



Newsletter

May 2020

From the President

Hello fellow friends in pastel,

Because of social distancing and actions put in place by our governor, we are still not able to meet for our scheduled events and our monthly meetings. Thus our mini workshops with Shirley Anderson (May 16) and Dominique Simmons (June 27) are cancelled. The board has had some discussion about how to proceed with the year. The May and June meetings will be cancelled. July we are not scheduled to meet.

It seems like such a long time ago we met in March for our planning meeting for 2020. Since that time a lot has changed in the world including our plans. Some things have not changed and we have had to learn to adapt to fulfill our goals and responsibilities. Let's set our sights on August 4th for our monthly meeting. Denise Dupont has asked Sandi Sell to be our guest speaker for that evening. Other events to look forward to include the Richard McKinley workshop October 12-16 to be held in Hot Springs Village.

The deadline for your entry to the Member's Only Show is September 27. Please continue to use our Facebook site to stay in touch.

Stay safe,

Susan Hurst

APS Co-President

Subiaco Retreat (Cathy Nugent)

We are still waiting to hear from the Abbey regarding the retreat scheduled for June 12-13. There is no news yet.

APS Talk (Lois Davis)

Babs Steward was the winner of the March challenge on our APS Talk Facebook page. Each month we choose a random criteria to pick a painting to recognize. This month's was "best use of strokes".

Babs painting showed us exactly how few strokes could be used to tell us a story. Babs won a \$15 gift certificate to Art Outfitters and her painting will be the header on our page in May.



Come join us for May's challenge. APS Talk is a private Facebook group for members of Arkansas Pastel Society. If you are not a member, search for the group and ask to join.

Current IAPS Exhibition (Shirley Anderson)

The Board of the Arkansas Pastel Society approved last year to sponsor one of the awards for the 36th IAPS Juried Exhibition held in Dunedin, FL, in April of this year. We sponsored one of the Honorable Mention Awards and our pastel society was named along with the award. The Judge of Awards was Brooke Allison, a Master Pastelist of the Pastel Society of America and a well known art instructor in the Tampa area. The Honorable Mention Award sponsored by the Arkansas Pastel Society was given to Brenda Boylan for her painting, "Elgin Evening". We have received a Thank You card from Brenda stating,

"I want to thank you (Arkansas Pastel Society) for the generous award money of \$200 that I received for the IAPS 36th Annual Exhibition. This is just the fuel I needed, and I also feel exceptionally grateful that my work was recognized.

Thanks again, Brenda Boylan."



JUDGE'S STATEMENT: A quiet, commonplace, urban scene at rest after a rain, which will be familiar to many of us, demonstrates the power of a painting to make us see beyond subject matter and feel. The balance of color, use of cools and warms, and neutral tones is simply wonderful. The artist has handled pastel in a unique way, utilizing varied, vertical hatching strokes of application, which elevates the visual experience of the painting.

The catalog for the Dunedin show is now available! It's beautiful! With the unusual situation surrounding the Dunedin Exhibition, we went to unusual lengths to publicize the exhibition. It can be viewed digitally, downloaded as a low resolution PDF file or purchased as a high resolution magazine.

Please visit our website at www.iapspastel.org and go to the [Current Exhibition page](#) to access the links, and view the catalog.

Hopeful Calendar of Events

May 16, 2020	Mini-Workshop <i>CANCELLED</i>
June 2, 2020	Monthly Meeting <i>CANCELLED</i>
June 12-13	Plein Air Retreat Subaico Abby
June 27, 2020	Mini-Workshop <i>CANCELLED</i>
August 4, 2020	Monthly Meeting Sandi Sell St. Vincent Meeting Room 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
September 1, 2020	Monthly Meeting Plein Air in Clarence Cash’s Garden 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
September 27, 2020	Deadline to Enter APS Juried Membership Show
October 12-16, 2020	Richard McKinley Workshop Hot Springs
October 13, 2020	Monthly Meeting Richard McKinley Demo
November 3, 2020	Monthly Meeting Dueling Artists St. Vincent Meeting Room 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
November 3, 2020 – December 3, 2020	APS Juried Membership Show
December 7, 2020	Holiday Party Anne Parat’s Home