

Pastel Society of the Southwest

2026 Membership Exhibition

The Pastel Society of the Southwest's 2026 Membership Exhibition during the month of September will be the nonprofit organization's 45th Show of soft pastels.

We invite you to participate in our membership exhibition and be a part of our quest for the highest artistic excellence in the soft pastel medium. You will need to be a member of The Pastel Society of the Southwest to participate. Our membership ranges from beginners to nationally recognized professionals, and we seek to increase our knowledge and enjoyment of the pastel medium.

PSSW Dates and Information for Membership Exhibition 2026

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September 12 through October 4, 2026
Grapevine Visitors and Convention Bureau – Tower Gallery
636 S. Main Street
Grapevine, TX 76051

Juror of Awards – Rita Kirkman

The 2026 PSSW Membership Exhibition is open to **current paid-up members**.

KEY DATES

Entry submissions due August 17, 2026 (Members may submit 2 soft pastel paintings for inclusion in the show.) No nudes. This is a non-juried show but there will be three awards: First Place: \$600.00, Second Place: \$400.00 and Third Place: \$300.00, Honorable Mention

IMPORTANT DATES for 2026:

Now Open	Call for entries
August 17, 2026	Entry deadline, send to: sherry.barber@ymail.com
September 10, 2026 (10AM to 1PM)	Take In Hand delivered entries will be accepted at the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau, 636 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051
September 12, 2026	Exhibition opens at the Tower Gallery within the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau. The Gallery faces Main Street and is open 8 AM-5 PM CT Monday – Friday to the public, unless reserved for special events. Sat. 10 – 5PM, Sun. 10Am -4PM. Phone: 817-410-3185
Sept. 17,18,19,20, 2026	Grapefest: NOTE: Entry to see exhibit requires a ticket to Grapefest for these days.
Sept. 27, 20026	Meeting and Demo by Rita Kirkman and Awards Presentation at Stacy's Furniture, Third Floor Community Room, 1900 S. Main Street. Grapevine, TX 76051 Time to be announced, but we are planning on 2PM.

Sept. 28, 29, 30, 2026 Workshop with Rita Kirkman at Stacy's Furniture, Third Floor Community Room, 1900 S. Main Street. Grapevine, TX 76051. Contact Vicki Guess for more information: vickiguess@gmail.com

October 4, 2026 Exhibition closes

October 5, 2026 Painting pick-up at the Tower Gallery, Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau, 636 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051, 10 AM to 1PM

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Open to all PSSW **members** working in the soft pastel medium with 80% of the artwork consisting of soft pastel. No oil pastels.
- Artwork must not have been accepted in a previous PSSW juried exhibition.
- Artwork must have been completed within the last 3 years.
- Entries must be original, unpublished, and not copied from another artist's work, photographs, or publications. (Articles highlighting your work would make that artwork ineligible).
- Work produced in classroom or workshop under supervision or collaboration of artist instruction is not eligible.
- Work may not be based on or directly derived from reference materials created or arranged by others, even if with permission, royalty-free or not copyrighted.
- Use of optical projection or mechanical reproduction/collage is not eligible.
- All accepted work must remain at the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau for the duration of the exhibition.
- No Nudes. PSSW reserves the right to reject any work not meeting eligibility requirements or deemed inappropriate to the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau.
- Three cash awards

HOW TO ENTER:

- Electronic applications will now be accepted at: sherry.barber@ymail.com
- Entry fee of \$40.00 for PSSW members entering 1 or 2 images.
- PSSW Membership fees are \$35. and are due by August 31 of each year. [You must join prior to entering the show.](#)
- You may submit up to 2 entries for inclusion into the show.
- No refunds will be made on non-delivered entries.
- As a condition of entry to the PSSW Membership Exhibition, the submitting artist agrees to the terms and conditions stated in this prospectus, including granting permission to reproduce artists' work for publicity purposes.

Entries must include:

Artists Name (and contact information)

Image JPEG

Painting Title

Dimensions

Price/NFS

IMAGE PREP:

- Images must not show a mat or frame and should be an accurate representation of the artwork.

SALES PRICE:

- Sale prices marked on entries may not be changed.
- Remember to consider these charges when setting price: commission on sales price to gallery.

- Sales of exhibited artwork is subject to a 30% commission at the listed price payable to the Grapevine Convention & Visitor's Bureau.
- Artwork marked Not for Sale (NSF) will be accepted.
- Framed work must not exceed 48 inches in height or width.

PRESENTATION OF ARTWORK and FRAMING:

- This show will hang in a gallery.
- Artwork must be framed under glass or acrylic.
- Paintings must be secured in a frame and wired for hanging with **D-rings**. This is necessary as the paintings will attach to the gallery hanging system through 2 D-rings spaced appropriately on the back of your framed artwork.
- D-rings look like the capitalized letter D.
- No sawtooth hangers, clip frames or eye hooks will be accepted.
- Place a **label** on the back of the painting with the artist's name, title of the painting and contact information including phone number.
- No painting may be removed before the end of the exhibition.
- Buyers must deliver and pick up the paintings at designated times after the show take-down or arrange and pay for a shipping agent.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

Artwork will be handled with all possible care in the handling, transportation, installation of accepted paintings; however, neither The Pastel Society of the Southwest, the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau, Hang Right Decor or any member of PSSW will be responsible for any loss or damage.

Glass is used at the artist's risk.

PSSW recommends that artists carry their own insurance for their artwork.

Painting Delivery Thursday Sept. 10, 2026, 10AM to 1PM. No shipped entries. Paintings must be hand delivered (by artist or designated person) to the Tower Gallery during this time. The show will be hung by our professional hangers. Paintings will be arranged for them prior to their arrival, so your promptness for delivery times is crucial for inclusion in the exhibition. Remember that paintings need to be framed and ready to hang with D-Rings hardware.

Show Opens: Saturday, September 12, 2026

Show Closes: Sunday, October 4, 2026

Painting Pickup: Monday, October 5, 2026, 10 AM to 1PM. PSSW will not be responsible for paintings not picked up during this time frame.

The **Awards** will be announced at our Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026 meeting.