APS Newsletter – October 2026

From the President:

Hello, Artists!

I hope you are all adjusting to the time change! In just two weeks, we'll be gathering for the APS Member Juried Exhibition and Workshop. Please come out to support the artists whose work was selected for the show, connect with fellow pastel artists, and enjoy the Argenta Art Walk. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our pastel community!

The artists selected for the 2027 IAPS Gathering in New Mexico have also been announced. Visit iapspastel.org or the IAPS Facebook page for more information.

WE NEED YOU!

First off a big shout out to the members who volunteered to take on the Secretary, Publicity Chair and Website Manager roles. We have one critical role to fill, and that is Vice President.

The Vice President position is especially urgent. Without this officer, we cannot maintain a functioning APS Board. Stepping into a volunteer role is a meaningful way to support your pastel community, contribute your skills, and earn a point toward Signature Status.

Please consider stepping up to serve. Even if you are unsure whether the role is right for you, reach out to Anne Parat. She can answer your questions and help you understand what's involved.

APS is *our* society, and its future depends on all of us. Please help us keep it strong!

In the Love of Art,

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Aaron Schuerr Workshop:

According to Anne Parat, there is still room for three more participants in the Aaron Schuerr workshop, Painting with Greater Expression, so I'm including the information below again. Contact her quickly if you want to sign up! (NOTE: Aaron will also do a demo for our members' meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1818 Reservoir Road in Little Rock.



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. For more information, see Aaron's website at https://www.aaronschuerr.com/.

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: $385 APS Members - $425 non-members

Registration information:
Payment in full is required at this time. Remember, scholarship funds are available to pay or help with workshop fees. Contact Jenni Duncan for more information about the scholarship program.

To register: please complete the form below and send a check for $385 (members) made out to **Arkansas Pastel Society**.
Send to Anne Parat, 807 Shea Drive, Little Rock, LR 72205

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone (cell):_____

Email:_____

Juried Members Show

Our Juried Membership Exhibition opens on November 20 at the Argenta Library. The exhibition features more than 40 pastel paintings by APS members, juried by Aaron Schuerr. The reception is a chance to meet the artists and learn about their work.

The exhibition will be open from November 20 till December 11, 2026, at the Argenta Library, 420 Main Street, North Little Rock. Library hours are Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The library is closed on weekends.

The opening reception will be at the Library on Friday, November 20, from 5:30-8:30 pm.

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:

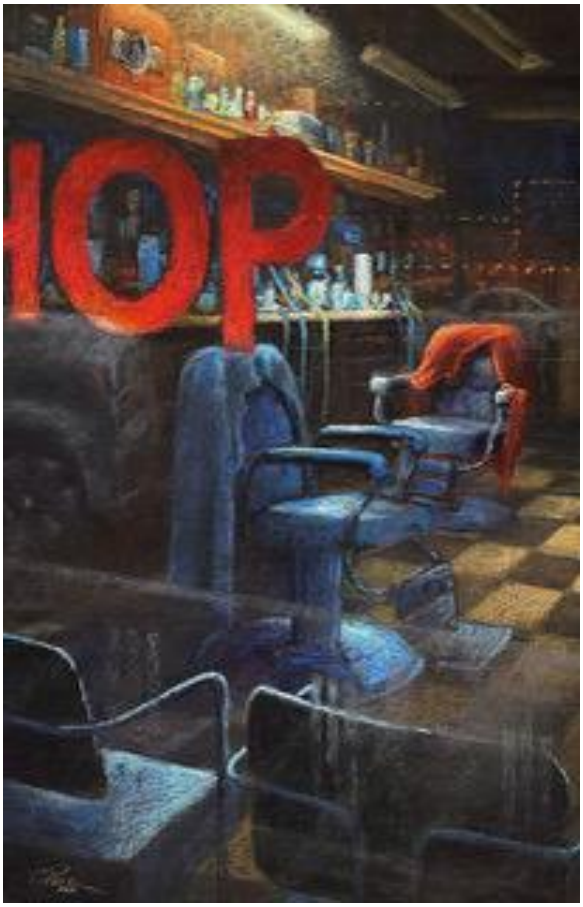
Cindy Rowden had a painting juried into the online show with Pastel Society of Colorado "Renditions". The title is “Antique Mirror,” (right), 12” x 9”. The show opens Nov. 2.





Cindy also has a piece in the Southeastern Pastel Society online show "Luminosity" which opens Nov. 7. “Where the Crawdads Hide” (above), is 16” x 12”.

Charles Peer’s painting, "Through the Window Between” (right) is 20”x18”. It was included in the 2026 PSA Enduring Brilliance that was on display in September at the National Arts Club in New York City.



Vic Mastis was juried into the Richeson75 Animals, Birds and Wildlife in the Meritorious List for the fourth quarter competition with her painting “Splash Splash”. The painting will be in the catalog.

Calendar of Events and Key Dates:

November

- 11/17 Member Meeting - Demo by Member Juried Show Judge Aaron Shuerr (In Person at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1818 Reservoir Road, Little Rock) 6:00 p.m.
- 11/17-11/19 Member Juried Show and Workshop with Aaron Shuerr
- 11/20 National Show Reception Friday, November 20, at Argenta Library in North Little Rock. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

December

- 12/5 - December meeting and Christmas party, Saturday, December 5, 2:00 at Anne Parat's house, 807 Shea Drive. Bring a food treat to share.