



**PASTEL ARTISTS OF OREGON
CALL FOR ENTRIES**

**SPIRIT OF PASTEL
FOURTH BIENNIAL OPEN ONLINE JURIED EXHIBITION
March 28-April 28, 2026
SHOWSUBMIT GALLERY**

**JUROR OF ACCEPTANCE AND JUDGE OF AWARDS
MARK IVAN COLE, IAPS/MC, PSA**

Total Awards \$5,600.00

ELIGIBLE WORK:

- Open to all North American and Pastel Artists of Oregon Member Artists over the age of 18. Open to all Pastel Artists of Oregon International Members. All PAO Member International entrants must have a working PayPal Account to be eligible for an award. International Artists who are not members of PAO are not eligible for entry.
- All paintings must be original, developed from the artist's original reference and composition.
- Paintings of nudes will be considered.
- All works submitted must be 80% dry pastel.
- Work previously accepted into any open juried pastel competition, any PAO members only competition, SOP Exhibition or any art magazine or art material supplier competition is not eligible.
- **Failure to meet any of the requirements for eligibility may result in the artwork not being juried. Entry fee forfeited.**

Fees:

PAO members: \$30 for 1 image, \$40 for 2 images, \$50 for 3 entries, \$60 for 4 entries.

Non Members: \$40 for 1 image, \$50 for 2 images, \$60 for 3 images, \$70 for 4 entries.

Entering Images:

Entry is online through ShowSubmit. [showsubmit.com](https://www.showsubmit.com)

- Entry form must be filled out in its entirety, including complete mailing address, state/province, zip code, country, phone number, and email address.
- List size of image to nearest inch. Crop photo to include the image only, no mats or frames, and be certain your image is right side up.

- there's no need to resize your image files. You can upload your cropped "hi-res" or original image files. If using your mobile or tablet device, please use the "Actual Size" or largest available.
- Work may be marked NFS (Not For Sale)

Sales: Purchasers will be given the Artist's contact information. Artists will handle the sales and shipping. No commission to be paid to PAO. (Shipping unframed is an option at the artist's and purchaser's discretion.)

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Mark is an internationally recognized pastel artist who now calls the Pacific Northwest home. In 2011 he and his wife left successful IT careers to focus on creativity and discovery, and moved to Taiwan for the next 8 years. During that time they explored Asia, India, Europe and South Africa. Mark has enjoyed painting plein air literally all over the world. His intention is to convey the "feel" of a place, the emotions that are brought up as one breathes the air and takes in those surroundings.

Mark will also be presenting a three day workshop at the Woodburn Art Center in Woodburn Oregon March 27, 28, 29, 2026.

AWARDS: CASH AND GIFT CERTIFICATES

There are two categories for entry and awards. **Failure to enter the correct category will result in disqualification and entry fees will not be refunded.** If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Lockhart, 2nd VP PAO at cheryllockhart523@gmail.com

- **Emerging Artists:** Artists who have not yet attained signature membership in any pastel society, have not won an award in any other pastel societies' competitions, or not had work accepted into any art magazine competition or any art supply distributor competition.
- **Established Artists:** Artists who have achieved Signature, Master or Eminent pastel membership status in any pastel society including PAO or has had work accepted into any magazine competition or art supply distributor competition.
- **CASH AWARDS** in **each** category:
- **Best of Show: \$900.00**
- **First Place: \$700.00**
- **Second Place: \$500.00**
- **Third Place: \$300.00**
- **Honorable Mention: 4x \$100.00 Gift Certificates**

DATES:

- **Entry Opens: December 15, 2025**
- **Entry Closes: March 16, 2026**

- **Notification of Acceptance: March 25, 2026**
- **Award Presentation via Zoom: March 27, 2026**
- **SOP goes online via ShowSubmit Gallery: March 28, 2026**

Legal Disclaimer

Accepted images may be used by Pastel Artists of Oregon in advertising, on our website, social media accounts and newsletters with credit to the artist, All artworks juried into the show will be displayed on our website Exhibition Gallery as well as the ShowSubmit Gallery.

ENTRY INTO THIS EXHIBITION CONSTITUTES AGREEMENT WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING.

QUESTIONS:

Questions regarding only the ShowSubmit system may be submitted to Austin Hamby at austin@ShowSubmit.com

For other questions please contact:

Cheryl Lockhart at: cheryllockhart523@gmail.com or

Peggy Braeutigam at peggy.b@pastelartistsforegon.com