

About the Artist



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She has garnered acclaim in the very prestigious International Association of Pastel Societies, and the Pastel Journal's top 100 pastels. Her work has been published along with an interview in the THE PASTEL JOURNAL and in November 2019, will be featured in the book STROKES OF GENIUS available worldwide.

Pollak holds a Masters Degree in Fine Arts from Michigan State University with Post Graduate studies from the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, MI.

Laura is the immediate past President of the Pastel Society of North Carolina. She is a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of the West Coast, Southeastern Pastel Society and the Pastel Society of North Carolina. She is also an Associate Member of the Pastel Society of America.

"I can remember the greatest gift my parents gave me at the age of 4 was a Crayola Crayon set of 72 colors! I have been enthralled with color ever since. I'm fascinated with light and shadow patterns. Even the most mundane subject is glorious when truly examined, especially in sunlight. It is a joy to capture the beauty in this world and hold these fleeting moments in a painting. A refuge one can revisit again and again."

Exhibits, Events, Competitions and Awards

2011- Bev's Art Gallery, Raleigh NC

2011- Ogilvie Museum Atlanta

2012- Hickory Museum of Art

2013- Solo Exhibit, Greensboro NC

2014- North Carolina Statewide Show, Charlotte NC

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2015- Pastel Society of the West Coast, Manley A. & Hazel K. Harmon Memorial Award

2015- The Art Shop, NC Statewide Show, Ampersand Award

2015- Uart Juried International Show

2015- Richeson International Show

2016- International Association of Pastel Societies Show

2016- Uart Juried International Show

2016- Pastel Journal, Pastel 100, Third Place Award

2016- Greenhill Gallery Invitational Winter Show

2017- Pastel Journal, published article / interview

2017- Cecil Byrne, Charleston SC

2017- North Ridge Show, Raleigh

2017- Juried into the Richeson International Small Works Show and published

2017- Second Place in the Statewide NC Pastel Show curated by director of NC Museum

2018- Juried into the International Association of Pastel Societies Show in Tacoma WA

2018- Governor's Award from the Maryland Pastel Society

2018- Juried into the Degas Pastel Show in New Orleans

2018- First Place in the Statewide NC Pastel Show

2019- Merit Award in the Left Coast Pastel Society

2019- Juried into the International Association of Pastel Societies Show in Albuquerque NC

2019- Juried into the STROKES OF GENIUS Publication/Bound Book

Professional Affiliations:

Served 2 years as President of the Pastel Society of North Carolina

Member of Excellence of the Southeastern Pastel Society

Member of the Piedmont Pastel Society

Signature Member of the Pastel Society of the West Coast

Associate Member of the Pastel Society of America

Signature Member of the Pastel Society of North Carolina

