

## *APS Newsletter - May, 2026*

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### **From the President:**

Hello Artists –

Summer is upon us, graduations, vacations, oh yes, and IAPS! We have a need to fill our Facebook Committee Member. This role entails granting new members access to APS Talk and posting National Show Announcements on Arkansas Pastel Society FB. If you are interested, please reach out to me. Thank you Lois for holding this role for the past several years.

We also have several exciting events coming up:

- APS Non-Juried Show at Thea in June/July
- Mini Workshop in August
- APS Juried Membership Show and Workshop in November

Be sure to check the details in the body of this newsletter or visit our website for additional information on each event.

In the Love of Art,

Caprise

**IAPS exhibitors:** Congratulations to those of our members and/or OPS members who were juried into one of the IAPS exhibitions to be featured at the upcoming convention:

Open Division - Caprise Cooper, Cindy Rowden

Master Circle - Shirley Anderson, Susan Hurst, Charles Peer

### **APS Exhibit at Thea Foundation**

#### **Plan to Get Your Paintings Submitted for the Members-Only Show By June 14!**

APS Artist...June 14th is the last day to submit your paintings for the APS Members Only show at Thea Foundation. You may enter up to two paintings that have never before exhibited at Thea. Please email your entry registration to [henson2martin@gmail.com](mailto:henson2martin@gmail.com). Please refer to the exhibit prospectus which can be found on the APS website at [arkansaspastelsociety.org](http://arkansaspastelsociety.org). Any questions? Email Nancy Martin at [henson2martin@gmail.com](mailto:henson2martin@gmail.com).

Also, I still need volunteers for this exhibit for the following:

A couple more people to volunteer to bring bottled drinks/water.

A few more members to volunteer to bring prepackaged individual snacks.

Volunteers for demonstrations during the event.

A Volunteer to set up the hands-on station during the exhibition.

If you can help with any of these please contact Nancy Martin.

## Joint OPS-APS show in Van Buren:

Several APS members attended the opening reception for our 2026 Joint Show in Van Buren on May 15, hosted by the Ozark Pastel Society. I didn't get a lot of new information for this month's newsletter, so I've decided to just include a wide variety of images from that opening in the pages below. Enjoy!







**STORYBOARD**

"As the Creek Turns", 14" x 14"     Randall Krombholz, oil artist  
[www.randallkrombholz.com](http://www.randallkrombholz.com)

1. Original reference photograph. "Downstream Creek near Greenville, just before August, 2020."

2. Reference photo cropped to square format, grouping of trees on left removed. Single tree on the bank moved to the right and white angle of creek bank smoothed, as well as highlighted.

3. Pencil sketch which preserved to study values and test all composition of shapes/markers.

4. Edited reference photo converted to black to further view values. Laid out the photo to do the painting space with graphic pencil on the sketch paper.

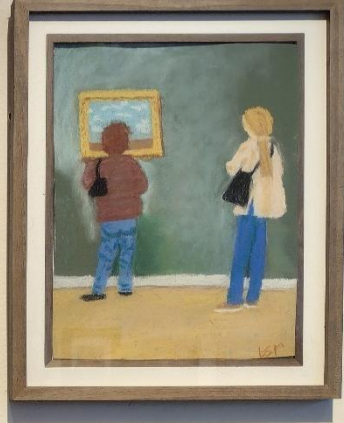
5. Reference under painting on Lee Kristoff paper mounted on archival foam core.

6. Painting at about 80% completion. The final 10% will be the building up from the trees, Krombholz getting the background, working on the background and a general editing the "brushed" and "smooth" colors to bring it all together.

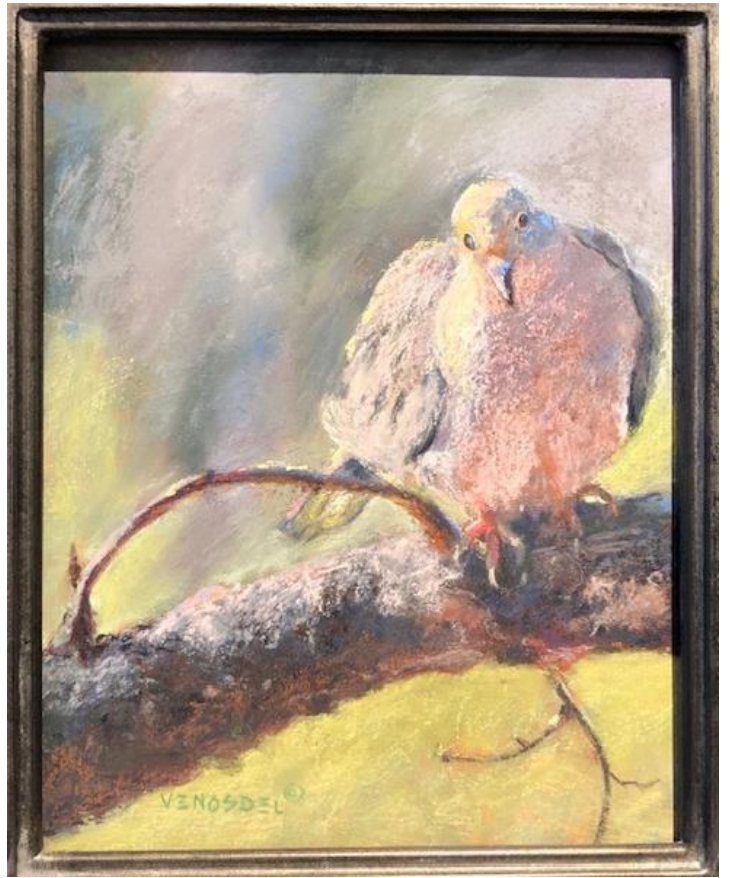
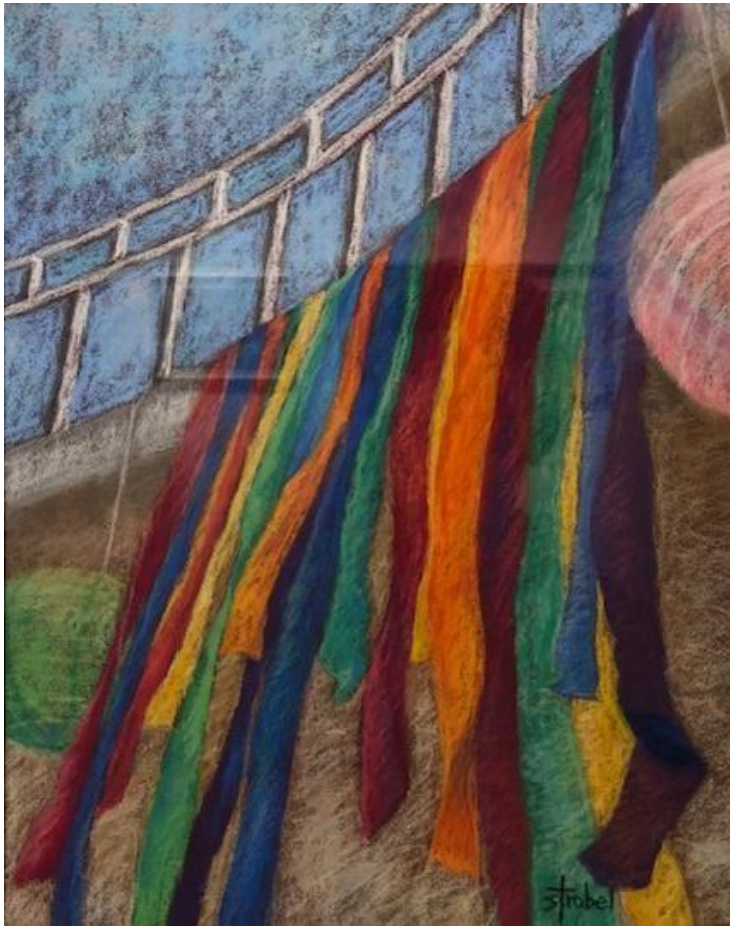
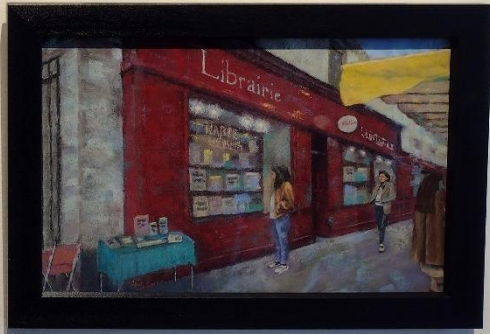




WOOD HILL ART  
Cathy Rowden  
12 x 9  
2000



ART APPRECIATION  
Bonnie Richardson  
12 x 9  
2000



## Calling All Arkansas Pastel Society Members

We need your input to help us revise, review, and improve our **User Experiences** related to our Facebook and APS Talk sites. As active members, your ideas can help shape these platforms into spaces that are more engaging, informative, and enjoyable for our pastel community.

### **We especially need your thoughts on these three questions:**

- **What do you see on other Facebook pastel sites** that you would like us to consider?
- **What changes within our Society** would you appreciate seeing more—or less—of?
- **Do we need both Facebook and APS Talk**, or should we focus differently?

Your participation helps us make thoughtful improvements. We are not asking for a large time commitment—just your ideas and suggestions so we can better serve our members and others interested in pastel art.

### **Please send your thoughts and suggestions to:**

**Jody Miller**

**Email: [jojo1970mil@gmail.com](mailto:jojo1970mil@gmail.com)**

**Text: (501) 206-8436**

Your Board and committee members thank you in advance for your participation.

**From Jenni Duncan:** If you would like to attend any APS workshop, there are funds available. Contact Jenni Duncan, [jduncan7400@gmail.com](mailto:jduncan7400@gmail.com) with questions or for an application.

## **2026 Calendar of Events and Key Dates**

### **June**

- 6/2 Member Meeting - Sharing Techniques/Ideas - APS Members (In Person)
- 6/14 final day for entries in Non Juried Show at Thea Gallery
- 6/16 - 6/21 IAPS in Albuquerque
- 6/27 OPS/APS Non Juried Member Show Closes
- 6/29 Non Juried Member Show at Thea Gallery opens

### **July**

- No Member Meeting
- 7/13 Board Meeting
- 7/17 Reception at Thea Gallery 5:00-8:00 PM during Argenta Artwalk
- 7/23 Non Juried Member Show at Thea Gallery closes

### **August**

- 8/4 Member Meeting - Capturing Light - Charles Peer (In Person)
- 8/22 – Mini Workshop – Rust – Caprise Cooper

### **September**

- 9/8 Member Meeting - Composition and Fragmentation - Holly Tiley, **Tentative** (In Person)
- 9/1 - 9/15 Annual Membership Survey
- TBD - Portrait Mini-Workshop

### **October**

- 10/6 Member Meeting - Framing Paintings - Susan Hurst (In Person) ●
- 10/12 Board Meeting - Kick-off of solicitation of board members

### **November**

- 11/17 Member Meeting - Demo by Member Juried Show Judge Aaron Shuerr (In Person)
- 11/17-11/19 Member Juried Show and Workshop with Aaron Shuerr ● 11/20 National Show Reception

**December** - TBD Christmas Party and Annual Meeting