## **Artist of the Month!**

The Artist of the Month (AOM)/ Artist of the Year (AOY) is open to all members when they attend the monthly meetings unless otherwise specified. This option is intended to encourage members to show their new work with member peers, and provides a means to display the work in a "show ready" format. No prior jurying is required.

- 1. The "Artist of the Month" program will be in effect at our September April meetings.
- 2. The "Artist of the Year" will be chosen at the May meeting.

## **Artist of the Month**

Members are invited to present a **framed ready to exhibit** pastel painting to each meeting.

Members may submit only **one** painting per participating month.

Painting submitted must be <u>new</u> work (i.e., created within a calendar year of the submission and not previously submitted to the AOM competition.

Paintings that received awards in TPS juried shows are not eligible to be presented for Artist of the Month.

Members may vote their choices for best painting during the meeting and prior to the vote count.

The artist of the painting that receives the most votes will be awarded the distinction of being the AOM for each meeting from September-April (except for December).

Members who have won a first place may not compete in competitions for the remaining meeting year, except in the Artist of the Year competition.

## Artist of the Year

All **first place AOM winners** from September through April (excepting December) may take their pieces to the May meeting. Members at the May meeting will vote for "Artist of the Year" from the monthly first place winners. Paintings must be presented at the May meeting to be eligible for the AOY award.

The Artist of the Month will be highlighted in the newsletter and on the TPS website. Awards for AOM and AOY will be determined by the Executive Board and may change periodically based on available funds or sponsor donations. This season, Artist of the Month will receive the \$25 gift certificate of Arizona Art Supply.