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An Original Masterful Painting Could Grace the Walls of Your Home, Office or Studio

August 3, 2010 – Five prize-winning artists have donated five masterful paintings to the PSA painting raffle to be held during the annual *Pastels Only* internationally open juried show. If you imagine owning an original pastel painting by one of your favorite artists, your pipe dream could become a reality if you are fortunate enough to buy the winning ticket in the Pastel Society of America's (PSA) annual painting raffle drawing.

This year's artists who have contributed paintings are:

- Doug Dawson (www.dougdawson.org)
- Elizabeth Mowry (www.elizabethmowry.com),
- Sangita Phadke (www.sangitaphadke.com),
- Frederick Somers (www.fredericksomers.com) and
- Sally Strand (www.sallystrand.com).

Three of the five artists are PSA Master Pastelists and in the PSA Hall of Fame – all five are PSA signature members. Images of the paintings can be viewed on the PSA website www.pastelsocietyofamerica.org.

The cost of one ticket is \$5; a book of six tickets goes for \$25. Raffle tickets are available by contacting the PSA office at (212) 533-6931 or emailing by psaoffice@pastelsocietyofamerica.org.

To view the paintings in person, one can see them on display during receiving of juried paintings for the annual show and throughout the exhibition until the night of the drawing, which will be Sunday, September 26, 2010. *Pastel Only* exhibition dates are September 2 – October 2, 2010. Gallery hours are: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am-2noon and 2-5pm; Tuesdays 3-5pm; Saturdays and Sundays 10am-5pm. The Gallery at the National Arts Club is closed occasionally for a private function; please call the NAC at

(212) 475-3424 to check if the gallery is opened on the day you plan to visit.

"This year's selection of raffle paintings is just marvelous," observed PSA President Rae Smith. "We're so grateful to these artists for their donations to help us perpetuate the Flora B. Giffuni Atelier for Pastels at the PSA-NAC school, a project which was very dear to our beloved founder who passed away last year."

Pastel Society of America launched the painting raffle 11 years ago to help raise money to support our school, one of numerous programs the organization sponsors. Flora Giffuni founded the organization 38 years ago to promote the use of pastels and to unite pastelists globally.