



## *APS Newsletter – May 2025*

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### *From the President:*

Dear Artists,

Although the calendar says it's not officially summer, the rising temps tell a different story! As we head into this vibrant season, I want to highlight two of our social media tools that help keep us connected, informed, and inspired.

- ◆ **Arkansas Pastel Society Website – [arkansaspastelsociety.org](http://arkansaspastelsociety.org)**

Our website is a great resource to share with fellow artists who may be interested in joining our society. It offers insights into our mission, events, membership benefits, and more. While it's geared toward non-members, current members will also find it useful for checking the calendar of events, entering the National Show, browsing upcoming workshops, and staying up to date.

- ◆ **Facebook – *APS Talk* (Members-Only Group)**

This private group page is a wonderful place for real-time interaction. Whether you have a question about a technique, want to share a painting tip, spread the word about a local show (like Mena Art Gallery's recent Call to Entry), or ask for feedback on your work, *APS Talk* is your go-to spot. It's a supportive space for sharing, learning, and growing together.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **May 31** - Mini Workshop with Vic Mastis: Mixed Media
- **June 3** - Member Meeting - April Grossruck, Dakota Pastels (Zoom). Tour of the factory.
- **July 18** - APS/OPS Non-Juried Membership Show at Thea Artist Reception

## **Call for Entries:**

### **APS/OPS Joint Non-Juried Membership Show**

*Thea Foundation Gallery*

*June 30 – July 24 | Opening Reception: July 18*

*Deadline for entries is June 8*

Be sure to check the prospectus sent out by Jody Miller for full details.

### **National Juried Show**

*Argenta Library*

*November 11 – December 12 | Opening Reception: November 21*

*Deadline for entries is September 6*

The prospectus is available now at [OnlineJuriedShows.com](https://OnlineJuriedShows.com).

As always, our society thrives because of *you*. Whether it is joining a committee, volunteering at events, or mentoring new members, every act of involvement strengthens our artistic community. Thank you for being a part of it.

**In the Love of Art,**

*Caprise*

## **MORE ON UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Subject: Joint APS & OPS Show 2025**

***Hello APS Members,***

In seven weeks we will be opening our Joint members show with the Ozark Pastel Society here in Little Rock at the Thea Gallery. You have already received a prospectus and a request for Volunteers needed to make this event possible. A quick update:

There is a change in the submission process. Please submit your entries by Sunday, June 8 to [CapriseCooper@att.net](mailto:CapriseCooper@att.net).

Name

Email

Membership - APS, OPS, or Both

Phone Number

Painting Title

Painting Size

Painting Size Framed

Price

Order of hanging #1 and #2

### ***Still Needed are:***

- 1.** Individual drinks, Snack packages and cookies/bars.
- 2.** Volunteers to assist with hanging the show.

This show will be a great opportunity to showcase the variety of work currently being explored and created by fellow members. We welcome your entries and are confident they will contribute visual joy and interest from all.

## **NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS:**

### **To Send Images for Website, Articles and Tips & Tricks to Lois Davis**

Please put the word "Gallery" in the subject. I get e-mails from 4 e-mail addresses so that means lots of e-mails. I don't want to miss yours.

Also, if you would like to write an article for the "Tips and Tricks" page on the website, please contact me with "Tips and Tricks" in the subject.

### **For members to be added to the gallery, we need:**

1. Name
2. 300 dpi photo of a painting
3. Name of painting
4. Link for website, gallery, facebook, etc. Only one link per person.

Also, if anyone needs to update the information listed in the Gallery or wants to change photo, they would need to send information to be updated.

Email to:

[loisdavis1020@gmail.com](mailto:loisdavis1020@gmail.com)

## 3 DAY PASTEL WORKSHOP with



### Charles Peer PSA, IAPS-EP Pastel Paintings with WOW!



offered by the Springfield Pastel Artists Group

Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday - June 27, 28 & 29, 2025

Location: Splatter Art Studio

4160 South Lone Pine

Springfield, MO 65804

<http://www.splatterartstudio.com/>

Fee: \$325.00 (studio fees included in price)

**To Register Contact: Sherri Davis - [artistsherridavis@gmail.com](mailto:artistsherridavis@gmail.com)**

\$100 deposit OR Full payment may be paid by check and mailed to:

Sherri Davis 3949 North Haven Street Springfield, MO 65803

#### Notes from Charles:

*My goal is not to instruct you to paint like me. Rather, it is to add to your knowledge for making strong paintings and pastel techniques so you can go back home with this experience as reference information you might find helpful while developing your personal style.*

*My workshops are set up with a cycle of demos showing a stage of a painting's development, followed by painting exercises and time to develop your own piece to the same level of the completion with some one-on-one instructor guidance. Interspersed are conversations of many related topic and ideas. The day usually concludes with a short review of the day and viewing our progress.*

*The following is a general idea of the topics to be discussed, though it is important to remember that I hold this schedule very loosely so our conversations and work develop as the group's needs arise.*

Topics of discussion and discovery:

- The stages of building a strong painting.
- Developing an interesting idea for a painting.
- How to use photographs effectively as our reference material.
- Developing a strong composition (design) and focal area of interest.
- Developing an exciting color scheme.
- Various techniques to use as a painting develops.
- More in depth discussion on color and how technology can help broaden your ideas of what is possible.
- Selecting work to submit to competitions. What are those jurors and judges looking for ?
- Preparing your images for competition submissions.
- Review of what we have learned and accomplished.







**More good news for Caprise Cooper's pastel "Holmes 440 Wrecker"** (22"x14"). It has been selected as a Finalist of the April 2025 *PleinAir* Salon Art Competition. The painting was previously juried into the IAPS virtual show as well as the Red Rock Pastel Society of Nevada - Yellow Online International Exhibition. Congratulations, Caprise!



Vic Mastis was juried in the Central Massachusetts Pastel Society Members Online Exhibit with her two paintings, Crow About It and Looking for Hope. It will be on display until June 17, 2025 at

<https://onlinejuriedshows.com/ClosedShowThumbs.aspx?OJSID=58830>

NOTE: The Mini Workshop with Vic Mastis on May 31, 2025 is full. Wait List only.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **May**

- 5/31 Mini Workshop – Vic Mastis: Mixed Media, in person (workshop is full)

### **June**

- 6/3 Member Meeting - April Grossruck, Dakota Pastels (Zoom) factory tour and information on new things
- 6/8 Deadline for entering APA/OPA Members Show
- 6/30 APS/OPS Members Non-Juried Show Opens

### **July**

- No Member Meeting
- 7/14 Board Meeting
- 7/18 APS/OPS Members Non-Juried Show Reception at THEA Foundation
- 7/24 APS-OPS Members Non-Juried Show Closes.

### **August**

- 8/5 Member Meeting - Tour of Art Outfitters, Little Rock

### **September**

- 9/9 Member Meeting – Burneta Venosdel: For the Birds Demo (in person)
- 9/10 Plein Air Event at the Old Mill with Burneta Venosdel (free)

### **October**

- 10/7 Member Meeting - Caprise Cooper: Creating Rust (in person)
- 10/13 Board Meeting - including kick-off of solicitation of board members

### **November**

- 11/18 - 11/20 Colette Ody Smith Workshop at Laman Library
- 11/18 Member Meeting (Demo by Colette Ody Smith)
- 11/21 National Show Opening and Artists Reception

### **December**

- 12/6 Christmas Party and Annual Meeting (tentative date)
- 12/12 – National Show closes.