

2020 NC Statewide Juried Pastel Exhibition

Update April 5, 2020

In collaboration with all three societies, we've decided to make changes to this year's Statewide due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our hearts and prayers are with those who battle the virus on the front line as health care professionals as well as those who have been directly impacted.

We recognize the value of art in bringing inner peace to the creatives who make art and to those who enjoy it. To that end, we've worked to maintain as much of the spirit of the show as possible. While we will not be able to physically share this moment, I hope you take advantage of the new offerings.

- **Selection** - Ninety artists submitted 232 images. Alain selected 95 paintings from 76 artist. Those selected were notified on March 31, 2020.
- **Judging the Show and Awards** - Alain Picard will judge the show online using ShowSubmit. There are no changes to the awards. We will honor the cash awards and product awards as outlined in the prospectus.
- **Exhibition** - In lieu of an exhibition at the Cornwell Center, we will have an online show which will be ready the first week of May. A link to the show will be posted on each society's website and emailed to all members.
- **Awards Announcement and Opening Reception** - Opening reception has been cancelled. Instead, Alain will provide a pre-recorded video announcing winners along with a brief statement for each of the cash award winners. The awards YouTube link will be sent to everyone on May 16, 2020. In addition, we are asking sponsors to provide gift certificates for product awards so they can easily be mailed.
- **Catalogue** - We will have a PDF catalogue in lieu of a printed catalogue this year.
- **Workshop** - Both of Alain's workshops scheduled for the week of May 11 have been cancelled. Refund checks have been mailed to all those who registered.
- **New Workshop Opportunity** - We are excited that Alain is offering an online class, "*The Painterly Landscape*", exclusively for members of the three NC pastel societies. The cost for the class is \$395. Registration will open on April 20, 2020 via a link to be distributed on that day. The class will run Monday, May 11, 2020 through Friday, May 15, 2020. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a private Facebook group hosted by Alain for daily feedback.

Take care and be safe out there.

Best Regards,

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