

**Montpelier Center for Arts & Education
Prospectus for December 30, 2015 - January 29, 2016
MidAtlantic Pastel Society Inaugural All Member Exhibit**

“Beauty of the MidAtlantic” is a MidAtlantic Pastel Society exhibit hosted at the Montpelier Center for Arts & Education December 30, 2015 – January 29, 2016 in Montpelier Virginia. This exhibit will showcase the talent and skill of the members of the pastel society. The subject of the artwork will be artist’s interpretation of the exhibit theme.

The MidAtlantic Pastel Society (MAPS) is non-profit association dedicated to the promotion and greater understanding of pastels as a fine art medium. Open to everyone, beginning student to professional, the society provides its members with fellowship, support and growth through bimonthly programs; by offering workshops, critiques and other educational training; and with opportunities to exhibit.

The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education is a non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage creative expression and lifetime learning through a wide variety of artistic and education opportunities. **The Montpelier Center is located at 17205 Mountain Road, Montpelier, Virginia 23192**, in a beautiful, historic building. Its gallery space presents rotating exhibits featuring regional arts and art groups in diverse mediums. In addition to its gallery space, the Montpelier Center houses a busy regional library branch, offers a range of classes and activities for children and adults, and hosts numerous community and private events. The Montpelier Center is normally open to the public 9 am to 9 pm Monday through Thursday, Friday 10 am to 6pm, and Saturday 10 am to 2 pm and has ample parking. More information about the Montpelier Center for Arts & Education and directions to the Montpelier Center can be located at www.montpeliercenter.org.

There is a \$10.00 entry fee for this exhibit and each participating artist may enter up to two paintings. The entry form is included on page 3 of this prospectus along with mailing information. Registration begins on October 15, 2015 and must be received no later than December 5, 2015. The exhibit will not be juried or judged. Membership will be notified when the exhibit nears capacity and is full.

A paid MAPS membership for 2015-2016 is a requirement of entry. Please contact Membership Chair, Betsy Kellum, at betsykellum@gmail.com for more information about membership in the pastel society.

All work must be primarily soft/dry/hard pastels and must be original (i.e. may not be work copied from other artist’s paintings, from published photographs or other copyrighted material). No artwork may have been included in a previous exhibit at the Montpelier Center. Work must be presented in a professional manner, wired and ready to hang appropriately for gallery presentation. No sawtooth hangers will be accepted. The back of the painting must contain artist’s name, title of painting, contact information and price; labels that can be stapled over the wire or taped to the paintings’ backs are included on the last page of this prospectus. The Montpelier Center is a community, family-friendly gallery; please note that no nudity or suggestive language or material is allowed. *All work must be for sale.*

Artwork must not exceed 40” in either direction for the outer dimensions of your frame. Diptychs will count as two items, triptychs as three.

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A one to two page bio or artist's statement may be included with the exhibit's promotional materials. If you would like to include it, please bring it when you drop off your paintings.

The opening reception will be held at the Montpelier Center on Sunday, January 17, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Artists participating in the exhibit should plan to bring hors d'oeuvres suitable for a stand-up party or wine for the reception table.

The Montpelier Center will administer all sales during the exhibition, will collect sales taxes, and will retain a commission of 30% of the sales price of all artwork sold during the exhibition. Please factor the commission into your pricing. Work, whether sold or unsold, may not be removed from the Center until the end of the exhibition. The Montpelier Center does not have storage capability, so please be prompt in picking up any unsold artwork.

Work may be shipped, should an artist be outside of the Richmond metropolitan area and unable to deliver the work in person. The Montpelier Center is unable to accept shipped work, so please have the work shipped to Exhibit Chair, Terry Atkinson, at 17436 Millfield Lane, Montpelier, Virginia 23219 and call her at 804-883-7545 to let her know in advance to expect it.

If return of the unsold work is also needed, work should be in a returnable box that our exhibit chair can put the artwork back in for return. Please include a PREPAID return shipping label with the artwork for its return.

Although every reasonable precaution will be taken when handling artwork, no responsibility for loss or damage of any kind to the artwork will be assumed by MAPS or the Montpelier Center. The Montpelier Center has a minimum security monitor and takes every precaution to protect and secure the property on loan by others but is not responsible for any loss or damage occurring during the exhibition.

Timeline for "Beauty of the MidAtlantic" Exhibition at the Montpelier Center for Arts & Education

- October 15, 2015:** Begin mail-in registration
- December 5, 2015:** Registration must be received
- December 1, 2015:** Email invitation to the show will be shared with participating artists
- December 29, 2015:** Drop off paintings between 10:00 am to Noon at Montpelier Center
- December 30, 2015** Exhibit opens at 9 am
- January 17, 2016:** Public reception at Montpelier Center Ballroom, 2:00 to 4:00 pm
- January 29, 2016:** Exhibit ends at 9 pm
- January 30, 2016:** Pick up unsold paintings between 10:00 am and Noon

See Page 4 for painting labels

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Entry form

Complete entry form below, printing clearly. Mail completed form, and your entry fee, to: Terry Atkinson, 17436 Millfield Lane, Montpelier, VA 23192.

Please contact Exhibit Chair Terry Atkinson at teeatkinson@gmail.com, 804-883-7545, with questions.

Entry #1: _____

Outer Frame Dimensions: _____ Price: \$ _____

Entry #2: _____

Outer Frame Dimensions: _____ Price: \$ _____

Entry fee

Check made out to MAPS for \$10.00 entry fee included

Reception

I am planning to attend the reception on Sunday, January 17th: Yes or No (circle one)

If yes, I will bring: Wine or Food (circle one)

Artist: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature _____

Note: Your signature constitutes acceptance of all conditions and terms in this prospectus.

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To label each painting for drop off, fold over wire at center & tape or staple at the end.

TITLE: _____		
ARTIST: _____		
PRICE: _____ MEDIUM: Soft Pastel		
EMAIL: _____		
ADDRESS: _____		
PHONE: _____		

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