



Over Fifty Years of Self-Help, Not Charity

MFPA Newsletter, Fall 2018

Once again, it has been an active and exciting year for the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists. As always, we want to thank you for your support as we continue to strive toward our dream of artistic excellence and financial independence. Through your loyalty we have been able to accomplish so much in the year 2018 and we are excited to share our adventures with you.

Celebrating Life, Line and Color



Mariam Paré (IL), Sara Jane Parsons (TX) and Alana Tillman (CA) combined their amazing talent to organize a special exhibition at Agave Print in Austin, TX, in September. The exhibition, entitled "Contours", was a celebration of the forms and lines that make up nature: like the shapes of a landscape or the curve of a face. The event was a tremendous success, allowing each artist to showcase her own extraordinary talent and unique interpretation of the theme, and also giving the general public a glimpse of the strength of spirit and artistic excellence of the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists.



Best in Show

Mouth painter Nancy Hall (NY) was accepted into the prestigious Roycroft Arts and Craftsman Guild in March of this year. Recently she was invited to participate in a 2 day show held at the historic Roycroft Campus in East Aurora, New York, where visitors marveled at her talent.



Inspiring Young Minds

In April, Chicago based mouth painter Antonio Davis spent a day inspiring children at the Richard Daley College in Chicago. The children were able to enjoy a demonstration by Antonio and even had the chance to try mouth painting themselves. "The kids were amazing!... Their honesty and humor is priceless" says Antonio.

Giving Back

Virginia mouth painting artist, Paige Crouch, is on a mission to inspire and give hope to the disabled community. This year she was invited by the non-profit organization Melwood (a leading provider of Job Opportunities and Supportive Services for people with differing abilities) to tell her story and talk about what it means to be a disabled working artist. The attendees were of all ages and it was so well received that she has agreed to come back quarterly so she can continue to inspire her community with her strength and spirit.





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Famous Faces

For Austin based mouth artist Sara Jane Parsons, 2018 has been all about honing her portraiture skills. Sara Jane loves faces, particularly faces of people who inspire her. So far this year Sara Jane has embarked on three portrait projects. She painted portraits of influential people by whom she is inspired, such as Humanitarian, Talk Show Host and Comedian, Ellen DeGeneres; Academy Award Winner, Advocate and host of The View, Whoopi Goldberg; and Academy Award winning Actor Matthew McConaughey. It is her hope to be able to present each of her heroes with their own portrait and tell them how their work has influenced her.



Makers Market

Alana Tillman (CA) a self professed “foodie” was once again invited to be the feature artist at her local William & Sonoma's Makers Market in Sonoma, CA. Alana gave a live painting demonstration and showcased her incredible landscapes that are inspired by the beauty of her home in the California Wine Country.



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Top Gear

Avid “Gearhead” Christopher Kuster (FL) has been gaining wide recognition for his fun and zany car cartoons. Chris was recently interviewed for “Pinstriping and Kustom Graphics Magazine” in his home studio, jokingly dubbed “MotorMouth Studio”, where people line up to have their cars “Cartooned by Chris”.

Welcome: We would like to welcome two new students to the MFPA USA Family: Stephanie Gregorich (IL) and Donna Bell (LA).

In Memoriam: This year we mourn the loss of three MFPA USA Student members: Joe Urquizo (TX), Jack Stone (NY) and David Senecal (NY). They will be greatly missed.