

Maryland Pastel Signature Members Exhibit  
Washington County Arts Council  
34 South Potomac Street, Suite 100  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

## **“Festival of Pastels”**

### **Prospectus**

#### **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, September 24: Entry Deadline

Saturday, September 30: Acceptance notifications emailed to members

Saturday, October 28: Option to drop off accepted artwork to the MPS General Meeting.

Wednesday, November 1: Drop off accepted work 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Thursday, November 2: Exhibit opens. Artists’ Reception 5 pm—7 pm

Saturday, November 4: Virtual video exhibit

Tuesday, December 5: Pick up of all unsold artwork 3 pm—5 pm

#### **About the WCAC**

Situated in downtown historic Hagerstown near shops and eateries, it is a great location to have opportunities for sales at the beginning of the busy holiday season. We will be exhibiting in the Gallery and Main Hallway.

The Washington County Arts Council has worked to enrich the cultural, social and economic life of the community through nurturing the arts since 1968. The WCAC serves residents of all ages in this diverse and growing county in the Cumberland Valley, nestled in the gently rolling mountains of western Maryland.

The WCAC provides a wide variety of programming; technical assistance; funding opportunities; and encouragement to arts organizations and individual artists, developing connections between them and those who desire to have art in their lives. The WCAC is engaged with the local art scene and promotes its programs. Visit <https://www.washingtoncountyarts.com/>

#### **Eligibility and Acceptance**

Open to all Signature members in good standing. You may submit up to five entries per artist. **All artwork must be for sale.** We will be accepting between 70—80 pieces in total for this exhibit.

## **Drop off and Pick Up of Artwork**

Artwork is to be delivered to WCAC on Wednesday, November 1, between 10 am—1 pm. To assist artists who live far from the venue, volunteers are offering to collect works at the MPS General Meeting on October 28, to be transported to the gallery on Wednesday, November 1. Transport capacity is limited, so if you require this assistance, please contact the show organizers between October 1st and 20th. Note: If you choose this option, you must carefully wrap your artwork for it be included in a group transport. MPS and volunteers are not responsible for any damage caused during delivery.

## **Gallery Commission**

The Washington County Arts Council charges a 30% commission of all sales. Please price your work accordingly.

## **Framing & Presentation**

All works must be delivered framed under glass or plexiglass and ready to hang. Presentation should be professional-looking, suitable to the artwork, undamaged, reinforced, and with all wires and hardware securely attached. All mats and frames must be clean. The Maryland Pastel Society reserves the right to remove from the exhibition any paintings delivered with saw tooth hangers; metal clip frames; broken, missing, or unsafe hanging wire, as well as any cracked, damaged, or dirty glazing, matting or framing.

## **Entry**

Please send an email with images of your painting(s) to: [signatureshows@marylandpastelsociety.com](mailto:signatureshows@marylandpastelsociety.com). In the subject line please write **Festival of Pastels**.

Include the following information:

- 1. Name, preferred email address, mailing address and phone number**
- 2. Number of Entries listed by priority** (we'll try our best but no guarantee)
- 3. Titles, Framed Sizes, and Price of Artwork**

If you are able to:

1. volunteer to transport artwork on October 28 or
2. assist in hanging the show,

please note in your email with your entry.