



## MAUREEN SPINALE

Maureen Spinale was born in Portsmouth, Virginia, but has lived most of her life in the Boston, Massachusetts area.

Spinale's love of drawing and painting began early in childhood, with the encouragement and support of an elementary teacher, but raising two boys and a career in Social Work meant her interest in art had to take a back seat until later in life.

Following an early retirement, Spinale began studying at North River Art Society and the South Shore Art Center, where she fell in love with the medium of pastel under the instruction of Donna Rossetti-Bailey and Liz Haywood-Sullivan. She furthered her studies with workshops facilitated by internationally- known pastel artists.

An avid student, Spinale is enrolled in regular workshops today, continually honing her skills and adapting her approach to the medium. She has been inspired by renowned tonalists Francis Murphy, George Inness and Charles Warren Eaton. Most recently, she has studied under Tom Christopher, Ken Elliot, and Casey Klahn. These masters have influenced her style, which has evolved from a realistic approach to a more contemporary perspective flecked with bold colors, strong lines, light, and even the use of drizzled paint for dimension and texture.

Today, Spinale is an award winning artist exhibiting in Boston, Cape Cod, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Spinale was granted signature membership in the Pastel Society of America in 2010, Signature Membership in the Pastel Society of Cape Cod in 2013, and in June 2015 was honored with the Master Circle Award from the International Association of Pastel Societies. In 2016 she became a South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist.

Spinale has a passion for painting trees and is drawn to the complexities of tangled branches and fractured light beams through the forest. "Trunks twisted, bent and straight, sort of like human beings," she explains. "They teach us about life: strength and fragilities, endurance, weathering the storms." The Hudson river School artists believed studying the land led to enlightenment and a connection with Divine Harmony. That connection is what Spinale strives to capture in her paintings: the Spirit of it all.

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### **Juried International, National & Regional Exhibitions & Awards**

2018 North River Arts Society, Members Show, Best of Show Marshfield MA

2018 For Pastels Only, Juried international Show, Connecticut Pastel Society Award Cape Cod

2018 Duxbury Art Association, Annual Winter Show, 1st Place Pastel

2018 North River Arts Festival, Juried Exhibition, Donna Greene Award for Expression of Magical Light

2017 Pastel Society of America 45th Annual Juried Exhibition "Enduring Brilliance," New York, NY

PPSCC, National Juried Exhibition "For Pastels Only" Cultural Center of Cape Cod, Award of Excellence 2017

North River Arts Society, Festival, Marshfield, MA 1st place in Pastel, 2017

Signature Exhibition, Cape Cod Museum of Art, Honorable Mention, Dennis, MA 2017

27th Annual HPAA Mayors Scolley Square Exhibition, Best In Show Boston, MA 2016

Hudson Valley Art Assoc. 83rd Annual Juried Exhibition, Salmagundi Club, New York, NY 2016

"For Pastels Only" International Juried Show, Cape Cod, MA 2016

South Shore Art Center Festival, Juried Exhibition 2016

Festival of the Arts, Juried Exhibition, North River Arts Society

IAPS, 11th Biennial Convention, Master Circle Award, Albuquerque, NM 2015

IAPS, 3rd Master Circle, Juried Master Exhibition, Albuquerque, NM 2015

"For Pastels Only," International Juried Show, Cape Cod, MA Pastel Society of North Carolina Award 2015

North River Arts Festival Juried Exhibition, Marshfield, MA Dee Dee Pierce Memorial Award for Landscape Painting 2015

15th Annual Frances N. Roddy Open Competition, Concord Art Association, Concord, MA 2015  
 International Association of Pastel Societies 24th Juried Exhibition, Vose Gallery, Boston, MA 2014  
 South Shore Arts Festival, Cohasset, MA Award of Excellence 2014  
 Arts Affair, Marina Bay, Quincy, MA 1st place 2014  
 14th Annual Frances N. Roddy Open Competition, Concord Art Association, Concord, MA 2014  
 South Shore Arts Festival Members Show, Cohasset, MA Ros Farbush Award for Color 2014  
 "For Pastels Only" International Juried Show, Cape Cod, MA 2014  
 International Association of Pastel Societies 22nd Juried Exhibition, Albuquerque, New Mexico 2013  
 International Association of Pastel Societies Juried Web Show, 2013  
 International Juried Exhibition, "For Pastels Only," Cape Cod, MA 2012  
 South Shore Art Center, Juried Exhibition, Cohasset, MA 3rd Place, Painting 2012  
 23 Annual Scollay Square Mayors Exhibit, Boston, MA 3rd place, Painting 2012  
 Pastel Painters of Maine, 12th International Juried Exhibition for "Pastels Only" 2011  
 22nd Annual Scollay Square Mayors Exhibit, Boston, MA 1st place, Pastel 2011  
 Pastel Society of New Hampshire, National Juried Show, "Its Pastel," Pastel Painters of Maine Award 2010  
 "For Pastels Only" International Juried Show, Cape Cod, MA 2010  
 21st Annual Juried Scollay Square Mayors Exhibit, Boston, MA Best in Show 2010  
 Sixth Annual Juried Northeast National Pastel Exhibition, Old Forge, NY 2010  
 Duxbury Art Complex Museum, Annual Winter Juried Show, Duxbury Art Association, Duxbury, MA 2010  
 North River Arts Society Members Show, Marshfield, MA Award of Excellence 2010  
 South Shore Art Center, Members Show, Cohasset, MA Award of Excellence 2010  
 "14th International Association of Pastel Societies Juried Web Show," 2009  
 South Shore Art Center, Juried Exhibition, Our Towns: Scene & Unseen, Cohasset, MA Honorable Mention 2009  
 Duxbury Midsummer Show, Duxbury, MA 1st place - pastel 2009  
 Connecticut Pastel Society, 16th Annual Juried Exhibition, Renaissance in Pastel, 2009  
 Pembroke 42 Annual Arts Festival, Pembroke, MA 1st place-drawing-mixed media 2009  
 Festival on the Common, South Shore Art Center, Cohasset, MA Award of Excellence 2009  
 Duxbury Art Museum, Annual Winter Juried Show, Duxbury, MA 2009  
 Festival of the Arts, North River Juried Show, Marshfield, MA 2006-2008  
 Festival of the Arts, North River Arts Society, Marshfield, MA 1st place - pastel 2008  
 Boston City Hall Exhibit, Juried Show, Boston, MA Best in Show 2008

### **Solo and Group Shows**

The James Library Center for the Arts, "Pure Pigment," 2017  
 Solo Show, "The Wonder of it All", Dolphin Gallery, Hingham, MA 2015  
 "Painters For A Purpose" benefit exhibit for ARC of the South Shore, 2014  
 "Painters For A Purpose" benefit exhibit for the Milton Food Pantry, 2012  
 "Painters For A Purpose" Landscapes for The Learning Community, Roots Cultural Center, 2012  
 "Painters For A Purpose" The Arnold Arboretum Show, benefit for The Elizabeth Stone House, 2011  
 "Painters For A Purpose" Rockland Art Center, benefit for LearnLiveLove.org, 2010  
 "Painters For A Purpose" Pastels for the Pantry Exhibit, 2009  
 Solo Show, Cobwebs, Jamaica Plain, MA. 2007, 2009, 2010  
 The James Library Center for the Arts, "Scenes of the North River", 2009  
 Sotheby's "Emerging Pastel Artists" Show, 2008

### **Affiliations/Memberships**

Signature Member Pastel Society of America and recipient of the Master Circle Award  
 Signature Member of Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod  
 South Shore Art Center Gallery Artist  
 Painters for a Purpose  
 North River Arts Society  
 Hyde Park Art Association