

# Expressions

MAPS  
MidAtlantic Pastel Society

MAY/JUNE 2026

## Calendar

### Upcoming Workshop (In-Person)

May 8-10, 2026

*Barbara Jaenicke*

*"Painting the Poetic Landscape"*

[Get more information](#)

### Artist Reception & Demo

*Barbara Jaenicke*

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Hampton Inn & Suites 6 to 9 pm

[Get more information](#)

### Current Exhibitions

Apr. 16 - May 29, 2026

*Stryker Center* - Williamsburg VA

Apr. 16 - June 30, 2026

*Cedarfield* - Richmond VA

[Get more information](#)

### Upcoming Exhibition

Jul. 11 - Aug. 29, 2026

*Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center*

Hampton VA

[Get more information](#)

**It's time to renew your membership. [CLICK HERE.](#)**

*Expressions* newsletter will feature member's pastels each issue. Artwork for this issue is by **Alison Carter**, titled *Summer Field*.

## From the President

Dear Members,

After six years serving as President of our society, I deeply appreciate all we've shared and accomplished over this time. It has truly been a privilege to work with such a dedicated Board and a community of artists who through your participation prove why we continue to succeed as a vibrant art society.

Our growth through workshops, exhibits, and programs is due to the commitment and support of you, the members, as well as the hard work behind the scenes by our Board. It has been rewarding to be a part of all we have achieved.

Our membership is at its peak with 127 members. We continue to create interesting and educational programs. Our exhibits feature outstanding work from our artists in the MidAtlantic region and the paintings just keep getting better and better.

As I step down, we move on to new leadership and fresh ideas. I'm certain that our society will continue to grow and thrive in the years ahead.

I will continue on as Workshop Chair and may take on some of the technology duties as I always welcome new personal challenges. Thanks to all of you for your encouragement, support and for your continued involvement. I look forward to remaining involved and supporting our society in new ways.

Warmly,  
Joan Dreicer  
MAPS President and Workshop Chair

## 2026-2027 Workshops

### **Barbara Jaenicke**

May 8-10, 2026

In-person



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### **Liz Haywood-Sullivan**

November 6-8, 2026

In-person



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### **Loriann Signori**

May, 2027

In-person



## Workshops

Our next workshop will be May 7-9 with **Barbara Jaenicke**. The workshop filled in less than an hour, just something to remember as we welcome artists for the upcoming year. Our workshops fill very quickly.



For the 2026/2027 season we will be hosting **Liz Haywood-Sullivan November 6-8, 2026**. This workshop will be in-person." Liz was our first National/Internationally recognized artist and first taught here in February 2017. This workshop is titled "*Focus on Trees and Foliage in the Landscape.*"

We will also have an in-person workshop **May 14-16, 2027** with **Loriann Signori**, titled "*A New Kind of Seeing.*" We are looking forward to hosting these fantastic, eminent pastelists.

We do plan to have a mid year workshop, artist TBD.

As prices for everything rise, we do our best to keep the workshops affordable.

We will be raffling off a **\$200 workshop certificate** at our May meeting. If you are interested in being included in the raffle but are not able to attend the May meeting, please send an email to me - [jdreicer54@gmail.com](mailto:jdreicer54@gmail.com) or to the MAPS gmail - [midatlanticpastelsociety@gmail.com](mailto:midatlanticpastelsociety@gmail.com).

Thank you always for your participation.

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“ Have no fear of perfection. You’ll never reach it.”  
-Salvador Dali - artist

## More Member News

**Diane Wilkin** is an artist and educator whose work captures the intricate rhythms of the natural world through pastels, monoprints, and mixed media. A native of Pennsylvania and a graduate of the University of Virginia, where she studied photography and printmaking, Wilkin brings an observant eye and a deep respect for nature's design to her art. Now based in Virginia, she finds inspiration in the structures and contrasts of the natural world, often exploring how light and space define form. Working with soft pastels and a variety of printmaking techniques, she creates both small and large-scale pieces that reflect both the complexity and simplicity found in nature.

Diane's exhibit will be in the **Centre Gallery at Art Works** from June 26 (Reception) through July 18, 2026.



## Member News

In May/June, **Joan Dreicer** will have her work featured at Botanical Fare in downtown Charlottesville. This restaurant serves vegan dishes, made fresh daily. For more information [\*\*Botanical Fare\*\*](#).

In June/July, Joan will have her work featured at Grace Estate Vineyard. The hours are Wednesday through Saturday. They sell delicious wines of many varieties. For more information [\*\*Grace Estate Winery\*\*](#).

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**Julia Lesnichy's** pastel painting titled *Sunset in January* was awarded the best pastel in Plein air salon juried show in January 2026 and is a finalist of **15th Plein Air Salon** with the awards ceremony at the Plein Air Salon convention in May 2026.

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*Sunset in January*



### **Maria Andrade**

is currently participating in the Cedarfield show with her painting titled *Eye in the Sky*.

*Eye in the Sky*

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## IT IS TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP!

Go to the [\*\*Membership Page\*\*](#) of our website and click to renew your membership! Tell us your interests and get involved! Even members outside of the Richmond area can make a contribution.

Did you know that **MAPS has 127 members**? As regional pastel societies go, this is a very large organization of pastelists . Be part of a community of like-minded pastelists and enjoy our member benefits such as the website loaded with news and information, five programs a year in person or via zoom and and members get first chance at signing up for workshops led by world class artists. Members also have the opportunity to exhibit their creations at two to four MAPS regional exhibits a year.

## For Sale

**Cassese CS79 Underpinner** - \$450: The underpinner is in very good condition and includes approximately 10 boxes of V nails.

**Morso Miter Chopper** - \$600: Although older, the miter chopper is in very good condition. The chopper includes 3 pairs of blades; one pair is brand new (retail price \$200).

For more information about this framing equipment, please contact Carolyn at 804-339-9607 or [carolyn.velletri@verizon.net](mailto:carolyn.velletri@verizon.net).



*Cassese CS79 Underpinner*



*Morso Miter Chopper*

## Member News

**Trish Volp** will participate in the **Second Fine Arts Exhibit at Colonial Heritage** in Williamsburg on Wednesday, May 6. Trish also participated in the first year's exhibit.

**Patti Howe** had her painting titled *Abstract Trees*, accepted in a juried art show entitled 'Earth and Sky' by **The Art Guild on Long Island**. It was one of three pastel paintings accepted, most of the other paintings accepted were oil and watercolor. The reception *Abstract Trees* was held March 29th at The Art Guild, Elderfields Preserve, Port Washington, NY & the show will continue until April 26.



*Abstract Trees*



*Joy*

**Mary Breshike** participated in a Plein Air event at **Quayside Art Gallery** April 8-11th. She received **3rd place** for her painting titled *Joy*, and an **honorable mention** for *Basking*.



*Turtles Basking*

# MAPS Timeline 2015-2026

## Celebrating 10 Years of Great Workshops, Programs and Exhibits

### WORKSHOP HISTORY -

**2026 - Terrilynn Dubrueil -**

Expressing Your Sentiment

**Barbara Jaenicke -** Painting the Poetic Landscape

**2025 - Adrian Guiliani -**

Observation and Play - Exploring Artistic Possibilities(via Zoom)

**Aline Ordman -** Creating Dynamic Pastels

**Karen Margulis -** Break from the Reference

2024 - **Susan Kuznitsky -** Dogs, Cats and Kids (via Zoom)

**Laura Pollak -** Above and Below

**Colette Ody Smith -** Landscape through your Eyes - Painting from photo to finish.

**2023 - Tara Will -** Pastels:

Immediacy and Color (via Zoom)

**Tony Allain**

- Mood and Atmosphere with Fresh Eyes

**Jacob Aguiar**

- Pastel Painting



**2022 - Tony Allain -** Mood and Atmosphere (via Zoom)

**Cuong Nguyễn -** Pastel Portraits

**Nancie King-Mertz -** Perspective in Plein Air

**2021 - Tony Allain -** Creativity

Untamed: From Sketch to Frame (via Zoom)

**Laura Pollak -** Abstracting the Landscape (via Zoom)

**Jeri Greenberg -** Still Life and Interiors (via Zoom)

**2020 - Rita Kirkman -** Abstracts that Glow (via Zoom)

**2019 - Marla Bagetta -** Loosen Up

**Emily Cristoff-Flowers -** Pastel Portraits using the Verdaccio Method



**Lyn Asselta -** Exploring the Expressive Landscape

**2018 - Alain Picard -** The Painterly Portrait

**Maria Reardon -** Painting the Still Life in Pastel

**2017 - Liz Haywood-Sullivan -** Painting Brilliant Skies and Water

**Desmond O'Hagan -** Capture Light - Interpreting Values and Shapes

**2016 - Maria Reardon -** Painting the Natural Landscape and Fall Color (plein air)

### PROGRAM HISTORY

**2015/16**

Tuesday, September 8th -

Inaugural Program - Round Robin Critique

Tuesday, November 10th - Pastel Demo - **Jack Pardue**

Tuesday, January 12th - Artists Studio Sale and Roundtable Discussion

Tuesday, March 8th - Pastel Demo - **Betsy Kellum**

Tuesday, May 10th - Annual Meeting and Vendor Fair

Saturday, July 9th - Plein Air Picnic - Cancelled due to heat

**2016/17**

Tuesday, Sept. 13th - Pastel Demo - **Julia Lesnichy**

Tuesday, Nov. 15th - Pastel Framing , Q and A with a professional framer

Tuesday, Jan. 10th - Members Share and Learn

Tuesday, Mar. 14th - Pastel Demo, **Emily Cristoff-Flowers**

Saturday, May 20th - Plein Air Paint Out at Deep Run Park

**2017/18**

Tuesday, Sept. 12th - Color in Pastels and IAPS Convention Overview

Tuesday, Nov. 14th - Grayscale and Monochromatic

Tuesday, Jan. 9th - Analogous Color

Tuesday, Mar. 13th - Attributes of Color, Tuesday, May 8th - Complementary Color

## 2018/19

Friday, Sept. 28th - Meet and Greet

- Judged Exhibit Award Display

Saturday, Nov. 10th - **Robin**

**Caspari** - Composition and Using Notan and Thumbnails

Friday, Jan. 11th - **Bonnie Kidd**

**Carter, Janet Visser**: Unique Underpainting Techniques

Saturday, Mar. 9th - **Ed Tepper** -

Get to know your digital camera

Friday, May 10th - Art Supply

Swap and Pastel Surface

Discussion

## 2019/20

Friday, Sept. 13th - **Allen Phibbs**,

Life Coach: Discover Your Inner

Dreams

Saturday, Nov. 2nd - **Betsy**

**Kellum**: Becoming a Master

Pastelist with PSA and Master

Circle Member in IAPS

Friday, Jan. 10th - **Michael**

**McGurk**: Jurying PSA's Enduring

Brilliance Annual Exhibition, MAPS

Judge Exhibit Awards Recipient

Review

Saturday, Feb. 15th - Members

Paint in at Crossroads Art Center

Saturday, Mar. 14th - **Marjorie**

**Perrin**, VMFA Instructor: Balancing

Neutrals with color in the

landscape - Cancelled due to

COVID

Friday, May 8th - Art Supply Swap

and Members share Inspirations

## 2020/21

Friday,

Sept. 11

- **Marla**

**Baggetta**

Demo via

Livestream



Saturday, October 24 - Paint-Out

at Pony Pasture Park, Richmond

Friday, November 13 - **Dakota Art**

**Pastels** Warehouse Tour & Product

review via Zoom

Friday, January 8, **Mike Beeman**

Demo via Zoom

Saturday, March 13 - **Amy**

**Shawley Paquette** via Zoom:

Custom Surfaces

Friday, May 14 - Members Share

Tips, Techniques & Tools

## 2021/22

Friday, Sept. 24 **Liz Haywood-**

**Sullivan** Demo (Zoom)



Saturday, Nov. 13 **Jeri Greenberg**

Critique-Annual Judged Exhibit

Paintings (Zoom)

Friday, Jan. 14th - **Becky Sciuolo**:

"Build a Dynamic Web Presence"

(Zoom)

Saturday, Mar. 12th - **Rita**

**Kirkman** - Creating a Good

Reference Photo (Zoom)

Friday, May 13th - **Les Darlow**

Demo in Pan Pastels (Zoom)

## 2022/23

Friday, September 9, 2022 -

Underpainting Explorations

Show & Tell

Saturday, November 12, 2022 -

**Lyn Asselta** Virtual Demo

Friday, January 13, 2023 - **Glen**

**Maxion** Virtual Demo

Saturday,

March,

11, 2023 -

Having Fun

with Pastel

Painting

Exercises

Thursday, May

11, 2023 - Live

evening with **Tony Allain** (Demo)



## 2023/24

Friday, Sept. 8 - **Debora Stewart**

Demo (Zoom)

Saturday, November 11 - **Jeri**

**Greenberg** (Zoom)

Friday, January 12 - **Jeanne Rosier**

**Smith** Demo (Zoom)

Saturday, March 9 - Tour of Pastel

Paintings at **Virginia Museum of**

**Fine Art** (VMFA)

Thursday, May 16 - Live Evening

Reception with **Laura Pollak**

## 2024/25

Friday, September 13 - **Adrian**

**Giuliani** (Zoom)

Saturday, November 9 - **Helen**

**Oderisi** (In-Person)

Friday, January 10 - **Ian Roberts**

(Zoom)

March 8 - **Luana Luconi-Winner**

(Zoom)

Thursday - May 15 - **Aline**

**Ordman** (Live Evening Reception)

## 2025/26

Friday, September 12 - **Doug**

**Mock** - Painting for Success

Saturday, November 15, - **Michael**

**Freeman** - My Journey in

Hyperrealism

Friday, January 9th - **Stephie**

**Clark** - Painting a Magnolia

Saturday, March 14 - **Michele Ashby** - Whispers in Pastel  
Thursday, May 7 - **Barbara Jaenicke** - Composition and Editing

## EXHIBIT HISTORY

**December 2015 - January 2014** - **Montpelier Center for the Arts, Montpelier, VA**

July - August 2016 - For Arts Sake, Richmond, VA

**November - December 2016** - **Jarret Thor Fine Arts** - Colonial Beach, VA

**January - March, 2017** - First Annual Members Judged Exhibit - Judge, **Liz Haywood-Sullivan** - **Cultural Arts Center**, Glen Allen, VA

**May-July, 2017** - **Glenmore Yoga and Wellness Center**, Richmond, VA  
July - August, 2017 - **Petersburg Area Art League**, Petersburg, VA  
November, 2017- January, 2018 - **Crossroads Art Center**, Richmond, VA

**May-June, 2018** - Second Annual Members Judged Exhibit, Judge, **Alain Picard, J.Sargeant Reynolds CC Conference Center Gallery**, Richmond, VA

**September - October, 2018** - **Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts**, Fredericksburg, VA

**November - January 2019** - **Glenmore Yoga and Wellness**, Richmond, VA

**April - May, 2019** - **Verena At the Glen** Allen, VA

**September - November, 2019** - 3rd Annual Members Judged Exhibit - Judge - **Lyn Asselta** - **Cultural Arts Center**, Glen Allen, VA

**October - November, 2020** - 4th Annual Members Judged Exhibit - Judge - **Rita Kirkman** - **Uptown Gallery**

**March - May, 2021** - **Montpelier Center for the Arts** - Montpelier, VA

**September - December, 2021** 5th Annual Members Judged Exhibit - Judge, **Jeri Greenberg** - Virtual

**February - March, 2022** - **Williamsburg Contemporary Art Center** - Williamsburg, VA

**September - October, 2022** - 6th Annual Members Judged Exhibit - **The Center at Belvedere**, Charlottesville, VA

**March - May, 2023** - **Glenmore Yoga and Wellness Center** - Richmond, VA

**September - October, 2023** 7th Annual Judged Exhibit - Judge, **Jacob Aguiar**, Crossroads Art Center, Richmond, VA

**May 1 - August 30, 2024** - Cedarfield Gallery at the Cedarfield Retirement Community, Members Exhibit



Purcell Gallery at Louisa Arts Center, 8th Annual Judged Members Exhibit  
"Expressions in Pastels" - Judge Colette Ody Smith - **September 21 - November 23, 2024**

The Center at Belvedere, 9th Annual Judged Members Exhibit  
"Expressions in Pastels" - **Aline Ordman, May 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025**

"Showcasing Pastels" - The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education  
**Oct 2 - Nov 21, 2025**

## CURRENT EXHIBIT

"Showcasing Pastels" - **Apr. 16 - May 29, 2026** - **Stryker Center, Williamsburg**



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Welcome  
New Members!

Ann Grimaldi  
Jennifer Keeler  
Christine Kielich  
Elaine Napoda  
Bryan Reynolds  
Hilary White

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“If you go to your  
grave without painting  
your masterpiece, it will  
not get painted. No one  
else can paint it.”

—Gordon MacKenzie—artist

## How MAPS Began

By Carol Cullinan

In 2012, Linda Wolitz and I joined the Pastel Society of Virginia, a group headquartered in Northern Virginia. After attending several meetings, we thought it would be a good idea to form a chapter of PSV in Central VA so that pastel artists we knew could attend meetings closer to home. We got permission from the PSV President and formed the Central VA Chapter of PSV in late 2012. We signed up local pastel artists to join our chapter, held bi-monthly meetings with educational programs, hosted two exhibits per year 2013-2015, and held our first Richmond-based workshop with Richard McKinley.

While we had been successful as the Central Virginia Chapter of the Pastel Society of Virginia, we identified some key areas for improvement. After bringing our ideas forward to the PSV President, we realized these areas would not change. I discussed my concerns with Liz Haywood-Sullivan at the 2015 IAPS convention and was encouraged to explore our ideas further. After IAPS, Linda and I met with a core group of CVC members and decided that the best way to continue all the good work we had started was to form a new society independent of PSV.

On August 4, 2015, we held a meeting with the CVC membership, discussed current challenges and presented the idea of forming a new society that would be independent of PSV. All eighteen attendees present approved. An interim board of directors was appointed with the promise to elect officers once the new group was established and functional (approximately one year's time). The interim board members appointed were *Continued on page 9*





“We ended our first year in August 2016 with 64 charter members. I am so proud to have been a part of MAPS since the beginning.”



**Carol Cullinan** (President), **Elizabeth Hood** (Vice-President), **Terry Atkinson** (Treasurer), **Sheila Chandler** (Secretary), Carolyn Velletri (Program Chair), **Betsy Kellum** (Membership Chair), and **Linda Wolitz** (Executive Advisor).

The new group followed all IAPS rules for new societies, to have elected officers and bylaws, in anticipation of becoming an IAPS-affiliated society within one to two years. We would have member-approved bylaws, a mission statement, a bank account with financial transparency and reporting, a board of directors, at least 10 dues paying members, a website, and at least one exhibit per year. The society name was selected in August 2015 and ***the first meeting of the MidAtlantic Pastel Society was held on September 8, 2015.***

Our accomplishments in that first MAPS year were amazing. We had a website, Gmail account and Facebook account by November 2015 (Elizabeth Hood, Technology), our first two exhibits in December 2015 and July 2016 (Linda Wolitz), member-approved bylaws with a mission statement and guiding principles approved in March 2016, an approved logo concept in April 2016, our first elections in May 2016 (Carol Cullinan, President, Finetta Milway, Vice President, Terry Atkinson, Treasurer, and Sheila Chandler, Secretary), acceptance into IAPS as a member society, and a workshop chair appointed with 2 workshops scheduled (Joan Dreicer). We ended our first year in August 2016 with 64 charter members (Betsy Kellum, Membership). I am so proud to have been a part of MAPS since the beginning.



## Upcoming Judged Exhibit

**MAPS 10th Annual  
Members Judged Exhibit  
Brightpoint Community  
College - Midlothian VA  
Oct. 27 - Dec. 5, 2026**

Our annual members judged exhibit will be held at **The Art Gallery at Brightpoint Community College**. The college hosts exhibitions from professional artists and Brightpoint students. Exhibitions are free and open to the public.

**Location:** Midlothian Campus, Eliades Hall, E107

**Hours:** Open Monday – Friday, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m., and by appointment

For more about our exhibits for 2026 go to our **web page**.



“ If you wait,  
all that happens is,  
you get older.”

– Larry McMurtry - writer.

## ■ Current Exhibits

### **WRL at the Stryker Center - Williamsburg VA**

**Apr. 16 - May 29, 2026**

412 N Boundary St,  
Williamsburg, VA 23185  
(757) 259-4070



An exhibit is currently being held at the **Williamsburg Regional Library Gallery at the Stryker Center**. The library is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

### **Cedarfield Retirement Community**

#### **Cedarfield Gallery**

**April 16-June 30, 2026**

2300 Cedarfield Pkwy  
Richmond, VA 23233  
(804)376-8985



An exhibit is currently open in the **Cedarfield Gallery at the Cedarfield Retirement Community** in Richmond's west end. The gallery is not open to the public.

## ■ Upcoming Exhibit

### **Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center Hampton VA**

**Jul. 11 - Aug. 29, 2026**

4205 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, VA 23669  
(757) 727-1490



The **Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center** is focused on the creations of artists living and working in Coastal Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia. We promote contemporary art makers and provide an opportunity for our visitors to interact with the art and artists.

# 2025-2026 Executive Board

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## Board Happenings

- The Board met on April 16th.
- **Treasurer** - We are working on next year's budget. Overall we are in great shape financially.
- **Programs** - Judy is currently working to complete plans for our 2026/27 programs. We will be hosting two programs, in person, and three programs virtually.
- We will be changing our program raffle prizes to gift cards. Since many of our members live out of town, or prizes are raffled when we are meeting virtually, this will save on postage and allow the raffle winner to choose some items they would benefit from.
- **Membership** - We are rocking membership with our best numbers. We currently have 127 members.
- We have printed out some **new rack cards** for displaying around the region. We would like to reach more pastel artists out there and have them join our community.
- **Newsletter** - Patti Jeffries will be stepping down as Newsletter Chair. We all appreciate the professional and beautiful work she has done.
- **Exhibits** - our Exhibit Chair, Terry Atkinson, has done a fantastic job of setting up exhibits in various locations in the Mid-Atlantic region. Our most recent reception in Williamsburg at the Stryker Center was well attended and the display of art there looks wonderful.
- **Workshops** - following our workshop this month with Barbara Jaenicke, we will begin planning for the return of Liz Haywood-Sullivan. She was the first professional and internationally known artist we hosted in February 2017. We will be hosting Loriann Signori in the spring of 2027. Our mid year workshop instructor - tbd. We discussed the rising costs of workshops and brainstormed to explore possibilities to manage those costs.
- **Yearly Donation** - Our annual donation for the year has been deferred to next year. It was decided to create a committee to explore different locations, being thoughtful about how we share our resources.
- **IAPS Convention**- Joan will be attending the convention and is aware that other members are attending as well. She plans to reach out to those attending to see if there is interest in having drinks or a meal together.