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### Hello PPS Members,

Hard to believe we are in to summer already. Thank you all for sharing your pastel journey with us! I know I am inspired when I see what you all are up to and I know others are, too. Even just sharing what you're currently working on helps others get back to or stay at the easel, which is ultimately our goal! I hope you enjoy this newsletter and will consider sending in your work. Thank you for bringing more beauty and joy into the world with your art!

-Scarlett Fleming  
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Piedmont Pastel Society

**The Piedmont Pastel Society, Charlotte, NC** is a non-profit organization established in 2007. Our goal is to promote and provide educational opportunities for our members; to enhance community awareness and appreciation of the value and beauty of soft pastels; and to connect individual artists in our region.

Members experience a creative environment for learning and sharing in art demonstrations, membership exhibitions, plein air outings, and workshops. Our programs and socials provide channels for networking, communication, and friendship.



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### CREATIVE MINDS NEEDED!

As we move into summer, the PPS board is starting to think about next year. We could really use some help. Several positions are open, such as website chair, marketing and help with exhibitions...next year we will need to start preparing to host Statewide 2023. There are people who have served on the board for several years so there is a lot of helping each other to get jobs done. Currently, all board meetings are on Zoom and take an hour every couple of months. We try to keep things fun and not too time consuming. The team has done a great job this year finding ways to share our art through zoom, the more help we can get, the better our society will be. If you are interested in helping out the board, please contact me directly at [tracyferenceart@gmail.com](mailto:tracyferenceart@gmail.com)

Additional Board positions we are looking for are:

Membership chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 19: Prepping photos with Terrilynn Dubreuil

July 17: Sandra Lo paints a still life

August 21: Kim Eshelman paints the landscape

October 19-21: Workshop with Susan Kuznitsky

October 23: Demo with Susan Kuznitsky and awards presentation

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Christine Swann Workshop



24 people attended the Christine Swann portrait workshop which was mind-blowing. Her approach to using pastels is very different and really made sense to many of us. She focuses on the powers of the pastels.

### Pastel CATEGORIES:

**LOW POWER** - all pastel sticks, (no matter what brand) Rembrandts, Nupastels, Creatacolors or any old *square* grumbachers

### MEDIUM POWER -

Giraults, Winsor Newton, Blue Earth, Diane Townsend, Mount Vision, Unisons, Older Richesons or any old *round* grumbachers,

**3/4 POWER- OPTIONAL** — Terry Ludwigs, Newer Richesons, Schminckes, Ming Art Pastels

**HIGH POWER** - Senneliers, Great Americans, Roches



I learned that I prefer high powers which is why I struggle sometimes. As Christine says "if everything is special nothin will be special" Use the high power for mark making selectively. Low power makes the high power sing!

We spent a good deal of time on the five rules of light. Christine recommended the book "the Classical Atelier" by Juliette Aristedes especially chapter two on composition. We raffled it off to workshop participants and Janet Johnson won it.

Here is my painting from the course. There are other finished paintings on our Facebook page, all very different and wonderful.

-submitted by Eileen Wilhem

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### Monthly Raffle Entries and Winner

Below is a list of all who participated in this month raffle:

1. Patricia Wilt - Summers Abundance
2. Debbie Meade - Sunflowers
3. Jeannie Gilland
4. Laurie Basham - Iris In The Sun
5. Eileen Wilhem
6. Eileen Wilhem
7. Patricia Wilt - On The Table
8. Barbara Curry - Ladder to the Soul
9. Eileen Wilhem
10. Laurie Basham - Iris and Azalia
11. Price Story - Camillia 2
12. Deb Brown
13. Malia Bryngelson - Morning Brew
14. Price Story- Orchid
15. Deb Brown
16. Malia Bryngelson - Morning Sun
17. Jane DS
18. Price Story - Rose
19. Eileen Wilhem
20. Betty Morgan
21. Price Story - Azaleas
22. Tracy Ference
23. Jay Dechesere
24. Janet Johnson- Sunny Interlude
25. Price Story- Iris
26. Janet Johnson - Some Strings Attached
27. Anne Strutz
28. Eileen Wilhem
29. Janet Johnson- Rainy Days & Mondays
30. Tracy Ference - Onion
31. Carmen Davidson - Apples of Color
32. Patricia Wilt
33. Janet Johnson - The Bottle Wall

The winner is...Betty Morgan! Congratulations on winning a \$25 gift certificate to your favorite art supply store!!!

**Congratulations!**

**Betty Morgan**



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### PPS BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 8, 2021 - Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Tracy, Laurie, Eileen, Deb B, Cammie, Deb A  
Absent: Ginny, Carmen, Scarlett

Welcome: 7:00 pm

Approval of April 20th Board Minutes

- Edit to remove Eileen from attendees
- Motion: Deb Brown
- 2nd: Cammie Stadler

Programs

- Need a Zoom host for the June demo with Terrilynn Dubreuil
  - o Sue will not be able to host
  - o Maybe Terrilynn can host – Tracy to check; maybe Tracy or Eileen can host

- Schedule completed for the year.

- o June 19 – Terrilynn Dubreuil
- o July 17 – Sandra Lo
- o August 21 – Kim Eshelman
- o September 18 – Laurie
- o October – Member Show
- o Next year – Tara Will?

Member Show 2021 - October

- In person show since the Cornwell Center is open – contracts, etc
- Susan's workshop – Zoom – week before show
- Juried show
- Same prospectus
- Show to hang for 2 months
- To have or not have a luncheon – caterer vs people snack items
- Task list from Ginny since she will be in Ohio
- How to coordinate demo and awards
- Regina will teach us how to put the images on the website for online shows but isn't willing to do all of the work – Cammie willing to work on show

Statewide – 2023 is our turn to host; need to begin planning; find location

Signature Status: Laurie

- Opportunity for people to show their work
- Signature Show – non juried – future goal
- Ownership on person to prove they have the points and submit to Membership Committee
- Member Show Meeting – welcome to signature members
- Additional fee for Signature status- \$15

### PPS BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 8, 2021 - Zoom Meeting

- Maintain membership with PPS; member retention
- Retroactive to Oct 2020
- Part of Signature Membership Gallery (website)
- 115 Members currently
- \$30 Membership – listed with contact/website but no gallery
- Increase membership next year because we offer monthly programs whereas other societies have only 4 programs per year
- Tracy will have to notify members of change
- Decide on points system – review and make some decisions at next general board meeting
- By August/September – get word out to members; need to figure out point for qualification

- Motion: Eileen
- 2nd: Laurie

Board Positions

- Need confirmation from each board member on whether or not they will keep their position, want to move to a different position or leave the board altogether.
- o President – Tracy Ference
- o VP - Laurie Basham (will help with programs)
- o Treasurer – Eileen Wilhem/open
- o Secretary – Deb Ashton/open
- o Website – Deb Brown & Cammie Stadler
- o Programs – Ginny Stocker & Laurie Basham
- o Newsletter – Scarlett Fleming
- o Membership – Cammie Stadler (Eileen to share member archiving) / open
- o Hospitality/Raffles – Carmen Davidson
- o Skills survey? Encourage people to join in
- o Tracy to reach out to Patty for Show planning

Future Board Meeting Dates (Conference Calls) 7pm

o July 13th – finalize signature status; clarifying jobs for member show

Adjournment 8:09 pm

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If you did not have the opportunity to attend the Statewide show but would like to see the online version...here is the link!

<https://www.pastelsocietyofnc.com/2021-north-carolina-statewide-pastel-exhibition-on-common-ground-from-the-mountains-to-the-sea/>



### 2021 North Carolina Statewide Pastel Exhibition

### On Common Ground: From the Mountains to the Sea

June 1-30, 2021

The North Carolina Statewide Juried Pastel Exhibition is a collaboration of three pastel societies: The Appalachian Pastel Society (APS), the Pastel Society of North Carolina (PSNC) and the Piedmont Pastel Society (PPS). Our mission is to inspire artists, enhance the public's appreciation for the lasting value and beauty of the medium of soft pastels, and establish North Carolina as an emerging cultural market. The 2021 show is hosted by the Pastel Society of North Carolina. The exhibition this year is being held at Bev's Fine Art in Raleigh, NC.

Thank you to PSNC for hosting such a great event!

Tracy Ference  
PPS President

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Member News

**“Layering the Light”  
ONLINE Pastel Workshop  
with Rita Kirkman June 17-19, 2021**



Registration link in description or IG profile, or visit [RitaKirkman.com](http://RitaKirkman.com)

**June 17-19, 2021 - 3 spaces left!**

**"Layering the Light" Pastel Workshop (ONLINE) with Rita Kirkman - \$250**

In this intensive 3-day workshop, you will learn how to create a vibrant sense of glowing light in your pastel paintings. Instruction emphasizes value and temperature as keys to unlocking the light. Learn an underpainting method using pastel primers to "nail the values!" Multiple small works are encouraged for speedy artistic growth. Dedicated personal feedback and critiques using the Padlet app.

For adventurous beginners all the way to advanced pastelists.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10am to 6pm CDT with a 2-hour midday break.

Registration includes links to the videos a few days later.

More info and register here: <https://www.ritakirkman.com/workshop/27029/layering-the-light-pastel-workshop-online>



**Carmen Davidson won Mint Hill Arts  
Best of Show and a \$200 Prize....for  
"Behind the Turquoise Door"**

**Congratulations Carmen!!**



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### July 17 - "Pink Flamingo" Paint-Along with Rita Kirkman \$22

Celebrate Summer... Paint this tropical bird!

Register EARLY to have time to prep your drawing! Rita will send you the Zoom invitation, the reference photo, some surface prep info, and tips that include alternative underpainting methods in case you don't have what she uses.

Rita will be using pastel with an acrylic-based underpainting, but you can use the medium of your choice. Rita has had some attendees enjoy using oil, acrylic, pastel pencil, and even watercolor with her paint-alongs. It's whatever you want to make of it!

All registrants will receive a link to the video a few days later, so if you have to miss part, no worries!

Register here: <https://www.ritakirkman.com/workshop/27620/pink-flamingo-paint-along>



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### Pink Flamingo Paint-Along!

July 17, 1pm CDT

Celebrate Summer!  
...Paint this tropical bird with us!

Saturday, July 17, 2021

(Registration link in description)



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I was juried into the Beauty of Words show at the Red Dog Gallery in Winston Salem. Here are my three paintings one of which was chosen for the bookmark that they pass out.

-Eileen Wilhem



PPS members Regina Burchett and Malia Bryngelson are excited to announce the opening of Spring Gallery! In addition to their pastel paintings, Spring Gallery Artists Group gallery will also feature paintings by watercolor artist Linda Griffin and acrylic painter Robert Thompson.

The gallery at 50 Spring Street, Concord, North Carolina is set to open July 1. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. The beautiful Memorial Garden of Concord is adjacent to the gallery location.

More news to come about the grand opening. We hope to have our PPS friends drop by for a visit!





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# On My Easel

Finally back to the easel, here is my painting from Laura Pollack's fabulous demo and workshop.



Here are the January paintings from Alain Picard's Cutivate program: pleased to say the lemons sold!



Here are two from Alain's #30 Challenge:



-Eileen Wilhem







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# Help wanted



Anyone have recommendations for a plein air easel and pastel box that travels well. Also, does anyone have one to sell????

Marilyn Dwyer wants to know! But we would all love to hear your recommendations!



PASTELS NOT INCLUDED

Send in your favorite product recommendations for a section in the newsletter...

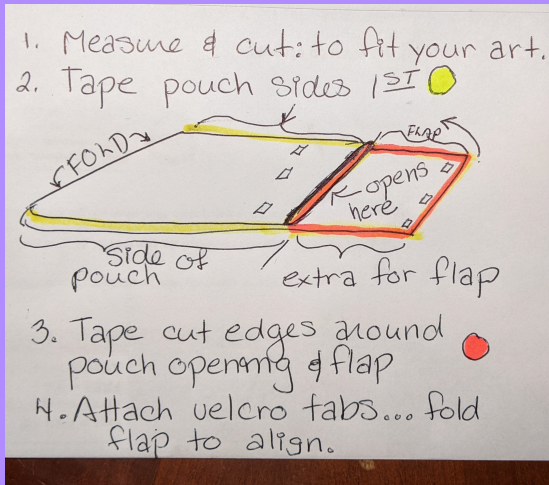






a helpful hint....

Want an inexpensive way to transport your artwork and protect it from the heat, moisture and rain while outside or in your vehicle? I can let my painting sit in my car in the sealed pouch without worry about it "cooking" (I live in the central valley of California).



Buy a roll of Reflectix insulation, and self-adhesive foil tape (Lowes or Home Depot), and self-stick velcro tabs.



Make a pouch to fit your painting by folding one edge of the insulation back on itself, with a little extra for a fold-down flap. Tape side edges of the pouch, and cut edges of the insulation on the flap. Put velcro tabs on the flap and pouch to align.



Hint: let the velcro adhesive set for at least 24 hours before opening and closing so it adheres well.

Lucinda Johnson

# Helpful Hints





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### Piedmont Pastel Society

## Welcome to the 2021... *Monthly Raffle Challenge*

*The 2020 Monthly Raffle was a huge success! We are excited to roll out the 2021 monthly themes and look forward to seeing all your pastel paintings!!!!*

Each month we are having a Face Book Raffle. A \$25 gift certificate to your favorite art supply store will be awarded each month by a drawing. These were made possible by an anonymous donation.

#### How it Works....

There will be a theme each month. You will have from the 10th – 25th of that month to post your painting on the Facebook Sharing page at *Piedmont Pastel Society Sharing Page*.

No judge necessary. Your painting will be automatically entered when you post. Please be sure to note on your post that your painting is for the Monthly Raffle. This is necessary since you can also post your other paintings and other contests and events may be in progress at any time. A drawing will be done after the 25th. A winner will be announced by the end of the month. ENJOY!!!!

#### Monthly Themes for 2021...

- JANUARY - Winter Landscape
- FEBRUARY - Trees
- MARCH - Still Life
- APRIL - Floral
- MAY - Structures in the Landscape
- JUNE - Water or Seascape
- JULY - Sunsets
- AUGUST - Figure/Portrait
- SEPTEMBER - Animals
- OCTOBER - Fall Foliage
- NOVEMBER - Abstract
- DECEMBER - Holiday Theme

[Here](#) is the link to use. When you get there click on join. You will then be accepted and can begin to post. Patience, please, as it will only be checked a couple of times a day.

**\*DON'T FORGET - We have an Artist Resource page on our website noting [free instruction videos and activities](#).**



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Call for Entries: Make Your Mark! The PSSC's third annual international online open juried exhibition is ready for your pastel creations! Enter by July 15. \$1,000 first prize and many other cash and merchandise awards. Open to all pastel artists worldwide. To enter, click here <https://www.onlinejuriedshows.com/Default.aspx?OJSID=50300> For more information, go to <https://www.psscwebsite.org/page/29784/make-your-mark-2021>

Deadline To Apply: July 15, 2021  
\$1000 Cash 1st Place Award

PASTEL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S  
INTERNATIONAL ONLINE OPEN EXHIBITION

# MAKE YOUR MARK!

Esteemed International Judges:  
BETHANY FIELDS - MICHAEL FREEMAN - HALLA SHAFEEY

For prospectus and entry go to [onlinejuriedshows.com](https://www.onlinejuriedshows.com)  
For more information go to [psscwebsite.org](https://www.psscwebsite.org)

The first Pastels Live is coming in August. - Highly recommended. Done by Eric Rhoads and Streamline Videos. I have done several of these virtual conventions and they are really exhausting and outstanding at the same time! - Ginny Stocker

**Pastel Live - A Global Virtual Art Conference -**

**August 18 - 21, 2021**

<https://pastellive.com/2021-tickets>

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