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And the drum roll, please...



Daniel E. Greene PSA-MP, HFH *Wool Spindles, Silk & Moiré* PSA Founders Award given by The Flora B. Giffuni Foundation

Unprecedented!

Previously, PSA has sold DVDs of its Annual Exhibition. We are now making images of the entire exhibition available for you to view [here](#), in addition to posting images of all of the award winners on the website [here](#). Statistics on this year's award winners comprise: 22 Master pastelists (which includes 7 who moved up from Signature by winning their third award); 24 Signature members; 4 Associate members, and 5 non-members.



Images from the 2015 Gala Weekend.

**Celebrate the pastel medium with your people
at the Pastel Society of America's
44th Annual Exhibition: *Enduring Brilliance!***

If you have not in the past joined us for the gala Fall weekend in New York to fete everything pastel, consider treating yourself this year. [Mark your calendar](#) and connect with your artist friends September 23 to 25 at the National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park South (20th Street between Park and Third Avenues).



Everybody loves Richard!

Always a popular event to kick off the gala weekend, the gallery tour on Friday, September 23, at 6pm will be led by a long-time favorite—art instructor, writer, and painter Richard McKinley* PSA-MP, HFH, and member of the PSA Board of Governors. Those who have joined us for previous gallery previews will recall an evening of thoughtful art commentary and conviviality among fellow painters and art lovers. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

** Richard, along with Liz Haywood-Sullivan and Nancie King Mertz, will be demonstrating the next day at the PSA Materials Fair in the Grand Gallery.*

Calling All Pastel Artists!

Materials Fair

Saturday, September 24
10 am – 4 pm • One-day only!

PASTEL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
National Arts Club • Grand Gallery
15 Gramercy Park South, NY, NY (20th St. bet. Park & Third Ave.)

If pastels are your passion, you won't want to miss the bigger-than-ever Materials Fair on Saturday, September 24.

Growing bigger every year, a virtual candy store awaits those who join us for the PSA Materials Fair on Saturday, September 24, from 10am to 4pm. The Materials Fair will feature loads of new pastel materials and plein air gear. Many of your favorite vendors will be on hand to discuss their products—and several will offer one-day-only deals you won't want to miss. Details and some big SURPRISES will be forthcoming.

Portfolio Reviews by the Masters



(L-R): Nancie King Mertz, Bill Creevy, Maceo Mitchell, Gwenneth Barth White

FREE PORTFOLIO REVIEWS BY PSA MASTERS

FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS! Nominal Fee for Nonmembers

Returning to this year's Materials Fair will be portfolio reviews for Associate members and nonmembers by one of four leading PSA Master Pastelists: Nancie King Mertz, Bill Creevy, Maceo Mitchell, and Gwenneth Barth-White. The reviews are free to Associate members and \$20 for nonmembers. This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to engage with one of PSA's pastel stars to learn more about the potential of the medium to achieve your artistic goals.

The 20-minute reviews will take place from 11am to 1pm during the Materials Fair in the Grand Gallery of the National Arts Club.

For details and to register, contact Susan Story at smstorypsa@gmail.com. Reviews will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't let this opportunity pass you by! Space is limited, so sign up now!

Enjoy this unique event and at the same time take advantage of the abundance of pastels and related gear available at the Materials Fair.

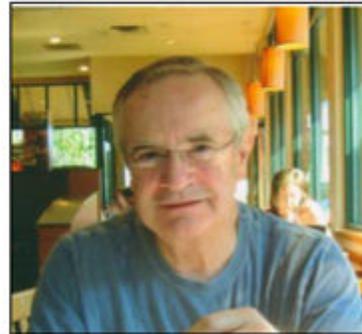


PSA President Jimmy Wright hands certificates to (L-R) Helen Helen Kleczynski, Anna Wainright, and Jill Stefani Wagner at the 2015 Awards Ceremony.

Roll the drums again, please... Awards Presentation and Annual Dinner on Sunday, September 25

Join us on Sunday, September 25, for our centerpiece Awards Presentation and Ceremony at 4pm, followed by the Annual Dinner and Celebration at 6:30pm. You do not need to have a painting in the exhibition to attend. All PSA members and their guests are welcome to celebrate the medium!

If you haven't yet made reservations for the dinner, [contact the PSA office](#) to arrange for your seats. Tickets are \$100 per person, payable by check or credit card in advance. PSA now accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. You can phone in your card details to the PSA office (212) 533-6931.



(L) Rhoda Yanow, (Top R) Maceo Mitchell, (Bottom R) Bob Strohsahl

Join your friends to honor

Hall of Fame Honoree Rhoda Yanow PSA-MP

Rhoda Yanow PSA-MP is a founding member, as well as a life member, of the Pastel Society of America. She was a board member from 1975 to 2008, a former PSA vice-president, and a Master Pastelist since 1979. Rhoda's work captures the subtle moments of life that are so often missed. Her dedication to pastels has been ongoing. A widely exhibited national and international artist, Rhoda Yanow was born in Newark, New Jersey. She studied at Parsons School of Design and The National Academy of Design, and has taught at DuCret School of Art, the Newark Museum, and the

School of the Pastel Society of America. Rhoda is a member of numerous national art organizations. Beside one-person shows in museums, such as the Butler Institute and the Noyes Museum, her pastels have been featured in many magazines and books, including *Best of Pastel* and *Best of Pastel 2*.

Friend of Pastel Maceo Mitchell PSA-MP

Serving on the PSA Board of Governors since 2004, Maceo was appointed Director of the PSA School for Pastels in 2006. Under his dedicated leadership, the school has experienced a program revival that includes a lively mix of classes and workshops. Maceo Mitchell received a B.F.A. from Wayne University and an M.F.A. at the University of Iowa. A former college art professor, Maceo is an exhibiting New York artist with a passion for pastel and teaching.

Friend of Pastel Bob Strohsahl

Founder and president of Great American Art Works Handmade Soft Pastels of Cincinnati, Ohio, Bob Strohsahl has been for many years a generous supporter of the PSA Annual. His Great American Art Works Award of the Full Monty of 468 pastels remains one of the most valuable material awards in the annual. Bob generously donated to the PSA office a new Apple iMac computer to bring the administration of PSA into the twenty-first century. He also designed a Filemaker Pro data program to organize the PSA membership records.



Top row (R-L) paintings by: Julie Friedman, Nancie King Mertz, Marcia Holmes; Bottom row (R-L) Rhoda Yanow, Maceo Mitchell

An Original Masterful Painting Could be Yours

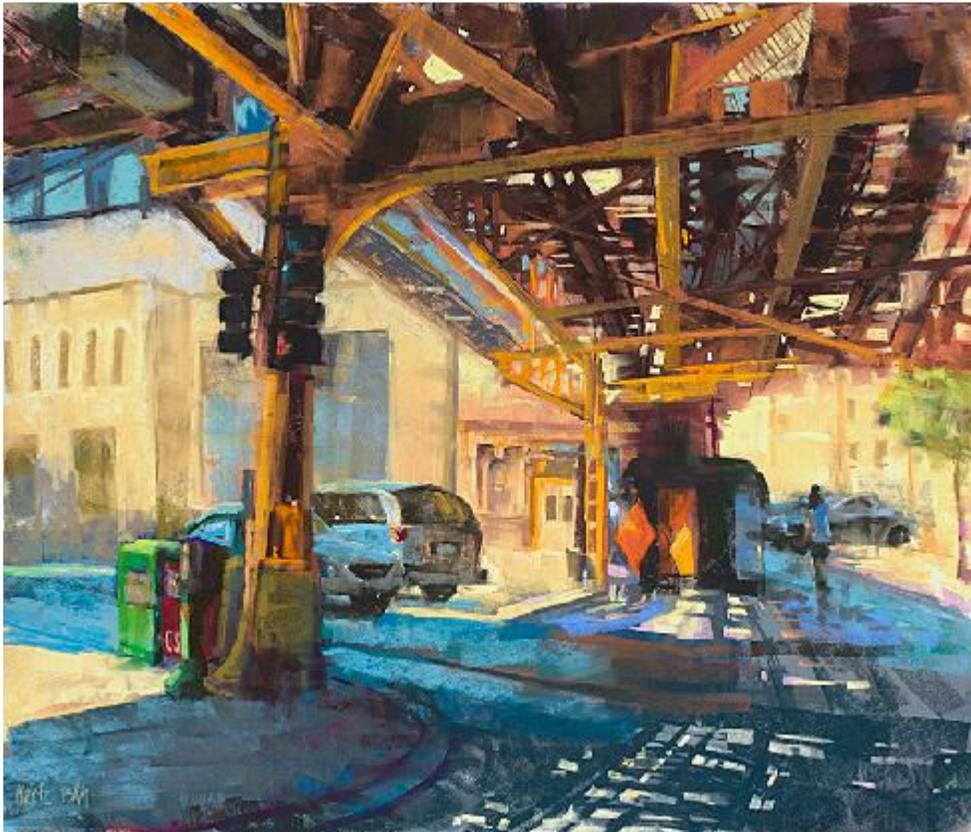
Five outstanding paintings have been donated by renowned artists to the PSA painting raffle. If you have ever wished you owned an original pastel by one of your favorite artists, your wish might just become a reality. We're proud to offer you the chance to own a painting by one of these exceptional artists.

There is still time to purchase your raffle tickets. The drawing will be held during the Awards Dinner. You do not have to be present to win. One ticket costs \$5; a book of six tickets is \$25; and two books can be had for \$20 each!

This year's donating artists are:

- Julie Friedman PSA (landscape) – *Forgotten Fog*
- Nancie King Mertz PSA-MP (cityscape) – *Sun Tracks II*
- Marcia Holmes PSA-MP (abstract) – *Wisteria I*
- Maceo Mitchell PSA-MP (still life) – *Three Pears*
- Rhoda Yanow PSA-MP, HFH (dancer/figurative) – *Russian Scarf*

To learn more about each artist, please visit [here](#).
Click on each artist's painting to reveal additional information.



Color of Chicago by Nancie King Mertz PSA-MP

Wait, there's more!

If you're visiting from out of town, plan to spend some time exploring the world-class galleries and museums in New York. And then treat yourself to a three day workshop with award winning instructor Nancie King Mertz PSA-MP October 1-3 at the PSA School for Pastels. For more information, please check [here](#).



A Cloudy Day by Anna Wainright PSA-MP

A demo not to be missed!

If you're not taking Nancie's workshop, then don't miss the landscape painting demonstration by Anna Wainright PSA-MP on Saturday, October 1, 1-3:30pm in the Grand Gallery at the National Arts Club. Anna is a self-taught artist. She has won numerous awards in exhibitions throughout the country. She is in the Master Circle of the International Association of Pastel Societies; a Master Pastelist member of Pastel Society of America, Pastel Society of New Jersey, and Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod. She is also a member of Connecticut Pastel Society, Pastel Society of West Coast, and American Impressionists Society. Her work has been chosen to be exhibited

in the Butler Institute of American Art. Anna was featured in the February 2016 issue of the *Pastel Journal*.

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