



” Showcasing Pastels”

April 16, 2026 – May 29, 2026

Gallery at the Stryker Center, Williamsburg VA

The MidAtlantic Pastel Society (MAPS) is sponsoring our spring exhibit, “Showcasing Pastels,” at the Stryker Center, 412 N Boundary St, Williamsburg, VA 23185, with the show opening on April 16 and closing May 29. This will not be a judged show. There will be a public reception at the Stryker Center on Friday, April 17 from 3 to 5 pm.

Venue: The Stryker Center is a public event and meeting space for the City of Williamsburg. The new Stryker Center, completed in 2016, includes the Chamber and offices for City Council, a theatre and administrative offices for Williamsburg Regional Library. The Gallery at the Stryker Center is overseen by the Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL). To find out more about the Stryker Center, visit <https://www.wrl.org/187/Buildings-Parking>

To Register: Each artist may enter one painting. NFS (Not for Sale) paintings are allowed. Entries will be size restricted; no entry may be over 24 inches wide (framed). Registration will open February 12 and close March 30 or when the gallery capacity of 50 paintings is reached. There is no fee to participate in this exhibit. A paid MAPS membership for the 2025-2026 fiscal year (MAPS fiscal year is June 1 through May 31 each year) is required to register. If capacity is not reached by the registration deadline, registered artists will be allowed to enter a second painting with priority order set by response time to an email sent by the MAPS Exhibit Chair informing the artists of the opportunity.

General Requirements: Exhibitors must adhere to requirements for exhibiting with MAPS found in MAPS Standing Rules Addendum – Exhibit Rules – with the exception being that work may have been completed in a workshop or class because this will not be a judged show. You may click on the [link](#) to access the rules, or you may find them in the Members Only Section on the MAPS website. The exposed surface of all paintings must be at least 80% soft pastel. No oil pastels. The work must not be glazed with a finished surface of matte acrylic, resin, solvent varnish, or any product that changes the properties of the soft pastel, as the painting then becomes mixed media. Please attach a label to the back of your painting that includes your name, painting title, contact information for potential buyers, and price. You may use your own labels or the label that is included on the last page of this prospectus.

Theme, Sales, and Commission: The title for this exhibit is “Showcasing Pastels.” The subjects are open to any of your favorites - landscapes, still life, portraits, animals, or non-representational paintings. The WRL reserves the right to refuse any artwork that they believe might be considered pornographic or offensive to viewers. All sales will be handled by the individual artist; therefore, no commissions are charged by the venue.

Williamsburg Regional Library is responsible for installing this exhibit. Although every reasonable precaution will be taken when handling artwork, no responsibility will be assumed for loss or damage of any kind by MAPS, the Stryker Center or WRL.



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Publicity: The Williamsburg Regional Library will promote the exhibit via printed program guide, email, website calendar(s), exterior building signage, and social media. MAPS will also promote the exhibit on our website, Facebook page, and Instagram. Artists are encouraged to promote the exhibit to their own contacts.

MAPS will use photos of 3-5 entered paintings for publicity purposes. If you are interested in having your painting considered for publicity for the show, please submit photos to Patti Jeffries at patti.jeffries@gmail.com no later than March 15. Photos must be 1000 pixels on the longest side and 300 dpi resolution, taken before the painting is under glass and framed. File name must be ArtistName_Title_Size_Price.jpg.

Please contact MAPS Exhibit Chair Terry Atkinson at teeatkinson@gmail.com with any questions.

NOTE: Your online entry submission constitutes acceptance of all conditions and terms in this prospectus. MAPS Exhibit Rules will be followed for this exhibit (with the exception that work created in workshop and classroom settings may be submitted) and are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Refer to these rules for requirements for exhibiting with MAPS.

See below for the Exhibit Timeline and painting label.

TIMELINE FOR Stryker Center “SHOWCASING PASTELS” EXHIBIT

February 12	Begin on-line registration at Noon
March 15	Photos due to Patti Jeffries patti.jeffries@gmail.com for publicity consideration
March 30	Registration closes at 6 pm (sooner if capacity is reached)
April 10	Drop off at the Stryker Center (10:30 am-12 Noon)
April 17	Reception at the Stryker Center from 3 pm-5 pm
June 1	Pick-up unsold paintings (10:30 am-12 noon)

-----Cut Here for Painting Label-----

TITLE: _____

ARTIST: _____

PRICE: _____ Phone or Email _____ MEDIUM: SOFT PASTEL