



Perfectly Pastel

*Pastel Society of Western New York Members Juried Exhibition
August 20- September 20, 2026, Railroad Street Artworks*

Where and When:

The Pastel Society of Western New York Members Juried Exhibition at Railroad Street Artworks,
3 Railroad Street, Suite G, Fairport, NY 14450

Hours :

Thursday – Saturday, Noon – 6pm

Sunday, Noon – 4pm

Awards:

Best in Show, \$200

Pastel Society of Western NY Award, \$75

Rochester Art Supply, \$50 RAS gift card

Jurors Award, \$25 RAS gift card

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Reception:

Show Reception will be held Friday September 11, 2026, from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Artists are asked to supply food and beverages for the reception. Look for an email to sign up!

Sales: All sales will be handled by Railroad Street Artworks. Sold artwork cannot be removed from gallery until September 20, 2026, 1pm

Railroad street artworks take commission of 13% of all sales made during the show.

Eligibility and Show Rules:

- Entrant must be a PSWNY Member in good standing of the PSWNY.
- Entries must be created within the last three years and **not previously shown in a juried show in Monroe County, or any other PSWNY exhibitions.**
- **Work that has previously won an award in any national or international competitive show is not permitted.**
- All aspects of entry must be the artist's original work including subject, photography, composition, drawing and painting. Using someone else's photograph is not permissible.
- Work submitted must be at least 80% soft pastel. No charcoal allowed.
- Entries may not be produced in any instructional class or workshop.
- Only Two-dimensional works will be accepted into this exhibition.
- No diptych or triptych paintings, mechanical reproductions, photography, crafts, or computer-generated art.
- PSWNY does not anticipate damage or theft; however, neither Railroad Street Artworks, nor the PSWNY is responsible for damage or loss of art works submitted for this exhibit.
- Saw-tooth hangers ARE NOT allowed. All paintings must be well framed and supported by picture wire only. **Wire ends need to be covered with tape** to prevent unforeseen injuries to the hanging committee.
- **Dirty or damaged matboard or frames will not be hung.**

- We reserve the right to refuse work not presented in such manner.

Registration

- Show registration and fees will be handled by Show Submit (showsubmit.com)
- Up to 4 entries are allowed.
- Painting cannot exceed 60 inches on longest side before framing
- An entry fee of **\$35 for 3, \$10 for 4th entry**. You will pay for this on the Show Submit website using your credit or debit card.
- Registration dates: June 8, 2026, through midnight July 17, 2026.

Entry Process

- Go to showsubmit.com and login or create an account if you don't have one
- On the home page of Show Submit, click on Pastel Society of Western New York

Preparation of images:

- JPEG format - saved at highest quality
- **Image must be cropped showing no border or frame.**
- You can now also enter through the Show Submit website on your phone or tablet.
- Name your file once it has been uploaded.

Work Drop-off and Pick-up

- Pastel Society of Western New York is not able to accept shipped work.
- Work that is accepted into the **show may not be picked up until the listed pick-up day, and only within the pick-up times.**
- If you absolutely cannot pick up your own work, please plan for someone else to pick up your work, and notify Stacy Mayou (stacymayouart@gmail.com, 316-350-5180) of who that person will be.

Registration	Registration open June 8, 2026, through midnight July 17, 2026, on Show Submit. You must upload photographs of your work.
Notification of Acceptance	Monday, August 3, 2026
Drop Off of Accepted Paintings 3 Railroad Street, Suite G, Fairport, NY 14450	Wednesday, August 19, 2025, 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Show Opens	Thursday, August 20, 2026
Artist Talk	Thursday, September 17, 2026, 6:00 - 8:00pm Discuss your work and process with Railroad Street Artwork visitors.
Reception	Friday, September 11, 2026, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Pick Up Paintings 3 Railroad Street, Suite G, Fairport, NY 14450	Sunday, September 20, 2026, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Our Juror and Awards Judge:

Melanie Rinn Martinez

<https://www.melanierinnmartinek.com/>

Melanie Rinn Martinek is a fine artist and arts educator currently working in the Rochester, NY area. Melanie graduated from the College of Art and Architecture at Penn State University and went on to work for design studios in Boston and Phoenix. Upon moving to Rochester, she attended Nazareth University for her MS in Art Education and St. John Fisher for her MS in Educational Administration. She was an art teacher at Victor Central Schools for over 20 years. She has studied oil and pastel painting with various accomplished and internationally recognized artists. She is currently an adjunct professor in the Masters of Science for Teachers graduate program in the College of Art and Design at the Rochester Institute of Technology. As a Signature Member, Melanie has served as President of the Rochester Art Club for the past three years. Her studio is in Rochester where she paints and draws with a variety of art mediums.



