

Becoming a Sierra Pastel Society Signature Member

Signature membership in the Sierra Pastel Society indicates an advanced level of ability and accomplishment with the pastel medium. Signature members may use the initials “SPS” after their signature on their artwork or in publication as long as they remain a member in good standing. Associate members of SPS may attain signature membership in one of two ways described below.

1.) An associate member automatically achieves signature status when they have paintings successfully juried into three consecutive *Pastels on High* International Exhibitions. These open juried competitions are sponsored by the organization biennially, so this process takes at least 5 years.

2.) The alternative method to gain signature status is to be successfully juried to that level through an annual review process - usually in August. Each year the organization hires a different, well respected artist, usually from outside our organization, to perform these reviews. The exact due date for applications will be announced in the newsletter and on the website, and will also include the specific entry instructions and application form.

The artist applying for review is required to submit a CD with three digital images of their current work, a \$10 check made out to the Sierra Pastel Society, the application form indicating painting titles and sizes, and a self addressed stamped envelope for notification of results. The images are copied onto one CD and sent to the juror for evaluation without identifying the artist by anything other than an alphabetical letter for each applicant. Following the review process, each applicant will receive an acceptance/rejection notification with any comments available from the juror. Those successfully juried to signature status will receive a certificate, and their names will be announced to the membership in the newsletter.

Preparing your images for review

Submit images only of soft pastel paintings done within the last 3 years, and entirely original in concept; no work done in a student setting under supervision is allowed. Make sure you have good quality images that are an accurate representation of the work you wish to have evaluated, with no frame or mat visible. Images must be PC compatible and in Jpeg format. If possible, please save images with the longest side at 900 pixels, and a resolution of 300 dpi. Please name the 3 images you are submitting for Signature status review as follows: the number 1, 2, or 3 followed by the title of the painting. (1Sunset at Sea, 2MountainView, 3MeadowMorning) **Do NOT put your name on the images.** CDs will not be returned.

Signature Status is an opportunity to be recognized for your accomplishments as an artist!
If you have any questions, please contact the President of the Sierra Pastel Society.