



## Tips and Criteria for Signature Membership

### Criteria for Signature Membership in the Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod

1. Work shows Excellence, Originality, and Consistency. *Primary element*
2. Demonstrated exhibition record (such as acceptance into 3 national art exhibitions like PPSCC For Pastels Only) *Secondary element*

Signature status connotes a high level of mastery of pastel painting and the strongest applicants will show a developed individual style and a unique point of view.

#### Compare your paintings with these statements to see if you are ready to apply.

- ✓ Grouping shows consistency in artistry
- ✓ Shows individualistic mark making and technical ability
- ✓ Contains basic understanding of the principals of composition
- ✓ Demonstrates ability to draw
- ✓ Shows skillful use of color, value, and intensity
- ✓ Evokes mood or unique point of view
- ✓ Collection of paintings show unified voice and accomplishments as an artist

#### Rethink application if any of these statements apply to you.

- ✓ You haven't found your voice as an artist, what sets you apart.
- ✓ You are trying new styles and haven't settled into one
- ✓ Your perspective of buildings or relationship of figures in setting is off
- ✓ Your composition is uninteresting or needs focal point
- ✓ You only paint in classes or workshops

*It is not unusual to not get accepted first time around. Learn from your experience, take time to analyze your work with critical eye, make adjustments, and try again! The more you paint, the better you get!*