



# Pastel Society of America

## Maggie Price

### On Losing Maggie Price...

Maggie Price, PSA, well known and beloved teacher, writer, and international ambassador of pastel, died early Thursday, April 4, 2013, after a battle with cancer.

Maggie started working with pastels in 1990. Her enthusiasm for the medium was such that only eight years later she co-founded *The Pastel Journal* with Janie Hutchinson, and served for years as the magazine's editor and art director. Even though she and Janie eventually sold the magazine, Maggie continued to be a regular contributor with her popular column, "Professional Practices." She served on the editorial boards of both *The Pastel Journal* and *The Artist's Magazine*.

Her first book *Painting with Pastel: Easy Techniques to Master the Medium* was published in 2007, followed by *Painting Sunlight and Shadow with Pastel* in 2011. Her third book, *Creative Freedom*, was just published in March 2013. All are from North Light Books.



A Signature Member of PSA and its Friend of Pastel. Our thanks to Brenda Mattson, PSA, for providing this photograph of Maggie Price.

Honoree in 2008, Maggie was also a member of the Pastel Society of New Mexico and the Plein Air Painters of New Mexico. In 2006, she was elected to the board of directors of the International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS) and served as its president since 2009.

In a typical year, Maggie conducted pastel workshops in Scotland, Spain, Italy, New York City, plus other American locations. It was not unusual for her to fly directly from a workshop in

Europe to conduct a workshop at the PSA School for Pastels. She was a frequent awards judge for pastel societies across the United States.

"The great thing about being an artist is you can always find some new thing to see, or some different way to look at things, or something new to try. It doesn't matter how many years you paint, there's always more to do and learn," she told Brian Gates in the *Rio Rancho Observer*.

As IAPS vice president Liz Haywood-Sullivan said, "The art world lost a master today. Founder of *The Pastel Journal*, president of the International Association of Pastel Societies, teacher, mentor to many, wife, and mother. Be at peace, Maggie."

The members of the Pastel Society of America offer our deepest condolences to her husband, artist Bill Canright, and to her daughter, Amy E. Vredevoogd.



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