

2022 MEMBER DUES

If you haven't had a chance to yet, take a minute to get online and pay your 2022 dues so you don't miss out on any of the great opportunities this year! <https://www.ctpastelsociety.org/membership/membership/>
Our new Membership Chair Phyllis Phelps would love a smooth transition this year!

UPCOMING SHOWS

Annual Member Exhibition: April 2 - 30 at Southington Community Cultural Arts. Complete details will be added to the website when they are available. <https://www.ctpastelsociety.org/exhibition/member/#>

Renaissance Exhibition: June at Lyme Art Association. Check the website for the latest information. <https://www.ctpastelsociety.org/exhibition/renaissance-in-pastel/>

2022 WORKSHOPS

This list is subject to change regularly! Make sure to visit the website <https://www.ctpastelsociety.org/education/cps-workshops-2/> for current information.

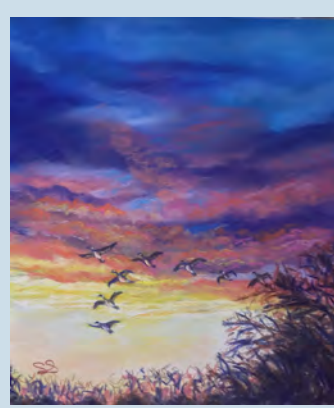
Corey Pitkin: May 22 - 24 - details forthcoming

Richard McKinley: October 10 - 14 - details forthcoming

CPS SCHOLARSHIP

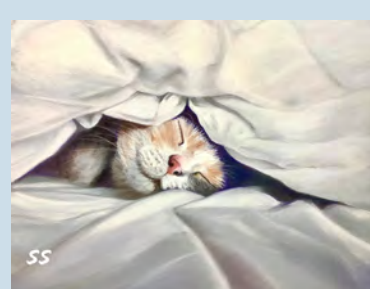
Pastelists wishing to attend a workshop from our offerings should apply. For more information on this program visit <https://www.ctpastelsociety.org/scholarship/>

January Feature Artist ~ Susan Sarabasha

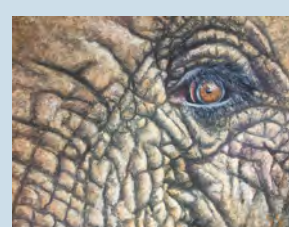


Harbingers of Spring

I would like to introduce you to Susan Sarabasha, a pastel artist from Ithaca, NY. She has been a member of CPS for over 2 years. Susan grew up in Brooklyn, drawing any chance she got, and taking a few adult drawing classes at Brooklyn College. After high school she attended Alfred University in upstate NY. From there she moved to Ithaca and attained her Master of Fine Arts degree in Illustration from the University of Syracuse. She worked as a scientific illustrator for many years and was a member of the Natural Science Illustrators.

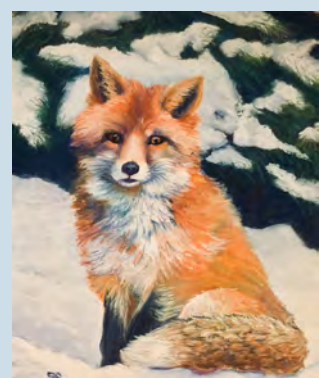


Cocooning



Tembo

After over 15 years of using colored pencils, which hurt her hands, caused cramps, and kept her work very precise, Susan decided she wanted to find something that lent itself to working a little looser. She began her adventure with Rembrandt pastels, even taking lessons. She tried watercolor and found digital art, which she really enjoyed and excelled at. Unfortunately, digital art isn't accepted in many art circles. So, she made her way back to pastels and found Pastelmat – she was hooked. She described finding Pastelmat as a 'slippery slope' into pastel! Susan had used pastels in her illustration career, so it was not an unknown medium to her. They are now her joy and 'go to' medium.

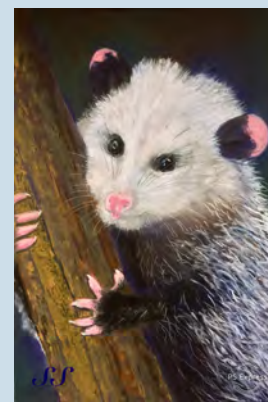


Betcha Cannot Catch Me



Ruby Girl

She loves to paint landscapes, although recently, she has been drawn to painting animals, trying to capture their personality and beauty. Susan said she isn't making a statement with her art work, however, I believe she is. She wants to share her deep appreciation for nature and its inhabitants; to share the beauty and importance of nature with all of us.



Unsung Hera: Opossum

Susan entered a CPS juried show and was accepted. She then joined, with the encouragement of board members, to take advantage of member shows and upcoming workshops. "I am happy with being among such talented and friendly artists." Susan said, speaking of CPS.



Sheltering in Place



Left Behind



Streaming Meditation

Susan's work ranges from detailed to loose and she loves all of it. See all her work for yourself at <https://www.susansarabasha.com/> You will not be disappointed!

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email your website so we can have a current list of CPS members offering classes and workshops!

Please email mayoumail@sbcglobal.net
I apologize if I have missed any of your emails.

Editor's Note

I am sure you have noticed that I am directing you to the CPS website for all of the above information; it is intentional! CPS is fortunate to have a website that has all the information we need. We just need to make sure we are going to the website regularly. All the information you need is out there, if you can't find it, you can find the email of someone who will be able to help you! A complete list of all board members is there as well.

