

APS ADVENTURES IN PASTEL for 2025!

We are excited to offer our members a new set of six challenges beginning January 2025! What better way to explore, experiment and discover the joys of pastel painting!

If you are new to our Adventure Series, this is how it works: on the third Wednesday of the month you will receive a new Adventure that will challenge you to use your pastels in a unique and creative way. You will have one week to complete the challenge and send in your work for an online show posted on the APS website.

Your work does not need to be in its final form. In fact, we encourage our members to use these challenges to experiment, explore and enjoy! Do not be concerned with producing a masterpiece; use this as a

learning opportunity to share your work and learn from others as they face the same challenge.

This series will contain six Adventures announced monthly starting in January and ending in June. If you choose to complete all six Adventures you will be eligible for the prize of a \$100 Gift Certificate from Dakota Pastels. You will indeed have a wonderful time spending this money if you are the winner of our drawing!

But wait, there's more: the winner of this prize will also receive a FREE Membership in APS for 2026! Reminder: You must be a current member of APS to participate in the Adventure Series. You can join or renew your membership by visiting the Appalachian Pastel Society website.

Adventure G-1 “By the Sea”

Welcome to the new year and our new Adventure Series G. This Adventure has been inspired by our January meeting guest artist Lana Ballot. We have named our challenge “By the Sea”. This gives us a lot of leeway as long as what we paint is something by the sea.



Children Playing on the Beach
Mary Cassatt 1884

So, put on your thinking caps as you peruse the photos for possible ideas. Pick out your paper and pastels and get started. We begin G-1 on **January 22, 2025**, and have a week to complete it.

Step 1: Select any “By the Sea” subjects that you would enjoy painting. Pick out your surface that suits you and choose your pastels.



Lighthouse and Buildings Portland Head, Cape Elizabeth, ME
Edward Hopper 1927

Step 2: Create your work of art and send a photo of your painting along with the title and size to: APSmedia828@gmail.com by **Wednesday January 29, 2025**, no later than 6:00 P.M. Feel free to include any comments on how you experienced this challenge.

Step 3: Remember, this deadline is firm. Nothing can be posted that is received after **6:00 P.M. on January 29th**. Please note that your painting does NOT need to be in its finished form.



The Gulf Stream
Winslow Homer 1899

The Adventure is about painting together and experimenting with new ideas and techniques that we can then share with our fellow pastelists.

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Completing all six Adventures in this series qualifies the member to this summer drawing:

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