

## **2011 SIGNATURE MEMBERSHIP SHOW INFORMATION**

### **Location and Dates of Show**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> biennial Signature Membership Show will be hung at the El Dorado Arts Council's **ArtSpace Gallery**, 459 Main Street in downtown Placerville, California. The show will be **open to the public November 15<sup>th</sup> through December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Tuesdays – Saturdays 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and later into the evening during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Art Walk, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Those wishing to enter, please note the following important dates:

#### **October 11<sup>th</sup> Postmark Deadline for Entry Reservation Form and fees**

Signature members intending to enter this show **must reserve space** for their paintings by filling out the entry form and mailing it with the appropriate fees by October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**November 10<sup>th</sup> Shipped Paintings must be received** Shipping instructions will be sent to those indicating on their Entry Reservation Form that they will need to ship rather than hand-deliver their work.

#### **November 14<sup>th</sup> Delivery Day for Entries**

Hand delivered entries are to be brought to the *ArtSpace Gallery* **Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> between 9 and 11 a.m.** **Entries must have been pre-registered by Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.** The show will be hung and judged that day.

#### **November 19<sup>th</sup> Awards Reception**

The Awards Reception will be held at the gallery on **Saturday afternoon November 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 p.m.**, followed by Placerville's Third Saturday Art Walk. Artists attending the reception will be able to vote for the winner of the Artists' Choice Award (see below under "Awards").

#### **December 4<sup>th</sup> Pick up Date**

Paintings are to be picked up **Sunday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, between 12 and 2 pm.** Please make prior arrangements with the show chair if you will be unable to pick up your work that day.

[Note: If you plan to enter the Winter Membership Show the following day, you must bring different paintings; those hung in the Signature Show will not be accepted for that show. If you are traveling from out of the area, for the sake of convenience you may leave your Winter Show entries off at the time you pick up your Signature Show paintings, but you must have identification on your paintings, and bring your entry form and a check covering the fees for your entries or they will not be processed.]

### **Eligible Work**

Only current SPS members who have achieved **Signature Status** are eligible to enter this exhibition.

Paintings must be at least 80% dry pastel. No oil pastel.

Work must be original and done within last two years. Paintings executed in a workshop or under another artist's supervision, or paintings based on published photographs are **NOT** eligible.

Paintings previously displayed in any SPS exhibition are not eligible for this show.

**Entry limit:** Up to 3 paintings.

**Size limit:** The longest frame edge **may not exceed 36"**.

Paintings must be properly framed with glass protection, and wired securely on the back for hanging. Please place identification on the back of your work, giving your name and the title of the painting.

### **Entry Fees and Commissions**

**Entry fees: \$10 per painting.** All paintings are to be for sale.

**A commission of 30%** will be collected on sales (20% to EDAC, 10% to SPS). Please keep this in mind when setting a price for your artwork.

### **Awards**

Winning paintings will receive Awards of Excellence and Awards of Merit. Monetary amounts for each award are as follow: Best of Show will receive \$50; Awards of Excellence will receive \$40; Awards of Merit \$30. There will be no more than two top awards per artist. A gorgeous ribbon will be given for the Public's Choice Award, and the same to the winner of the Artists' Choice Award determined by vote of the artists attending the reception on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Digital images**

We recommend you *take high quality digital photos of your paintings* before you frame them. Photos of top award winners may be requested for use in newspaper publicity, our newsletter, the SPS website home page, or the SPS section of the International Association of Pastel Societies website.

#### **All SPS shows are volunteer events.**

Helpers are always needed for different aspects of putting on our shows, from entry day, and hanging, to the reception and take down. Please support your fellow member artists by volunteering your assistance, and helping to make the show a success.

**Please contact Signature Show Chair, Kathy Hall, (530) 620-3400, [kathy@khallart.com](mailto:kathy@khallart.com)** if you have any questions.