



2023 PSME Autumn Newsletter

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President's Message

September, 2023

After a fast flying summer, here's to a long, slow, warm, delicious fall and Indian summer. May your painting be inspired freshly.

Thanks to all who entered the **PSME 23rd Open Juried Exhibition, Pastels Only**. Congratulations to artists who were accepted, your paintings are exceptional, and the show looks stunning in the galleries at the



Brick Store Museum, Kennebunk, ME. They are open Tuesday through Friday, 10-5, Saturday 10-4, Sunday noon – 4. Pastels Only hangs until December 15. <https://brickstoremuseum.org/>

In conjunction with the 23rd Exhibition, **Wade Zahares** offers an Open Studio event at his Lyman studio, September 23, and will present a pastel demo and talk at the Brick Store Museum October 14. Watch for details www.brickstoremuseum.org & <https://www.facebook.com/pastelsocietyofmaine>

Pastel classes through the Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk, November and the new year. Teach one class or a series. Stipend, student registration, promotion of classes, and some materials provided. Children or adults, time may be flexible. Contact pastelsocietyofmaine@gmail.com if interested. A one day workshop, **Intro to Pastel**, will be held there in November by Terrilynn Dubreuil.

The next big event is annual PSME Members show, at Curtis Library in Brunswick. November 1-30. A pastel demo will be offered by Lyn Asselta. Watch for entry details.

A nice development has been **plein air groups** meeting by invitation of members in their locations, sparked by Joelle, Claudette, and Loretta If you would like to host a plein air group next season, please let us know where and what date. It can be a one-time event or more as you like.

The new year needs some hands! Here's the list:

Spring workshop, 2-3 days. Arrange venue, contract the artist, create call to artists, take registrations.

Plein air days, one or more paint outs/paint ins/studio visit in your area.

24th Open Juried Exhibition Pastels Only, award solicitation, work with Show Submit, promote, contract juror of selection and award judge or judges.

Wednesday Demos, January to April- contract an artist for one zoom demo each month. Wine and Watch series.

Pastel Teachers needed, contact PSME if interested in being listed.

- [Brick Store Museum](#), Kennebunk, kids or adults, ongoing.
- [Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens](#), summer season, 3 day workshops, kids or adults.
- [Area studio classes](#). If you teach pastel, we are always getting inquiries. Let PSME know if you'd welcome students to your studio. Where and when?

Finally, next **Board meeting**, open to all members, will be our annual – November 30, Thursday, 1-3pm at the Curtis Memorial Library, 23 Pleasant St, Brunswick ME.

Thank you for your support all year of PSME Mary Beth



PSME Welcomes New Members

Sandy O'Brien, Portsmouth, NH, **Avon Waters**, Converse, In,
Laurie Conrad, Portland, ME, **Wendy Gellart**, Kennebunk, ME

PSME Lending Library

The PSME Library Website for books and CDs about pastels is
www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/lending-library.

In order to access lending privileges, your membership must be current and you must pay a one-time registration fee of **\$10.00** and fill out request form from the PSME Website.
pastelsocietyofmaine.org. Librarian, Kay Etheridge, ketherid0110@gmail.com.

Member News

From **Paula Fraser**...I have paintings in the CMPS National Show and in the Maine National Show. I will have a painting in the Zullo Gallery in Medfield Ma.

These pieces will begin showing in September

I will also start teaching my high school students in September.

This fall will be fun, thanks to the wonderful juniors that have chosen my work.

I am so honored.

From **Bob Frascella** ...I have been appointed to Board of Trustees of the North Shore Arts Association in Gloucester, MA where I am a Juried Artist Member. North Shore Arts is celebrating its 101st year and is among the Nation's oldest art associations.

Congratulations, Bob!

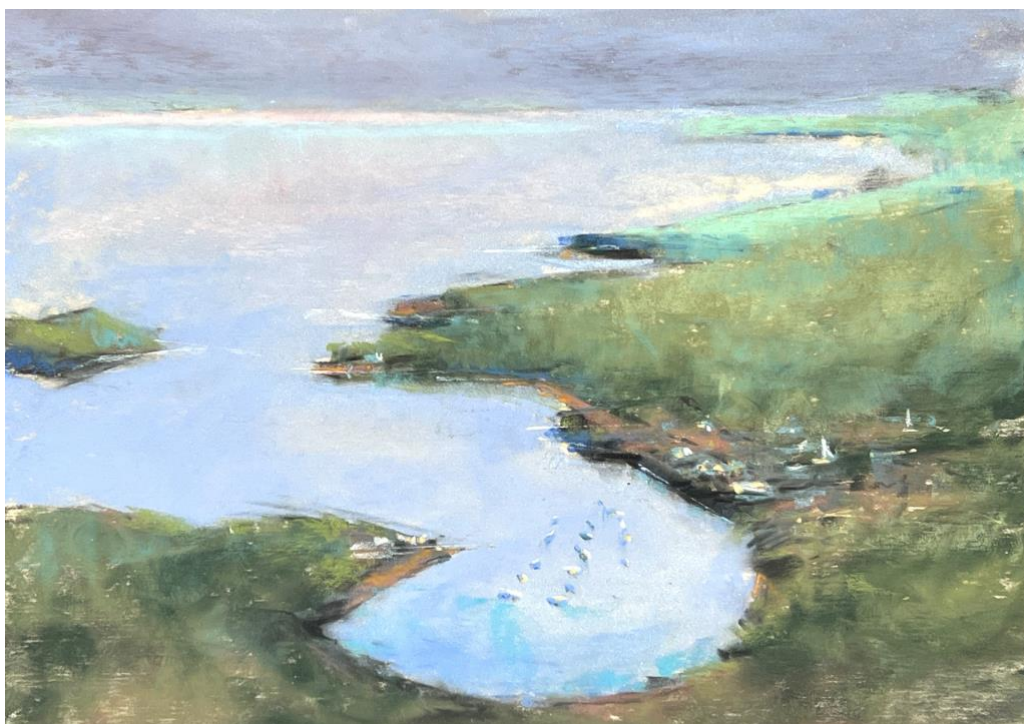
From **Claudette Ganache**...I made Eminent Pastelist with the International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS).

I was notified March 30th this year. I will received my pin and new ribbon at IAPS conference June 2024.

Congratulations, Claudette!



From Terilynn Debreuil... This has been a very life-changing couple of months for me. I'm more of a vagabond than usual .. packed up my 5-year apartment in Asheville, NC, to come back to Maine. My mother, who was my first art influencer, mentor and teacher, has passed. She was nearly 97 - a wonderful teacher and an award-winning watercolorist. Her passing has pushed me to paint some emotional works .. (creating is therapy). I'm now in the midst of settling her estate while also trying to keep my art and teaching going. On my Patreon, I'm continuing to support my top tier with teachings and monthly meetings (We've been focused on Plein Air painting) ... but I haven't had time to work on building the membership. That's coming! I have lots of plans. If YOU are interested: <https://www.patreon.com/travelingartista> . I finally put a PSA after my name on my website. Such an honor. I encourage everyone to keep submitting to the PSA call - go send in 5 solid paintings, fairly consistent expressions, and soon you'll get those 3 little letters too!
Plein Air painting: "Camden Below Mount Batty" (from the PSME Retreat)



Camden Below Mount Batty

Susan Shuk Lee is excited to share her many art exhibitions opportunities this fall. Eight figurative paintings have gotten into ten different national/ international juried shows in NYC, California, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and online!

- [Pastel Society of America 51st Brilliance Online Show](https://showsubmit.com/gallery/psaenduring-brilliance-2023), see the entire show below:
<https://showsubmit.com/gallery/psaenduring-brilliance-2023>



- Allied Artists of America 110th International Online Show, see entire show below: <https://showsubmit.com/gallery/aaa-110th-annual-exhibition>
- Open New York Figurative Exhibition at the Salmagundi Club, NYC with her painting, "The Enchanting Flutist."
- Pastels USA: 99 Voices in Pastel sponsored by The Pastel Society of the West Coast with her painting,
- Marks of Distinction National Juried Show sponsored by the Central Massachusetts Pastel Society with her painting, "The Magic of Autumn"
- Connecticut Pastel Society's 30th Annual National Juried Exhibition, "Renaissance in Pastel"
- 7th Annual PURE COLOR: Online International Juried Exhibition of Pastel Paintings 2023 sponsored by the Pastel Society of North Carolina with her painting, "The Girl In The Sunflower Hat".
- American Artists Professional League's 95th Grand National Juried Exhibition
- June 2023 BoldBrush Painting online competition three of her paintings were selected as the top 15% Favorites: "For Me It's Always Spring", "Wishing Upon a Rose", and "the Magic of Autumn".





PSME Fall Member Show November 2, 2023 – November 30, 2023

Deadline to enter: October 18, 2023

Curtis Memorial Library, 23 Pleasant Street, Brunswick

This exhibition is open to all *current PSME members*.

All members are encouraged to participate and submit your best work

The **PSME Member Show Prospectus** can be found on the PSME Facebook Page and the PSME Website <https://www.pastelsocietyofmaine.org/calendar>

Below is a direct link to the prospectus :

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58248f846a49630e4fdedb49/t/6502482b8dc2ca0a7a640748/1694648363396/2023+PSME+member+show+prospectus.pdf>

Meet Ed Higgins, Juror of the PSME Fall Member Show



Ed is a local Brunswick artist, art instructor, and graphic designer. He was educated in studio art and art history at Skidmore College; and at the Fine Arts Department of the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

As an undergraduate, he was a student of acclaimed sketchbook artist and landscape painter James Lancel McElhinney, author of the “Sketchbook Traveler” series. As a graduate student and teaching fellow, he taught undergraduate classes in art history at Harvard, and taught graduate classes at the Harvard Graduate

School of Design. He studied under the celebrated Art Historian Oleg Grabar, and was an Aga Khan Scholar of Islamic Art and architecture in a joint Harvard/MIT program.

He enjoys drawing, oil painting, watercolors, pastels, and all forms of creative expression. He is a specialist in the ways sketching informs all the arts, from sculpture and architecture, to painting, graphic design, mixed media, digital graphics, film, TV, and animation. He is an avid fly fisherman and fly tyer, an accomplished home cook, and was a contributing author to the Farmers’ Almanac.



Website, Social Media

Occasionally visit the PSME Website @ PastelSocietyofMaine.org - it's a great source of info. We do our best to keep everything up-to-date: the Membership page, Events Calendar, Retreat and Exhibit information, rotate a variety of member images, and the resource link has the newsletters, how to prep images for submission to exhibits, the lending library and info on our sister societies and companies that donate prizes for our exhibits. Facebook and Instagram have been posting regular images of our members' paintings and promoting the society as a whole. Our exposure on these venues has been growing.

Please occasionally email us high resolution photos of new work to PastelSocietyOfMaineMedia@gmail.com for promotional use on these visible sites.

Group Painting Opportunities

The Plein Air Painters of Maine

...has a **blog** where the dates and locations of painting opportunities will be listed by the various chapters: papmelocations.blogspot.com

If you are an organizer for any of the regions, you need to send an email at least a week ahead of the event with the Date, Location, Directions, Information and Contact (Organizer's name/phone/ email). I will post this information to the blog as soon possible.

Diane Dubreuil will be listing our free events on the **Plein Air Painters of Maine Facebook Page**.

A reminder that PAPME is a volunteer organization, with a goal of providing **free painting opportunities** in various regions of the State. We are always eager to know about new places to paint that have parking and bathrooms nearby. We welcome anyone who is willing to be a "monitor" for a day of painting, as well as anyone who wants to start a new group/ chapter. No experience necessary and great benefits.

The UUC Church Friday am Arts Group, Kennebunk, ME

The doors open at 10am.

Request donation of \$5.

All medias.

Parking in Kennebunk Library Parking Lot.



If anyone wishes to be put on the groups email list, send your email address to jinspec@icloud.com and I will pass it on to the group.