

PRESIDENTS REPORT – October 2025

PAC has had another busy year and your Board of Directors have been working to keep PAC events running smoothly.

A huge Thank You to Kathy Hildebrandt for stepping in when the Treasurer's position was suddenly vacated. Kathy brings her vast knowledge of both PAC and her accounting background and she has worked diligently to streamline and set up the bookkeeping. PAC member Susan White has offered to take on this position and we welcome her aboard at the AGM as both our new Treasurer and Director.

Earlier in the year, PAC was also the victim of a scam. We have also been targeted a few other times when fraudulent emails were sent to various PAC members appearing to have come from one of our Directors. PAC member Louise Notley gave a presentation to PAC members on spotting and avoiding scams.

ICAN 2025 and the 35th Purely Pastel was again a huge success. We returned to Neilson Park Creative Centre for both events and Cory Therrian and her staff were most accommodating and a delight to work with.

PAC also hosted the 1st Annual Plein Air Event on Vancouver Island on Sept. 13 & 14th. The concept behind this event was to gather pastel artists in a non-competitive environment of learning, sharing and camaraderie.

As of writing this, the call for entries is now open for the 14th Members Online Exhibition and planning is also underway for the 36th Purely Pastel Open Juried Exhibition next year at the Federation Gallery on Granville Island in Vancouver.

Also on the horizon, your Board of Directors have been working together to create a PAC Budget to help with financial forecasting to keep our organization healthy and vibrant.

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