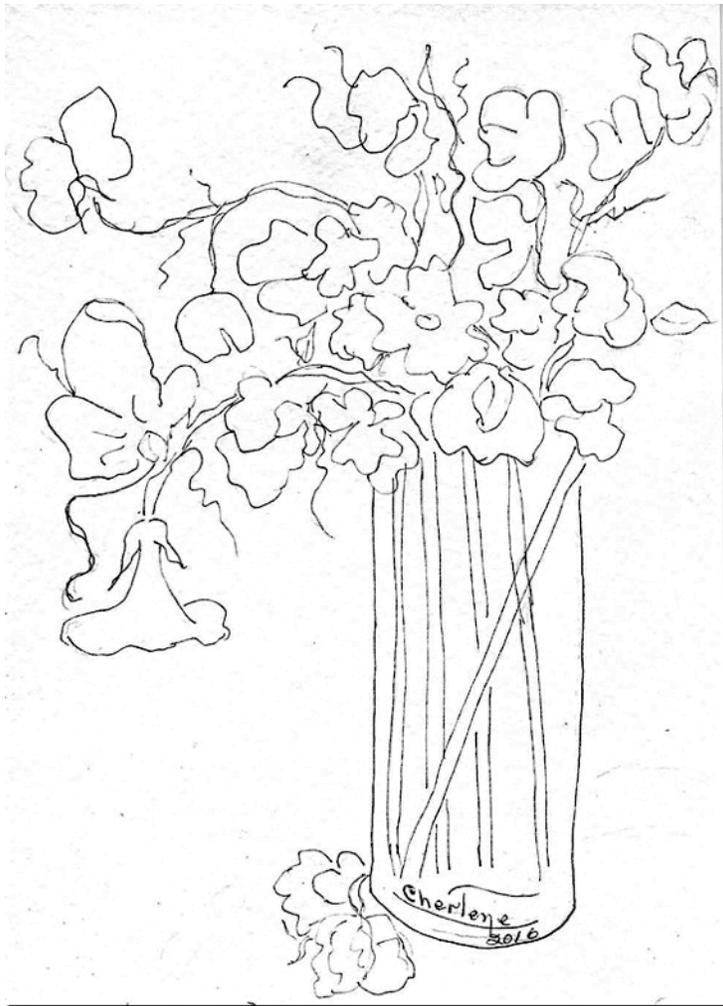


As you know, I am now trying to learn to do watercolors. Claudia Nice has a great book "Creating Textures in Pen & Ink with Watercolor". If you get the chance to buy any of her books, give them a few moments of your time.

Have fun with this drawing of raindrops.



January 7, 2017 Watercolor Demonstration  
by Cherlene (pictures may change)



*Doors Open at 10:00  
January 7, 2017*

*Come Enjoy The Fun!!*

*Bring your unfinished projects  
to work on after the general  
meeting and demo*

2017 Meetings will be held at  
Christian Life Center  
1780 Lincoln Ave SE  
Port Orchard, WA 98366  
Paint-in 10:00am 4:00pm

We will be meeting in the room  
adjacent to the kitchen when  
we paint so we can have a  
**potluck lunch.**

Potluck Lunches will give us a break and time  
to visit!

The more that bring a dish to share, the larger  
variety we will all enjoy!



## Membership Renewal is Due

Membership is January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

Bring this form, check/cash and a copy of your SDP membership card to the next meeting  
or contact:

PSTBT Membership : Patti Peterson 360-895-0174  
[pjpatti03@wavecable.com](mailto:pjpatti03@wavecable.com)

## Puget Sound Tugboat Tolars Membership Application

Annual Dues: Individual \$12—Seniors (62+) \$6—Teacher \$15—Business \$20

\*\*Make check payable to Tugboat Tolars\*\* Membership dues are due Oct 1<sup>st</sup> & become delinquent Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Chapter Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

SPD membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

The Tugboat Tolars Chapter of the SDP hereby gives notice that various paints, finishes, and solvents are being used during meetings and seminars. Each participant is responsible for assessing his or her own potential risk or exposure to these products and their components before electing to participate in these events. Tugboat Tolars, it's teachers, and it's agents assume no responsibility for the participant's use or exposure to these products.

