

DEGAS PASTEL SOCIETY

24th BIENNIAL MEMBERS EXHIBITION

August 1 - 28, 2025
HAMMOND ARTS CENTER
217 East Thomas Street
Hammond, LA 70401
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JUDGE/JUROR

Phil Sandusky is a nationally renowned plein air impressionist landscape and cityscape painter who has had 35 solo exhibits in New Orleans and across the country. He studied academic art privately from a very early age and graduated from Jacksonville University with a BA in Physics in 1980. In keeping with his dual interest in science, he has infused a modern scientific understanding of vision into his art. He's written four books and been featured in such national periodicals as "American Artist" and "Plein Air Magazine". He is one of 276 dead and living artists entered in the official bicentennial art history of Louisiana. He is represented by Lemieux Galleries in New Orleans and he is in such collections as the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Louisiana State Museum and the Historic New Orleans Collection.

EXHIBIT VENUE

The Hammond Regional Arts Center (HRAC) offers a large beautiful gallery in the old town area of historic Hammond, about 50 miles north of New Orleans. The Center supports, promotes and coordinates visual, performing and literary arts in Tangipahoa Parish and surrounding parishes. Its primary mission is to enrich lives through quality arts education, develop an appreciation of the arts within individuals and introduce the public to professional exhibitions, performances and literature.

WORK ELIGIBLE

Open to members only. Entries must be ORIGINAL (no copies from other artists or published material, and not done under supervision), PREDOMINATELY SOFT PASTEL, completed in the last three years and framed under glass or Plexiglas. Paintings shown in previous DPS exhibits are not eligible. Size limit is 48" in height and width, including the frame and weighing no more than 50#. Please note that any paintings larger than this will not be included in the exhibit. Work must be sturdily framed, **wired** and ready to hang. It is recommended that glass be covered with "Glass Skin" or another glass protector or use plexiglass on **shipped** paintings. Paintings that arrive with broken glass will need to be repaired at the artist's expense if time allows or will not be hung! The Degas Pastel Society retains the right to refuse the acceptance of any entry.

ONLINE ENTRY

Entry is online only. Go to www.showsubmit.com or www.degaspastelsociety.org and look for the *Degas Pastel Society 24th Biennial Member Exhibition*. Follow the directions for entry. You do not need to have a PayPal account to pay the entry fee online, just a valid credit card. Up to 3 images may be submitted by an individual artist. The entry fee is \$40 for the first entry, plus \$5 each for a maximum of 2 additional entries. Entry fees are not refundable.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 20, 2025

Artists will be notified of the decision of the judge by July 3, 2025. Paintings must match the accepted digital images or they will be disqualified. Prices listed on the entry form may not be changed. The exhibit will be limited to 80 paintings and the judge will choose a maximum of 2 paintings from any one artist. Your entry into the exhibit signifies a commitment to send the paintings that are accepted. By not sending an accepted work you are denying another artist the opportunity to be included in the exhibit. **If you do not send an accepted painting or paintings; you will be ineligible to enter future DPS Exhibitions as determined by the Board of Directors!**

DELIVERY OF ACCEPTED WORKS

Hand delivered paintings should be dropped off at the Hammond Regional Arts Center on **Monday, July 28, between 9AM and 4PM.** Information on shipping will be sent out with the acceptance notification. (The paintings will be sent directly to the Arts Center with a handling fee of \$30 per painting)

RETURN OF WORK

Hand delivered paintings should be picked up on **Friday, August 29, between 12-6 PM.** Shipped paintings will be returned on September 5. Under no circumstances may work be removed from the exhibit before this time.

SALES

The Hammond Regional Arts Center will retain a **35% commission** on all sales. Artists who earn more than \$600 from their sales will be required to provide a completed W-9 form. The Hammond Regional Arts Center (HRAC) will gladly provide a blank copy for your convenience.

AWARDS

Two \$750 Awards of Exceptional Merit, two \$400 Awards of Excellence, five \$150 Awards of Merit, five \$100 Honorable Mentions.

LIABILITY

The Hammond Regional Arts Center will insure all exhibited works while in the possession of HRAC from the date of delivery until removal. Artists are responsible for their own insurance during shipping and handling.

For additional information about the exhibition, go to www.degaspastelsociety.org or send message to degaspastelsociety@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

June 20.....Online Entry closes
July 3.....Notification of judge's selection
July 21-24.....Shipped work due
July 28,Hand delivered work due 9am-4pm
August 1.....Opening reception and awards ceremony 5-8pm
August 29.....Pick up hand delivered paintings 12pm - 6pm
September 5.....Shipped artwork returned