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APS Adventures in Pastel

Adventure AAA-4: "Send in the Clouds"

Welcome to our fourth Pastel Adventure in Series AAA. The focus of this Adventure is painting clouds:

"I've looked at clouds from both sides now,
From up and down and still somehow
Its clouds illusions I recall
I really don't know clouds at all."

These lyrics are from Joni Mitchell's 1967 song, "Both Sides Now". Interestingly, at the end of the song she switches the lyrics to "I really don't know life at all." Here's how this challenge will work:

Step 1: Review the lyric of Joni Mithchell's hit song "Both Sides Now". Then consider the many artists that are known for painting amazing clouds, such as, Maxfield Parrish, NC Wyeth and Eric Sloane to name a few. (See illustration below.) The clouds were often the main character of the painting and, even more often, they played a significant supporting role.

Step 2: Make a decision to go bold or mild with your cloud painting. In other words, you can make them the focus or you can employ them in a significant secondary role. The choice is yours. Likewise, feel free to add mountains, people, water, trees or whatever suits your style.

Step 3: The details as to size, color, surface, etc are all up to you the artist. You might just find out that after this challenge you really do know clouds!

Step 4: Take a photo of your painting and tell us why you chose this particular inspiration. Be sure to include the title and the size of your artwork. Also, please feel free to make comments on the surface and the pastels you used for this challenge.

Step 5: Send the photo of your artwork, your comments, and the title and size of your painting to Kay Gordon (jkaygordon364@gmail.com) by October 27th at 6:00 PM.

Step 6: Remember, this deadline is firm and nothing can be posted that is received after 6 PM on October 27th. Your painting does not need to be in its finished form. This adventure is so we can paint and learn together. So relax and have fun looking up at the sky!

On your mark, get set: SEND IN THE CLOUDS!



Eric Sloane
Autumn in New England



NC Wyeth
The Giant



Maxfield Parrish
Morning Spring



Maxfield Parrish
Ecstasy