



Newsletter

July 2020

From the President

Dear Pastellists,

I will begin by saying we are all missing contact with each of you! We hope everyone is continuing to stay healthy during this unsettling time. Painting is our saving grace!

Your APS Board met with enthusiasm on July 11th via Zoom. It was decided that we will go forward with all general membership meetings via Zoom. We will follow the calendar as it was set and the meetings will be Zooming at 6:00pm. For anyone who is unfamiliar with Zoom, instructions are included in this newsletter.

Postings for all APS activities and communications will be posted in the newsletter, APS Talk and the website. We will occasionally send an update to all via email.

The Board members are in frequent communication with each other as we adapt to COVID limitations. Cathy Slater has been working diligently to ensure the Member's Only Show is successfully converted to an Online Show. Board Members are thinking outside the box as we approach that and 2020-2021. Please feel free to offer ideas.

And...our Congratulations to Cathy Slater who achieved Signature status!

Until we meet on Zoom... keep painting!

Cathy N.

Co- President, APS

Richard McKinley Workshop (Shirley Anderson)

We are currently evaluating alternatives for the Richard McKinley Workshop scheduled for October. As soon as plans can be made, I will send an email to those signed up for the workshop in addition to the general membership. Thanks for your patience in this very fluid environment.

Prospectus for Juried Membership Show, 2020 (Cathy Slater)

Schedule

- Sept. 27 - Digital entries deadline. Entries must be entered at [Http://onlinejuriedshows.com](http://onlinejuriedshows.com) by midnight of the date
- Oct. 10 - Acceptance notifications sent out
- Nov. 7 - Show is up on www.arkansaspastelsociety.com
- Nov. 13 - Awards announced
- Dec. 3 - Show closes

Sales

- Customers and clients will need to contact the artist to arrange for purchase.

Eligibility

- Open to all paid members of Arkansas Pastel Society. Dues must have been paid by April 1, 2020.
- Entries must be original and must have been executed within the last three years.
- Entries must be at least 80% soft or oil pastel.
- APS reserves the right to refuse any work submitted

Entry

- Artist may submit up to two (2) entries.
- Entry fee is \$30 for up to two (2) entries.

- To enter the Arkansas Pastel Society Members Only Juried Exhibition, go to <http://www.onlinejuriedshows.com>

Note: Instructions are clear and simple. Accepted paintings will be shown and available for purchase online during the entire show.

Selma Blackburn, Juror

Selma F. Blackburn is a painter and experienced art teacher; teaching in elementary, kindergarten and pre-school classrooms. She has a BA in Education and a second BA in Art from Hendrix College. She has earned Signature Membership in Mid-Southern Watercolorists, the National Watercolor Society and the American Watercolor Society. Blackburn has judged exhibitions regionally, and she has served on the Board of Mid-Southern Watercolorists in several capacities, including President. Her paintings are included in the Arkansas Arts Center Foundation collection, in the permanent collection of the Historic Arkansas Museum, and in many private collections around the country.

Note: Permission to reproduce artist's work for publicity purposes is assumed with acceptance.

Our website is www.arkansaspastelsociety.com. The prospectus may be downloaded from the website.

Member News

Cynthia Kresse

Cynthia's pastel *Fenceline and Chicken House* was accepted into the 62nd Delta Exhibition, which had a virtual opening June 18. It is an online only exhibit this year due to the pandemic, so can be viewed by accessing it online through the Arkansas Arts Center, 62nd Delta Exhibit.



IAPS Convention (Shirley Anderson)

Here is the message that Richard McKinley sent out regarding the postponement of the IAPS Convention:

Hello Artists,

After months of discussion, we have had to make the difficult decision to put safety first, and postpone the IAPS Convention until early Summer of 2022.

There are too many questions that cannot be answered at this time, and without definite knowledge of the CoVid situation next June, it is impossible to plan all the details that are needed for a successful and safe convention.

We are working with the hotel on final arrangements and dates for 2022, and this information will be communicated to everyone as soon as it is available.

If you have any questions, please contact us at contact@IAPSpastel.org

Stay well and safe,
Richard G. McKinley
President, International Association of Pastel Societies

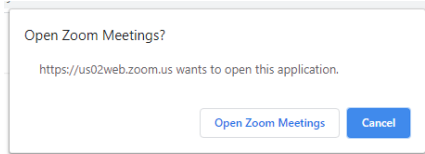
I just wanted to add that beginning in late February, Richard gathered a team to compile information and look at every possible scenario. Ultimately, that team made a recommendation to the IAPS Board of Directors to postpone the IAPS 2021 Convention to 2022. The plan is to begin with 2022 and conduct the convention in the even number years going forward as opposed to the odd number years. The Team has already started planning for 2022. In addition, the IAPS Board is planning additional activities for 2021 to take the place of the convention even if those activities require using virtual means. Let me know if you have questions.

Zoom Meeting Instructions

Arkansas Pastel Society Zoom Meeting at a Glance

1. A little before the meeting time, Open the Zoom email invitation.

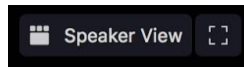
- Click the **Join Zoom Meeting** link.
- When you see this box, click [Open Zoom Meetings](#).



- If you are asked for a password, type **Degas**

2. The host will let you in. (You may have to wait a minute or two.)

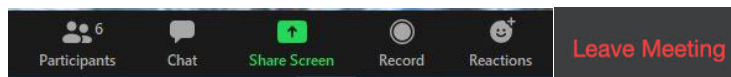
3. Speaker View (top-right screen). This icon allows you to see all or most of the attendees or an enlarged video of the speaker. Click "Speaker View" and it will switch to "Gallery View." Click these a few times to see what they do. Click the other smaller icons and you will see the possibilities for viewing your screen. Choose the view that works for you.




4. Mute and Video (bottom-left screen). Click the microphone to mute so that others will not hear noises in your home. Click the video camera if you don't want to appear on screen.



5. Other features. Once your Zoom screen is up, familiarize yourself with these buttons.



- **Participants:** Lets you see who is in the meeting.
- **Chat:** Allows you to ask a question or send a private message to another attendee.
- **Share Screen and Record:** We won't use these, Share Screen one allows you to show what's on your screen and Record allows you to record a Zoom Meeting.
- **Reactions:** This allows you to show your approval for a comment or painting. 
- **Leave the meeting.** To leave the meeting, simply click Leave Meeting at the bottom right of your screen.

Calendar of Events

August 4, 2020	Monthly Meeting Selected Members Will Share Their Current Work ZOOM 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
August 8, 2020	Board Meeting ZOOM 9:30 – 10:30
September 1, 2020	Monthly Meeting Plein Air or Sandi Sell (ZOOM) [to be determined] 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
September 27, 2020	Deadline to Enter APS Juried Membership Online Show
October 12-16, 2020	Richard McKinley Workshop Hot Springs (tentative)
October 13, 2020	Monthly Meeting Richard McKinley Demo ZOOM 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
November 3, 2020	Monthly Meeting Dueling Artists ZOOM 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
November 7, 2020 – December 3, 2020	APS Juried Membership Online Show
December 7, 2020	Virtual Holiday Party