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|   Philadelphia Pastel Society  **President’s Newsletter – December, 2019**  The holidays are rapidly approaching, and I’m sure that we are all busy finalizing our commitments for 2019 and starting to plan art opportunities for next year.  I want to encourage everyone to renew their membership to PPS for 2020.  You can pay your dues on line at [www.PhiladelphiaPastelSociety.org](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=690677b1d41a8342a5e489fab&id=262c3282a6&e=5066da3616), or send a check for $45 payable to Philadelphia Pastel Society, and mail to the following address: PPS Membership Chair PO Box 741 Bryn Mawr, PA  19010.  Receipt of membership dues would be appreciated by January 15, 2020.  And thank you to all who have already renewed.  We appreciate your support. **Upcoming Events** **Saturday, January 11, 2020****General Members Meeting at Community Arts Center**, 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford, PA.  There will be a brief business meeting, and annual dues will be collected.  This will be followed by a talk and demo by abstract pastelist Val Rossman. Val Rossman has been working as a professional artist for over 30 years.  She has received numerous awards for her work which has been shown in Philadelphia, Delaware, Vermont, New Jersey, Florida and New York.  In addition, she was on the faculty of Main Line Art Center from 1994 - 2016 as a teacher of abstract art.  Val presently teaches at Wayne Art Center and Woodmere Art Museum, and has lectured at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Her work has been collected by both individual and corporate clients in the U.S. and abroad. Her abstracts are known for their wonderful sense of color, a lyrical and often whimsical mentality.  The combination of rich and unexpected hues and gestures with sometimes questioning formats give the work an unforgettable presence.  Her goal is to create balance, beauty and harmony as an escape from the harshness of the world.  To learn more about Val and her work, visit her website at [http://www.valrossman.com/artist.html](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=690677b1d41a8342a5e489fab&id=cecec48504&e=5066da3616) |

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| **June 2 – July 17, 2020****PPS Members Show at Salus University**D’Arrigo Family Gallery, Hafter Student Community Center50 Breyer Drive, Elkins Park, PA  19027 This will be a small group show for the first 20 PPS members who respond to the call for entries.  All responses must be submitted online through EntryThingy, and there will be a $10 entry fee per artist.  One painting per artist will be accepted, and there is no commission on sales at this venue.  There will be more information provided regarding this exhibition in the coming months.  **September 13 – October 10, 2020****Juried PPS Members Exhibition at the Wayne Art Center, Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Gallery**   This will be our first large juried show that will open in Sep 2020 and will run for approximately four weeks.  Al Richards and Blanche Levitt Torphy will co-chair this exhibition.  As soon as we have selected a juror for submissions and judge of awards, we will be sending out the prospectus for this show.  So stay tuned!  **Spring 2020 Plein Air Events** The Plein Air committee is starting to plan events for spring of 2020.  They are considering a regular schedule of events whereby artists would meet on a weekly or monthly basis around the area.  This will be discussed at the General Members Meeting in January. I wish you all a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing everyone in January.  Until then, keep creating magic with pastels! Warm regards, Blanche Levitt TorphyPresident, Philadelphia Pastel Society  |

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