

Greetings,

For many years the board of directors of the International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS) has been reevaluating their objectives concerning the global advancement of the fine art medium of pastel. After consideration, and considerable research, a unanimous decision was made to redirect the association's energies with a focus going forward toward supporting our membership through:

- Educational Support – including grants and related initiatives.
- Online Programming – development and continuation of virtual exhibitions and web-based shows.

IAPS will continue its Honors Program, maintain its website, and sustain its social media presence to support ongoing visibility and recognition for pastel as a fine art medium globally.

Our final biennial convention will be held in June of 2026 in Albuquerque. Everyone involved with IAPS is diligently working to make this the absolute best Convention ever, and all of us are looking forward to seeing so many of our beloved artist friends. While the gathering will be missed, the organization remains committed to advancing the pastel medium in other impactful ways. Looking forward, we will be placing our institutional energies into advancing existing, and new, platforms of member engagement.

Our work is far from over as a new chapter begins for IAPS.

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