

Vibrant Hues:

A Kaleidoscope of Colored Pencil Art

October 3 – October 30, 2026
Prairie Center for the Arts, Schaumburg, Illinois

INVITATION

The Colored Pencil Society of America, Chicago District Chapter 103, invites artists to participate in our 2026 Exhibition, **Vibrant Hues: A Kaleidoscope of Colored Pencil Art**. This exhibition celebrates the expressive power and technical range of colored pencil as a fine art medium and brings together artists from across the region in a professional gallery setting. We welcome both members and non-members to submit their strongest work.

AT A GLANCE

Entry Deadline:

September 14, 2026

Exhibition Dates:

October 3 – October 30, 2026

Reception & Awards:

October 11, 2026 | 1–4 PM

Location:

Prairie Center for the Arts,
Schaumburg, Illinois

Entry Fee:

\$25–\$40 (based on membership)

Eligibility: Artists age 18+

Medium:

Predominantly colored pencil

Entries Allowed:

Up to 3 works per artist

AWARDS

Vera Curnow Founder's Award \$250

Award of Excellence \$100

Award of Merit \$75

Honorable Mentions (1-3 awards)

JUDGE

Pamela Hamilton studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. She is a Master Pastelist with the International Association of Pastel Societies and a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America and Chicago Pastel Painters. Pamela teaches classes from her private studio in Geneva, Illinois.

ELIGIBILITY

- Artists must be 18 years or older
- Open to CPSA DC103 members and non-members
- Membership discount applies for those who have paid their chapter and national member dues for the 2026 - 2027 year
- Artwork must be **predominantly colored pencil**
- Work must be completed within the last 3 years
- Artwork may not have been exhibited in a prior CPSA Chicago District show
- Entries may not have won a prize at the CPSA International Exhibition or CPSA Explore This!
- All artwork must be original in concept — if drawn from a photo, the photo must have been taken by you (photos taken by others, even with permission, are not allowed)

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

- Must be framed, wired, and ready to hang with a maximum size of 32" x 40" (framed)
- No sawtooth hangers (wire only)
- Simple wood or metal frames or cradled panel in a neutral color (no clip-on or self-standing photo frames)
- If matted, color should be neutral (white, off-white, tan, gray, or black)
- Protective glazing required (glass, acrylic, plexiglass, or a suitable protective final layer)

ARTWORK IDENTIFICATION

Each artwork must include a label on the back (upper right corner) with the following entry information

- Artist name
- Phone number
- Title of work
- Size (without mat or framing)
- Medium/media and surface used (e.g., colored pencil and marker on drafting film)
- Date completed
- Price or NFS (Not For Sale)
- Declared value (if NFS)

This same entry information should also be emailed with your digital image.

How To ENTER

1. Pay entry fee through our website at www.cpsadc103.org by **September 14, 2026**

Number of Works	DC103 Members	Non-Members
1 Artwork	\$25	\$30
2 Artworks	\$30	\$35
3 Artworks	\$35	\$40

2. Email digital image (jpeg) of your artwork(s) to Emily Weichbrod at ariklae@yahoo.com with the subject line: **2026 CPSA DC103 Member Show** along with your entry information (see list at left). *High quality digital images will be requested from award winners after the show.*

Note: Please double-check all details before emailing as no information may be changed after submission.

SALE OF ARTWORK

All artworks must remain for the duration of the exhibition. A 10% donation from any artwork sale goes to CPSA DC103 to cover exhibit costs. Please factor this into your pricing.

LIABILITY

Artists are responsible for insuring their own artwork. While CPSA DC103 and Prairie Center for the Arts take every precaution to protect submitted works, neither can be held responsible for artwork received in damaged condition or any loss or damage during the exhibition.

KEY DATES AT A GLANCE

Submission Deadline	Sunday, September 14, 2026
Artwork Drop-Off	Thursday, October 1 , 10 am – noon at <i>Prairie Center for the Arts</i> (main gallery), <i>Schaumburg</i> (OR bring completed, ready to hang artwork to the district chapter meeting September 27)
Exhibition Opens	Saturday, October 3 , 2026
Judging	Sunday, October 4 , 2026
Reception & Awards	Sunday, October 11 , 2026, 1 – 4 pm
Exhibition Closes	Friday, October 30 , 2026
Artwork Pick-Up	Friday, October 30 , 2026, 10 am – noon (<i>Prairie Center for the Arts</i>)

LOCATION

Prairie Center for the Arts

201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg, Illinois 60193

Prairie Center for the Arts is one of Schaumburg's premier cultural destinations, drawing visitors from across the Chicago area. Your artwork will be displayed in a professional gallery setting for the full month of October — a wonderful opportunity for visibility, community connection, and potential sales.

QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Contact Suzen Moeller at cpa103pres@gmail.com with subject line **2026 CPSA DC103 Member Show**
For special drop-off or pick-up arrangements, also contact Suzen directly
Website: www.cpsadc103.org

We look forward to seeing your work. Thank you for being part of Vibrant Hues!