

THE PASTEL SOCIETY OF SOUTH CAROLINA NEWSLETTER

September 2023

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023, GENERAL MEETING



Christine Swann, PSA, IAPS/EP

The Pastel Society of South Carolina, General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at the James Island Art and Cultural Center (JIACC) in Charleston, SC. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am so arrive early to view our PSSC 2023 Member's Exhibition. After a brief meeting, our guest speaker, Christine Swann, PSA, IAPS/EP will demonstrate aspects from her popular "Power of Pastel" workshop. The meeting will be available on Zoom. The James Island Art and Cultural Center is located at 1248 Camp Road, Charleston, SC 29412. There is free parking.

Christine Swann is a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America and a member of the International Association of Pastel Societies Master's Circle, a designation she received in only 6 years. She received her IAPS Eminent Pastelist designation in 2022. At that time, she was one of only 25 artists in the world with that distinction. In 2015, Southwest Artist Magazine selected Christine Swann as an "Artist to Watch" and she is known for her "personality portraits." Christine's website is <https://swannportraits.com/>

"Impact" by Christine Swann, PSA, IAPS/EP



Artist Magazine, Honorable Mention 2023
IAPS "Prix des Pastel" 2020
Pastel Journal Pastel 100

MEMBERSHIP

PSSC is pleased to welcome new members:

Mary Adam, Greenville, SC
Brant Barrett, Surfside Beach, SC
Sherri Lewis, Savannah, GA
Sandra Donnellan, Hollywood, FL
Fran Davies, Mt. Pleasant, SC

CIRCULAR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EXHIBITION

In June, PSSC members had the incredible opportunity to host an Art Exhibit and Sale in the heart of downtown Charleston. The Circular Congregational Church opened the doors of Lance Hall for our exhibit. It was a lovely venue and sixteen PSSC members submitted forty paintings for display. Over four hundred tourists and locals ventured in and were wowed by the beautiful exhibition. Most visitors voted for their favorite painting and the award for the “People’s Choice” was presented to Debbie Rosato’s for her incredible painting titled “Fountain Sparkle.”

Several members’ paintings and prints were sold during the week. Not only was this a successful exhibit, but it was also a lot of fun! PSSC members and Board members came together with their organizational and hostess skills and created a lovely, professional, and inviting event. We hope to do it again in 2024. Plan now to be a part of this wonderful opportunity next year.



PSSC 2023 People’s Choice Award

Fountain Sparkle by Deborah Rosato

Pictured: PSSC President Debbie Poynter and Artist Deborah Rosato

2023 PSSC MEMBERS JUDGED SHOW


The 2023 PSSC Members Judge Show will open on August 28 and run through September 23 at the James Island Arts and Cultural Center (JIACC) in Charleston, SC. The Center will be open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The awards reception will be held on September 23 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. There will be door prizes and refreshments. Plan to attend the reception and support the participating PSSC members as they earn points towards Signature Membership. Please R.S.V.P. to Lynne Tennyson at lynnemt@comcast.net if you plan to attend the reception, so we can plan for refreshments.

PSSC is requesting nontoxic art supplies donations for JIACC for “gifting” PSSC the space for the annual members exhibition. Bring any donations to the September 9 General Meeting or to the reception.

Thank you.

The Pastel Society of South Carolina presents

The Light Within: Our Pastel Experiences



Something's Brewing by Renee Bruce

Glowing by Julie Raney

Watoga by Brenda Tilson

Dancing in the Grass by Debi Kelly

PSSC Members
Judged Exhibition
August 28th to September 23rd

Judge of Awards:
Christine Swann
PSA, IAPS/EP

Thank you to the James Island Arts & Cultural Center, without whose support this exhibit would not have been possible

We would like to give a special thank you to Blick Art Materials for their generous donation to the PSSC 2023 Members Judged Show.

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2024 PSSC ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of new officers for the position of Vice President and Secretary for 2024 and 2025 will be held at the November General Meeting. The PSSC By-Laws state that:

“Nominations for elective office shall be made by the Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made by any member via an email note to Debbie Poynter at debbpoynter@icloud.com.”

“The President, with approval of the Board, shall appoint a nominating committee of three members.”

The Nominating Committee shall

1. Seek and recruit at least one eligible and qualified member for each elected position.
2. Verify eligibility and qualifications of all nominees within the time frame of the nomination process. No name shall be placed in nomination without the consent of the nominee to serve, if elected.
3. Submit a slate of candidates to the board no later than the Fall board meeting and shall, upon approval by the board, announce the slate at the last membership meeting of the fiscal year. At this time, the committee can solicit additional names of members to be added as possible candidates. If there are any members who wish to serve on the nominating committee or who want to serve on the Board as the Vice President or Secretary, please contact Debbie Poynter at debbpoynter@icloud.com

NOVEMBER 2023 WORKSHOP WITH LAURINDA O’CONNOR

The Pastel Society of South Carolina is pleased to announce the annual pastel workshop with award winning artist, Laurinda O’Connor, will be held November 17 and 18, 2023 at the James Island Art and Cultural Center. Laurinda describes her workshop in these words.

“This is going to be a fun and supportive two-day workshop! We will deconstruct, interpret, and let go of our reference through gesture, value, abstracting our structure, color studies, and mark making. We will start each day with a demonstration before creating small studies using different challenges. Then, it’s time to deep dive into a larger work in the afternoon! There will be new approaches ending each day with a group critique. Please bring a variety of photographs, not all the same scene at any time of day.”

More information is forthcoming including the cost, time, and supply list.

Laurinda O'Connor Workshop November 17 – 19, 2023
James Island Art and Cultural Center
1248 Camp Road, Charleston, SC 29412



Laurinda O'Connor

Laurinda is an award-winning artist and teaches art to grades K-8 at St Mary of the Hills in Milton, MA, master and adult pastel classes at Milton Art Center and the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset, MA and workshops and demonstrations throughout the country. She has been a juror of selection and awards for several national and member shows.

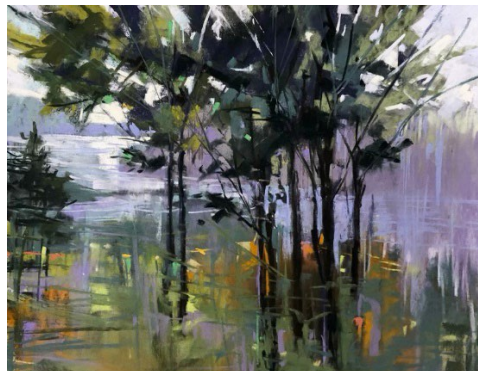
Laurinda has a BFA and MFA and is a Signature Member with the Pastel Society of America and the Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod. She is a gallery artist at The Copley Society of Boston and at South Shore Art Center. She is represented by Copley Society, DaVallia Gallery, Chester, VT, The Lakes Gallery at Chi Lin, Laconia, NH, and N.W. Barrett Gallery, Portsmouth, NH. She has had several solo and group exhibits and shows in various national, and members shows in the northeast. She was a Featured Artist in the February 2021 edition of Pastel Journal Magazine. Her works can be viewed at laurindaconnor.com.

“As a pastel artist, I strive to let simplified strokes of color and line create a path into a scene and moment in time. I push myself to capture the sense I feel from the landscape as well as to create the up-close excitement of color, texture, and expression on the surface of my paper.” - Laurinda O'Connor

Examples of Laurinda's works



Winters Edge by Laurinda O'Connor

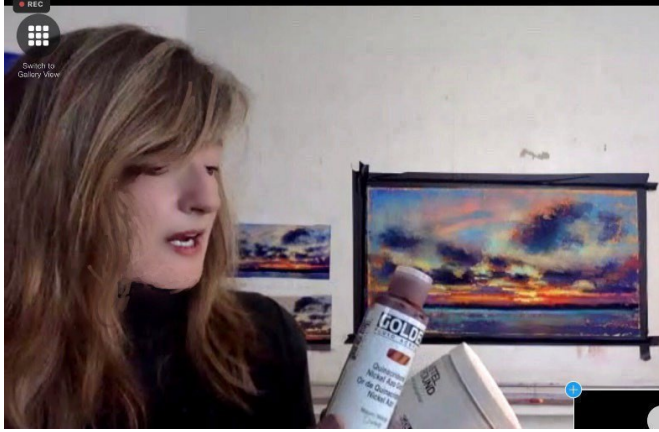


Out at the Horizon by Laurinda O'Connor



Heading Home by Laurinda O'Connor

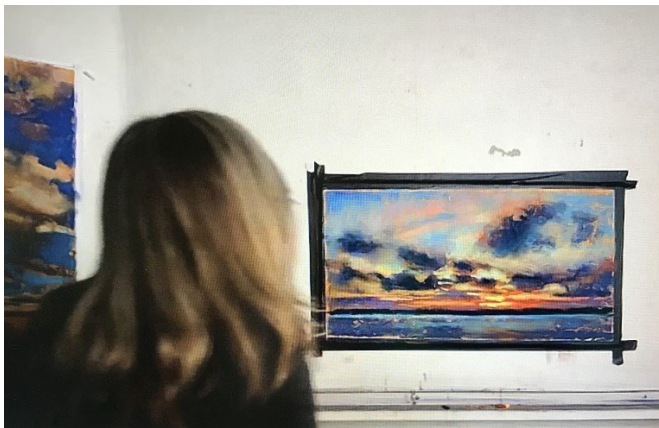
Susan Mayfield's Demo Program on May 13, 2023



Susan explains her choice of underpainting.



Adding darks and midtones



Nearly finished painting