

New jobs thanks to PGE

I already told you in 2016 that I had gotten a job at the Creative World fair in Frankfurt/Germany. Now I get one job offer after the other and it's all because of my PGE membership. This is how it came about:

UArt, a New York-based company was looking for an artist who could demonstrate pastel painting on their paper and who lived close to Frankfurt. During their internet search they came across the PGE website and found my name in the members' list. They visited my website and liked what they saw. They also noted that I had won a few Get Dusty competitions.

They sent me an email and asked if I knew UArt paper and would be willing to accept their job offer. Unfortunately I didn't know UArt paper but they immediately sent me a few pads in different grades for testing. I was really enthusiastic about their paper and gladly accepted. We quickly agreed upon the terms of my contract.

They invited me again for this year; each time I had a great time at the fair. Now I am a member of the UArt team, we have become friends and I will continue to work for them; I fully back their 'UArt Premium Sanded Pastel Paper'.

During my time at the Creative World Fair I made the acquaintance of several other art company sales reps. I was commissioned by a German company to present the UArt paper during an art weekend at a big art shop in the Netherlands. The event at the beginning of March was extremely well organized and a lot of fun. PGE chair Dorothea Schulz and PGE member Brigitte Courté came to see me; what a great reunion! We were 30 artists all in all and really enjoyed showing our work. More than 1300 visitors came over the weekend. We barely had time for a break; so we were treated to food and drink at our work desks! Some of the visiting pastel artists showed interest in becoming PGE members; I am really curious who will sign up.

In addition I was commissioned to produce a pastel painting with Derwent pastel pencils on UArt paper. Because I didn't have any of their pencils, I was given a 24pc box. The German company liked my painting very much and bought it.

I was asked to do more jobs like this all over Germany and the neighbouring Benelux countries. Isn't that exciting?

So you see even career wise it pays off to be a PGE member!