



**PASTEL SOCIETY OF THE WEST COAST
34TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN
EXHIBITION**

PASTELS USA 2020

June 25, 2020 through August 2, 2020

ART CENTER MORRO BAY

835 Main St, Morro Bay, CA 93442

**There will be an estimated \$12,000 in awards including
Best of Show Award of \$2,500**

JUDGE OF AWARDS

W. Truman Hosner

JURORS OF ACCEPTANCE

Mary Aslin, Brian Bailey, & Julie Freeman

EXHIBITION DETAILS

Pastels USA 2020 will be the 34th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN EXHIBITION presented by the Pastel Society of the West Coast. It will be held at the ART CENTER OF MORRO BAY, Morro Bay, California between June 25, 2020 and August 2, 2020. There will be an estimated \$12,000 in awards, including a Best of Show Award of \$2,500. Accepted work will be displayed on the Pastel Society of the West Coast website www.pswc.ws. We provide a color catalog to all accepted artists and some will be available to the general public at the Art Center of Morro Bay during the show. All accepted artists will have their painting displayed in the catalog and website.

SALES

A 40% commission will be taken on all sales and sales will be handled by the Art Center of Morro Bay.

AWARDS

Awards are both cash prizes and gift certificates. All awards are named on behalf of donors rather than numbered awards. Approximately 30 awards will be given. Award ceremony to take place on the last day of the exhibition.

DISCLAIMER/LEGAL

Accepted images may be used in Pastels USA advertising. Insuring of artwork is the responsibility of the artist. PSWC suggests participants carry separate insurance. All reasonable care will be taken with paintings and frames; however, the Pastel Society of the West Coast and the Art Center of Morro Bay, Morro Bay, CA, its officers and volunteers, will not be responsible for loss or damage to paintings or frames however caused. ENTRY INTO THIS EXHIBIT CONSTITUTES AGREEMENT WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING.

ELIGIBILITY

- **NO OIL PASTELS. DRY PASTELS ONLY.**
- Open to all artists over the age of 18
- At least 80% of the piece must be dry pastel. Composition of work may not be taken from published photos or other artists' work.
- Paintings based on photo must be from photos taken by the artist themselves.
- No use of optical projection, and no student work produced under supervision is eligible.
- Minimum framed size is 25 united inches. Maximum framed size is 80 united inches. (UNITED INCHES: add outside height and width of two framed sides to get united inches - example: 11x14 = 25 united}
- Work must be available for sale.
- Non-members will not be eligible for Signature Status.
- Work must have been completed within the last four (4) years.
- All accepted work will be shown in our Exhibition Catalog and website. Accepted images may be used in Pastels USA and Art Center Morro Bay advertising.

ENTERING YOUR IMAGES

- You must enter your images online at www.showssubmit.com
- Entries must be for sale with a price listed at time of entry.
- Entry form must be filled out in its entirety. This includes complete mailing address, including name, street address, city, state, including zip code, phone and email address.
- List sizes of framed paintings and also size of just the image itself up to the nearest inch. List size by "h" x "w." Submitted images must NOT include mat or frame. Crop the photo to include only the artwork. Be sure your images are right-side-up.
- Before uploading your images, make sure they are 1500 pixels on the longest side at 300 dpi. This size will guarantee optimum viewing (whether horizontal or vertical orientation) for jurors and for

- Work must not have been accepted into a previous PASTELS USA Open International Exhibition.
- Paintings that have been accepted in the PSWC membership show may be eligible for entry in PASTELS USA.
- Jury fees are non-refundable; over-payment of any fee will be considered a donation to our scholarship fund.

FEES

- PSWC Members: 3 entries for \$55, each additional entry is \$10 up to 5 paintings for \$75.
 - Non-Members: 3 entries for \$60, each additional entry is \$15 up to 5 paintings for \$90.
 - Entry fees are not refundable and must be paid by entry deadline. Acceptance is not guaranteed.
 - A maximum of one (1) painting per artist will be accepted into the exhibit.
 - Credit cards or paypal accepted.
- Important note: No edits or changes may be made to entries once submitted and fees are paid.



printed catalogs. Images should be in JPEG format and RGB color. Image file cannot exceed 2MB in size. Help with image preparation can be found at the www.showsubmit.com.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, February 3, 2020	Opening date for submitting your work online
Sunday, April 26, 2020	Closing date for online entries.
Monday, May 4, 2020	Accepted notification and shipping instructions sent out
Friday, June 12, 2020	Shipping deadline to shipping agent Jerry Boyd
Tuesday, June 23, 2020	Drop off artwork: Hand Delivery to the Art Center of Morro Bay. This will be the only day for hand delivery from 10:00am to 4:00pm
Wednesday, June 24, 2020	Judging and determination of awards.
Thursday, June 25, 2020	Opening of the Pastels USA 2020 at the Art Center of Morro Bay
Sunday, June 28, 2020	Opening Reception from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.
Sunday, August 2, 2020	Closing Awards Ceremony from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. After close of awards ceremony, paintings may be picked up by the artists
Monday, August 3, 2020	Shipping agent packs and removes remaining paintings.
Tuesday, August 4, 2020	Local artists may also pick up hand-delivered artwork from 10:00am - 2:00 pm.

We look forward to seeing your work!