

2015 ADK Pastel Society Presidents message: Submitted January 21, 2015

Happy New Year Greetings to my fellow Adirondack Pastel Society members,

We are entering our 9th year as an organized group. Wow, it doesn't seem that long ago that we had our first meeting in Dave Francis' studio here at the Shirt Factory.

I am very excited to confirm and share that the plans for our First National Juried Pastel Exhibition are under way. This could be a very successful show due to the fact the "The View" in Old Forge will not be hosting their annual Northeast National Pastel Exhibition this year. This, I believe has opened the door for APS to host a magnificent show right here in Glens Falls. We have secured Sally Strand as our selection juror and Susan Story as our awards juror, an awesome start to the process.

In lieu of "The View" not doing the pastel show, we have decided to postpone the Members Juried Award Show that was planned for May/June at the Old Forge Library to be rescheduled for October at the Crandall Public Library. This will be the component for our annual exhibition and meeting. Now we have more time to plan around that and put most of our focus on the success of the Adirondack Pastel Society First National Juried Exhibition! **July 10 – August 7. 2015**

On **Sunday, February 22**, from noon to 4 we are planning a "Sip n Paint" afternoon here at the Shirt Factory in Studio 204. This is an opportunity to relax, enjoy painting together, share techniques and stories. We will have a Still Life set up in a professional setting. We encourage each artist who comes to bring a finished piece for an open critique and discussion. Refreshments will be provided!

A **May17** event is planned with Takeyce Walter. Takeyce teaches at the Saratoga Arts Council and works in pastel and oil. Her works are gaining great recognition around the region. As a member, she will have much to share....Time and cost TBD.

Any exhibitions, workshops, news or awards you receive, please share with the group via email and I will forward out. Any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

I want to thank Diane Leifheit for taking on the newsletter this year. Her work on bringing us up to date in the social arena will be greatly appreciated. Please continue to use those avenues, such as Face book and the internet to promote our group. It's all about the conversation and striking up the buzz on the wonders and value of the medium of pastel.

Thank you all for your membership. I hope that your membership will be a rewarding experience for you in 2015.

Sincerely, Bev Saunders (President)

2015 Calendar:

Feb 22, noon – 4 Sip-n-Paint

May 17, noon – 4 Takeyce Walter

July 10 – Aug. 7 – Adirondack Pastel Society National Pastel Exhibition

October 1 – 31 – Annual Members Exhibition and Meeting (Juried Awards Show)