

Arkansas Pastel Society
2026 Members Only Non-Juried Exhibit

at Thea Foundation

401 Main Street, Suite. 100, North Little Rock, AR 72114

Exhibit Dates: June 29 – July 23

The Arkansas Pastel Society has once again been invited to exhibit at the Thea Foundation from June 29 – July 23, 2026. This is a members only non-juried exhibit. This show is open to Arkansas Pastel Society members with dues in good standing. To enter, email information to Nancy Martin at henson2martin@gmail.com. (See “entry” section below.)

Dates at a Glance

Entries Open: May 1, 2026

Entry Deadline: June 14, 2026

Deadline for receipt of shipped entries: June 23, 2026

Receipt of hand-delivered entries: June 24-25, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., at Thea Foundation,
401 Main Street, Suite. 100, North Little Rock, AR 72114

Reception: Friday, July 17, 2026, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Show Opens: Monday, June 29, 2026

Gallery Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Show Closes: Thursday, July 23, 2026, 5 p.m.

Take Down Show: Monday, July 27, 10 a.m.

Pick up hand-delivered entries: Monday, July 27, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Shipped entries returned no later than Tuesday, July 28.

Awards

“People’s Choice Award”: Attendees will vote for their favorite painting and the winner will receive a \$50 cash prize.

Eligibility

Please read carefully to make sure your work meets the following entry criteria.

- Open to all paid members of the Arkansas Pastel Society. Dues must have been paid by April 1, 2026, to be considered a member for this non-juried show.
- Mixed media may be used for the underpainting.
- The top layer of the painting should be at least 80% dry pastel.

- Work must have never previously hung in the Thea Gallery.
- Entries must be original, unpublished (i.e., paintings that have been included in articles within publications such as the Pastel Journal or Artists Magazine), and executed within the last three years.
- Paintings must not have been exhibited in any previous Members-only Shows at Thea Foundation.
- Work must be original, not copied from other artists or published materials, and from your own reference. Any reference provided by an instructor is not eligible, including an instructor-provided photo, still life setup, or model setup. Reference photos cannot be generated by AI, pulled from the internet, or copyrighted material.
- Work done in a classroom or workshop scenario is eligible for entry in the Thea exhibit.
- All artwork must be originally drawn and not created on top of any type of photographic image or AI generation.
- Paintings of nudes must be submitted in good taste to be considered for acceptance.
- APS reserves the right to refuse any work submitted.
- Entries must be properly framed under glass or plexiglass and ready to hang with wire (sawtooth hangers are not permitted).
- All accepted paintings must be displayed in the show and remain hanging for the duration of the exhibition. Failure to do so will result in a two-year ban from APS Shows.

Entry

- Each artist may submit two paintings at no charge. Email the following information to Nancy Martin at henson2martin@gmail.com.
 - Name
 - Email
 - Phone Number
 - Painting Title
 - Painting Size
 - Painting Size Framed
 - Price
- If you would like to join the Arkansas Pastel Society, our membership form can be found here [aps-membership-form.pdf](#).

Notifications

If your painting is accepted into the show, permission to reproduce the artist's work for publicity purposes is assumed with acceptance.

Sales

Select the statement that fits the agreement with the venue or create a new one:

- Thea Foundation will take no commission.
- Individual artist will manage all sales of their artwork. Art can be listed as NFS (not for sale)
- At the Thea exhibit all sales will be made directly with the artist.

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Delivery and Return of Accepted Entries

- Labeling your Work, adhere the following information to the back of your paintings:
 - Your name
 - Phone number
 - Painting title
 - Price or NFS
- Hand Delivery
 - Drop off Work: Thea Foundation, Tues. – Wed., June 24-25, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - Address: 401 Main St., Ste. 100, North Little Rock, AR
 - Ring the buzzer to the right of the door at Thea and someone will let you in
 - Contact Info: Nancy Martin at Thea Foundation, 501-379-9512
 - Pick Up Work: Monday, July 27, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Shipping
 - Send using prepaid reusable crates with a PREPAID RETURN shipping label and HANDLING FEE of \$20.00 per carton/crate to be sent with the artwork.
 - Do not use foam peanuts for packing.
 - Insure for your own protection.
 - Artists should arrange for the shipping provider to do an indoor delivery.
 - Address: Thea Foundation – APS Show, 401 Main St., Ste. 100, North Little Rock AR 72114
 - Contact: Nancy Martin, 501-379-9512
- Shipped Entries Returned: Paintings will be packaged and returned no later than Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Limitations of Liability

APS recommends that plexiglass be used, especially for works that will be shipped. Glass is used at the artist's risk. Artists will be responsible for repairs to artwork damage in shipping (ie, broken glass, scratched plexiglass, excessive past dust, or dirty mat). If the painting is damaged, the artist will be contacted. If the artist does not wish to arrange to repair the painting, it may be withdrawn from the show. Entry fee will not be returned. Entering this exhibition shall constitute understanding and agreement on the part of the artist with the conditions stated. APS suggests that artists carry separate insurance.

Additional Opportunities: If you are interested in volunteering for the following activities, please email Nancy Martin at henson2martin@gmail.com.

- Demonstrations: Demonstrating a painting in progress during the reception on July 17.
- Story Boards: Create a story board with your reference photo and a few photos of progress to finish with commentary. This board will be placed next to your painting.
- Hanging and Take Down of Show:
 - The show will be hung on Saturday, June 27 beginning at 10 a.m. until finish. It usually takes about 2.5 hours to hang this show and 6-7 volunteers.

- The show will come down on Monday, July 27 at 10 a.m. and should only take about an hour as there will not be many paintings to pack up.
- Refreshments: Members will be asked to bring bottled water (or other beverages) and/or pre-packaged snacks to the reception.
- The pastel “hands on” station: Set up a still life with supplies for reception attendees to try their hands at using pastels. APS has pastels that can be used but a sheet of paper with an outline drawing of the still life will need to be provided, along with handi-wipes.

Contact Information for Nancy Martin:

henson2martin@gmail.com

501-519-7521 (leave a message if I don't pick up)

501-379-9512 - Thea Foundation, ask for Nancy

Please let me hear from you if you have questions or concerns!