



APS Newsletter - August 2026

From the President:

Hello artists,

Finally, there is a cool crispness in the air! For some this may mean plein-air paintings, other I hope, are gearing up for the APS Member Juried Show and Workshop. See more details in the body of the Newsletter.

There have been several updates about the future of IAPS, the upcoming 2027 Gathering in New Mexico, and the newly announced 2028 Gathering in California. Please see the website, iapspastel.org or the IAPS Facebook page for more information.

WE NEED YOU! We are looking for volunteers to fill the following roles for 2027:

- **Publicity Chair**
- **Managing the APS Website**
- **Secretary**
- **VP**

This is an opportunity to serve your society and gain a point toward Signature Status. Our Society is only as strong as the members that support it. Please let me know if you would like to discuss these opportunities.

In the Love of Art,

Caprise

Painting with Greater Expression With Aaron Schuerr



From the thumbnail sketch to the finished painting, you'll learn to tackle the subject in a way that is direct, simple, fresh, and honest. You'll engage in fun exercises designed to focus on value, color, and shape. From that foundation, you'll explore edges, atmospheric perspective, color relationships, composition, and mood. Most importantly you'll learn to paint with greater expression through demonstrations, group discussions, painting exercises, and plenty of individual instruction, you will learn to approach the landscape in enthusiasm and confidence.

Aaron Schuerr has embarked on solo plein air painting treks across the Grand Canyon and deep into the mountains of the American West. His art has landed him as a guest on the Kelly Clarkson Show, and his work has been featured in numerous publications, including *Southwest Art*, *Art of the West*, *Plein Air Magazine*, and *the Times of London*. To learn more about Aaron, please see his website <https://www.aaronschuerr.com/>

APS Workshop with the fabulous Aaron Schuerr details:

When: Nov, 17, 18, 19, 9:00-4:30 each day (APS meeting demo follows, Nov. 17)
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church, 1818 Reservoir Road, Little Rock
Cost: \$290 APS Members - \$325 non-members

Registration information:

\$100 deposit is due at the time of registration. Balance is due by October 1, 2026. Deposit will be returned if you cancel prior to October 1. *After October 1, it is your responsibility to find a replacement or the fee will be forfeited.*

To register: please complete the form below and send a check for \$100 made out to **Arkansas Pastel Society**.
Send to Anne Parat, 807 Shea Drive, Little Rock, LR 72205

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (cell): _____

Email: _____

Deadline Extended for National Show

Valerie has asked our juror to allow us to extend our deadline for submission of artwork to the OnLineJuriedShows.com website. He has agreed to allow us to do so.

The firm deadline for submission is now midnight Oct. 10th.

Valerie writes: Please, please, please, finish your paintings and submit them. We want to show off the talent we all know exists in our society.

Look for our logo on the OnLineJuriedShows.com website, sign in or register as a new user and follow the instructions. If you have any questions or problems, reach out to me or one of the other members who have done this many times. It's easy peasy.

Membership Renewal Time is Here:

It's time to renew your membership in the Arkansas Pastel Society for the year 2027.

Before February 1, 2027, please send a check **for \$35.00** made out **to the Arkansas Pastel Society** to

Ann Bleed, Membership Chair

18 Cove Creek Pt

Little Rock, AR 72211.

Also send a note with:

- your name,
- any changes we should make to your contact information, and an
- indication of your willingness to serve the Arkansas Pastel Society as an officer, on a committee, organizing a show or workshop, or generally as needed.

If you have not renewed your membership by midnight on February 1, your name will be removed from the membership list.

Also, if we receive your check before midnight December 4, you will be eligible to participate in a drawing at our Christmas party to receive a gift of a check for \$50 for art supplies. You do not need to be present to win.

MEMBER NEWS:



Susan Hurst had two paintings accepted into the online Membership Show 2026. Mark Ivan Cole will be presenting the awards at Oct 20, 2026 at 8:30 CT Online. The show can be viewed at that time by visiting Show Submit Gallery or midamericapastel.com.

A New Day, 16"x 20" available at Art Group Gallery

Perfect Stillness, 16"x 20"available at Art Group Gallery

Congratulations, Susan!



Membership Levels and Signature Status Requirements for Arkansas Pastel Societies

Name:	Date:	Total Cumulative Points:
Year:		
General Membership:	Dues paid for current year (✓)	
Gold Membership:	Member for one year (✓)	
	AND	
	Volunteer for one year as EITHER:	Committee Member (✓) OR
		Board Member (✓)
Signature Membership:	Gold Membership for one year (✓)	
	AND	
	12 Points from the following:	
		Arkansas Pastel Society National Show: One of top four awards (5 points)
		Arkansas Pastel Society National Show: One or more painting juried in (4 points)
		Arkansas Pastel Society Juried Members Only Show: One of top four awards (3 points)
		Arkansas Pastel Society Juried Members Only Show: One or more painting juried in (2 points)
		Arkansas Pastel Society Non-Juried Members Only Show: One of top four awards (1 point)
Point total for year:		
When requirements for Signature Membership have been met, send completed form to APS Historian:	APS Historian: Jody Miller 14300 Chenal Parkway #7286, Little Rock AR 72211. Email : jolo1970mil@gmail.com Phone : 501-206-8436	Top Four Awards: Best of Show First Place Second Place Third Place
Point System can be used over an extended period of time as long as membership is kept current.		

2026 Calendar of Events and Key Dates:

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