

MASSACHUSETTS PASTEL SOCIETY

THE CONSOLIDATION OF
PASTEL PAINTERS SOCIETY
OF CAPE COD
AND
CENTRAL MASS PASTEL
SOCIETY

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Why Consolidate?

- A Statewide Society
 - Become more inclusive throughout Massachusetts
 - Go beyond our two regional societies to include everyone in the state
 - Hold in-person events throughout the state
- A Global Society
 - Become more globally inclusive with more online events within a members space
 - Many of our members live outside Massachusetts and outside of the U.S.
- A Fresh Start brings New Ideas while keeping programs we know and love
 - We started with a survey to hear your ideas
 - A larger membership base provides more ideas being shared
 - You will see we have many new ideas throughout the presentation that we will strive to implement
- Combines our Volunteer Force
 - Combining volunteer resources allows us to keep existing programs and potentially add more programs
 - We combine our common events
 - One new board of directors with members from both PPSCC and CMPS
 - One new Signature member base and combined signature show
 - One larger members show
 - With all our new ideas, we encourage new volunteers to enable us do more
- The Massachusetts Pastel Society will become one of the largest US Pastel Societies

Your Added Value Membership Benefits

- You now only will pay one membership fee and gain the benefits of both societies
- You now have access to many more programs at the same cost
- Your artwork and name reach a larger audience
 - Featured member, Painting Challenges, Awards are posted to our new social media brand reaching a larger audience
 - Our Newsletter featuring your news/events will be distributed to a larger audience
 - Our Members Show will be viewed by a larger audience

Uniting and Continuing Existing Programs

- For Pastels Only (PPSCC show)
- Marks of Distinction (CMPS show)
- Pastels Plus (Online show)
- Members show
- Signature Gallery show offered every other year.
- WOW online workshops
- Off-Cape in person workshops
- On-Cape in person workshop as part of FPO exhibit with the judge of awards artist.
- Online demos, studio tours, artist talks
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Featured Member
- Painting Challenges

New Programs we hope to add

- We have many programs already and many more ideas that we want to implement. As we have more of you to join our team of volunteers we can make it happen!
- Our volunteering goal is to have enough volunteers to keep the tasks small
- At the forefront of our list is the Members Room
 - Online Plein Air sites with exhibiting on our Social Media
 - Discounts from Vendors
 - Artist Critique Sessions
 - Members Forum

Society Goals - Learning, Visibility and Community

- PPSCC and CMPS share a common vision that will be carried on in MPS to support our membership in the three tenets of Education, Visibility and Community.
- Each tenet is expanded upon on the following pages.

Society Goals - Learning

- In-person and online workshops
- Member-free demos, artist studio tours and artist talks
- With future plans to have a:
 - Member-free book club
 - Member-free resource page
 - Members-free Critique Sessions

Society Goals - Visibility

- Provide members with visibility on the MPS website and through MPS Social Media (Facebook/Instagram). Examples include:
 - Online International Juried Show
 - Two National Gallery Juried Shows at Gallery and Online
 - Non-Juried Online Members Show
 - Signature Members Gallery Show
 - Featured Member
 - Member's artwork is displayed on the home page
 - No jurying to get in, apply and get queued for your turn
 - Painting Challenge
 - Quarterly Painting Challenges on a theme
 - No jurying to get in, submit paintings and see them in home page gallery and on MPS Social Media
- MPS website remembers where it came from and will include history of both PPSCC and CMPS
- Gallery Shows will be located across the state

Society Goals - Community

- Community in a well-run democratic organization with a high-standard of excellence.
Create a lively, forward-looking society where pastel artists at all levels come together to develop their skills, show their work, and engage with their fellow artists.
- Represent all members of our pastel community.
- Commit to providing gallery exhibits at various locations across Massachusetts.
- Keep membership affordable. Offer more to members for the same price.
- Include a commitment to yearly surveys of membership to be sure that members have input
- Develop program to connect with high school student artists throughout the state.
- Down the road, provide a Members Room through our website
 - Online Plein Air Groups
 - Member generated list of locations/times
 - Member Post on MPS Social Media
 - Book Club
 - Artist Critiques Sessions
 - Members' Pastel Material Sale
 - Vendor Discounts

Society Goals - Community (continued)

- Scholarships
 - Continue with the Stone Scholarship for Emerging Artists
 - Expand the Young Artist Scholarship throughout Massachusetts
- Provide more opportunities for the Signature Member to:
 - Gain visibility by connecting with developing artists
 - Add Visibility to their artwork
 - Provide teaching opportunities
 - Provide Critique sessions to the membership community.
 - Provide Helpful tips for artists on their journey

Volunteers are Our Backbone!

Volunteers benefit from Visibility, Learning and Community!

If you want to contribute some of your time to our shared society, there is a place for you!

- Meet your community of artists and friends
- Make use of current skills
- Learn new skills
- Learn the behind the scenes of a pastel society
 - Running a show, a demo, or posting to media, etc
- You pick the position! We try to have many co-chair positions to make it more fun and less work!

We Need Your Vote

- **Without your vote this cannot happen!**
 - We are required by law to obtain a $\frac{2}{3}$ Membership approval from both PPSCC and CMPS membership base in order to consolidate our societies to create the Massachusetts Pastel Society
 - Register for info sessions and All Hands Meetings at: <https://cmpastels.org/events>
 - The in-person vote takes place at both societies' all-hands meeting

PPSCC All Hands Meeting and Vote
Saturday, November 7, 1:00 pm

CMPS All Hands Meeting and Vote
Friday, November 13, 4:00pm

- Unable/unsure you can attend all-hands? Please vote by proxy anytime before meeting.

PPSCC Vote By Proxy



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CMPS Vote By Proxy



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