



## Letter from the President



*Gary Rupp*

As 2016 comes to a close I'm reminded how much we can be grateful for at APS and the new year ahead.

First, we want to thank the members who have completed their service on the Board. They are: Kathleen Cantwell, Vice President; Maggie Whitney, Treasurer; Sydney Wilson, Newsletter; Sheryl Daniels, Hospitality; and Karen Chambers and Jim Smythe, Exhibition Coordinators. As we move forward we are aware that we are building on the contributions of these members and the time and effort they have so unselfishly given to APS. Thank you all!

We also want to welcome several new members to the Board. Joining us this year are: Kathy Amspacher, Hospitality and most recently, Zoe Schumaker has graciously consented to Chair the 2017 National Show. We are grateful for you all coming to work along side us. Thank you!

Several members are continuing to serve on the Board but in a new capacity. They are Alec Hall, Vice President; and Sparky Nelson, Treasurer. Welcome back and thanks!

We are also very grateful to the following members who are continuing to serve on the Board. They include Catherine McCarty, Secretary; Anne Allen, Library and Gallery; Suzy Hart, Membership and Communication; Cathyann Burgess, Programs and Workshops; Jim Hefley, Publicity; Kay Gordon, Website; and Nancy Clausen, Plein Air.

To all these, I want to add my personal thanks. Your efforts and achievements are the reason APS has become and will continue to be the vibrant and exciting pastel society it is today!

Happy Thanksgiving to All,  
Gary Rupp  
APS President

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**The APS general meeting is  
scheduled every second**

**Saturday of the month i.e.**

**Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep,**

**Nov, from 10 am - 12 pm and  
those interested in pastel are  
welcome.**

# Appalachian Pastel Society

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**January 14, 2017**

**10 am - noon**

**Grace Community Church Exhibition Hall**

**495 Cardinal Road**

**Mills River, NC 28759**

## **The APS Membership Meeting Paint Around!**

**Five award-winning artist volunteers will set up, work for just a few minutes, and then members will take turns of 4 minutes, cede their spot and move to the next easel.**

**The starting artists will bring a drawing, board and easel, We will have some pastels on hand, but ask that you bring some if you can. Jim Hefley will keep time and direct.**

**Everyone can participate, this is a hands-on exercise and special opportunity to have fun.**

**An email will be sent after Christmas with further details. The participating artists who will begin a painting are Deborah Squier, Susan Sinyai, Alec Hall, Nancy Clausen and Robbins Richardson. Jim Hefley will be Timekeeper.**



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## *Artist of the Month – Don Osterberg*

### *My other life – that of an artist*

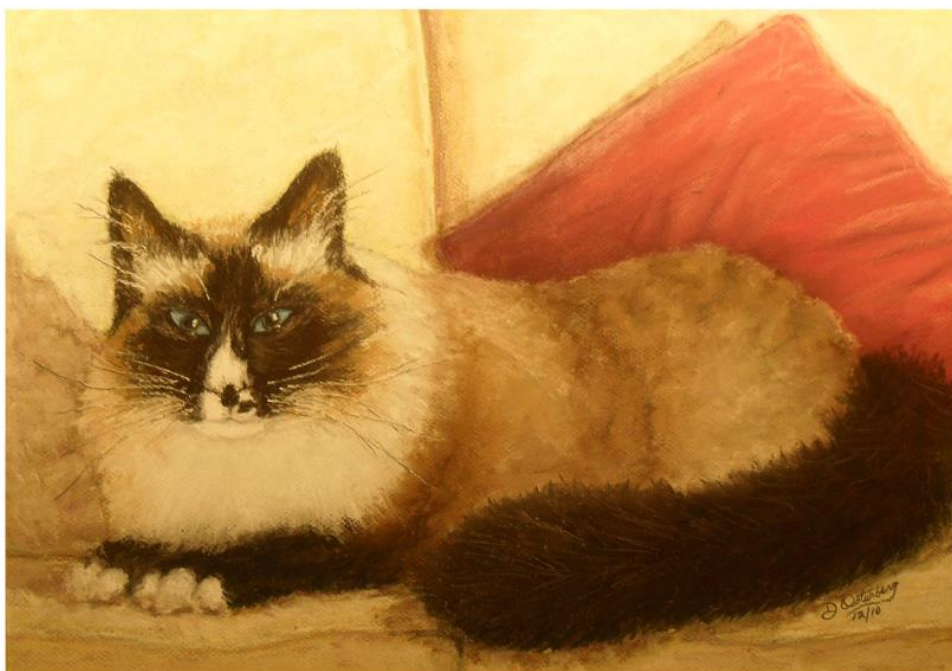


From as far back as I can remember, drawing and painting has been an important part of my life. Even though my profession was Professor of Biology at the State University of NY, one of my strongest avocations has been art. My artistic experiences include painting (lately en plein air), illustrating, and theatrical lighting and set designs. I have used oil,

acrylic, pen and ink, charcoal, and more recently watercolor and pastel. My favorite topics for painting are landscapes, nature, animals, and still life. I especially enjoy painting light, color and texture in vegetation, sky, and water, with pastel.



I did not sell my paintings until I retired to Hendersonville in 1998. I would give them as gifts or fund raisers or give them to the owners of the subject I had painted. Eventually I realized there was a market for my paintings even though I was not a professional artist, and began to sell them. In the early 2000s when the “depression” set in and the sale of art work took a dive, I decided to buy frames from yard sales, glaze and mat my work myself, and sell my paintings at very reasonable prices. My “tag-line” became Affordable Originals. I have sold paintings in NY State and at the Open Door Bookstore at the Blue Ridge Mall in Hendersonville, NC. I never have been one to enter paintings into competitions, however this past year I was juried into the Art Mob in Hendersonville, where my work is currently available.



I have taken numerous courses and workshops in drawing and painting and I am a member of a number of fine art societies. My work can be found in private collections, educational institutions, and corporate and governmental buildings. I enjoy teaching workshops and doing commissioned work.

---Don Osterberg



# **Piedmont Pastel Society**

Charlotte, North Carolina

Is proud to host the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual

## **North Carolina Statewide Juried Pastel Exhibition 2017**

**ON COMMON GROUND:**

*Pastel Paintings from the Mountains to the Sea*



*The Restorative Forester by Leslie Roberts-Gregg, 1st Place, 2016 NC Statewide Pastel Exhibition*

**May 3 to June 2, 2017**

The Cornwell Center  
2001 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte, NC

In Conjunction with The Pastel Society of North Carolina and The Appalachian Pastel Society

Judge of Awards: Stan Sperlak, PSA  
Juror of Selection: Colette Ody-Smith, PSA, IAPS-MC

## CASH AND PRODUCT AWARDS

### 2017 Calendar of Events:

December 26, 2016	Online Entry Opening at OnlineJuriedShows
February 27, 2017	Online Entry Deadline at Midnight
March 24, 2017	Notice of Acceptance by email
April 25, 26, 27 (9am-5pm )	Shipped Work Due
April 29, 30 (9am -5pm)	Hand Delivery of Artwork
May 6 (2 - 4:30pm)	Stan Sperlak Demo, Cornwell Center
Saturday, May 6 (7 – 9pm)	Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony
June 2	Show Closes
June 3, 4 (9am – 5pm)	Hand Pick-Up Unsold Artwork
June 4	Artwork Returned Ship Date

## **2017 Workshop Instructor:**

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## Board Members

### Officers

 <p><b>President:</b> <b>Gary Rupp</b> glrupp11@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>Vice President</b> <b>Alec Hall</b> alechall801@gmail.com</p>	 <p><b>Treasurer and Prior President</b> <b>Sparky Nelson</b> sparkynelsonpaints@gmail.com</p>	 <p><b>Secretary</b> <b>Catherine McCarty</b> clmpastelist@gmail.com</p>
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### Board of Directors

 <p><b>Gary Rupp</b> Exhibition Committee (2016 Member Show)</p>	 <p><b>Suzy Hart</b> <b>Membership and Communications</b> appalachianpastelsociety@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Paint Out Committee</b></p>  <p><b>Gary Rupp</b></p>	 <p><b>Jim Hefley</b> <b>Publicity Committee</b> jhefley@charter.net</p>
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## ***News of our Members***

At this time, we do not have a Newsletter Editor to flesh out this publication. I am filling in for this edition, and revising and saving a template in Word that can be filled in and duplicated by a new volunteer.

The Board will be reaching out for a new editor at the January meeting, and we encourage our members who are comfortable with Word, to please step up and fill this position.

We have a working template that you can substitute content into by cutting and pasting. The editor puts out a call with a deadline for member news, library, workshop and program announcements and the Presidents' Letter. Once those have arrived, you can insert them into a new template of your choosing, or substitute the material into the template. Rename, save as a PDF, and send it off to our Webmaster Supreme Kay Gordon, who will make a link in our webpage so it's always available.

Please think about it and let us share our work and activities with our fellow members!

Thank you!

Happy New Year everyone!

- Suzy Hart, Membership and Communications

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**Appalachian Pastel Society**  
**Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Renewing member \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Artist \_\_\_ Art Supporter \_\_\_ Committee

Interests:

Exhibitions \_\_\_ Programs \_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_

Newsletter \_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_ Clerical \_\_\_ Workshops \_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Awards/Experience/Comments/(or, what are your expectations from APS):

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Our new membership year is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to August 31, 2016. If you have not renewed yet, please print out the form below and send it in as soon as possible. This helps us keep our records current, keeps you in the loop for announcements about our awesome programs, shows, exhibitions and member news.

The new membership year promises to be an exciting one, with plein air events, great demonstrations and workshops, and the wonderful company and support from your fellow artists.

Stay in the loop, stay involved, and renew now! Please call me or email me if you aren't sure of your current status.

Send your \$25 dollar check and the Membership Application to:

Suzy Hart

122 Broome Lane

Easley, SC 29640

More information on our website: [www.appalachianpastelsociety.org](http://www.appalachianpastelsociety.org)

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