



The Art of the Portrait, April 14-17, 2016 Hyatt Regency Reston

Welcome

How do you commemorate 18 years of excellence in fine art portraiture? With a giant celebration of course! Thank you for attending the Portrait Society's annual gathering of artists from all over the globe.

Who are the Faculty Artists?

Our talented and nationally known faculty will be presenting an array of demonstrations, panel discussions, inspirational talks, portfolio critiques, paintings for the Silent Auction, 6x9 Mystery Art Sale works, and so much more...A special thank you to our 2016 distinguished faculty: **Sam Adoquei, Carol Arnold, Anna Rose Bain, Ryan Brown, Wende Caporale, Judith Carducci, Casey Childs, TJ Cunningham, Romel de la Torre, Michelle Dunaway, Rose Frantzen, Daniel Gerhartz, Max Ginsburg, Daniel Greene, James Gurney, Gary Haynes, Jeffrey Hein, Quang Ho, Edward Jonas, Scott Jones, David Kassan, Everett Raymond Kinstler, Sam Knecht, Robert Liberace, Beverly McNeil, Ricky Mujica, Michael Shane Neal, Richard Nelson, Teresa Oaxaca, Alicia Ponzio, Anthony Ryder, Rhoda Sherbell, Dawn Whitelaw and Elizabeth Zanzinger**

When & Where Do We Pick Up Name Badges?

You can pick up your name badge in the **Regency Ballroom on Thursday starting at 4:00pm**. Please wear your name badge at all times during the conference. Your name badge shows you are a registered participant and will be checked before you are allowed to enter classes or the General Session.

Where Do I Pick Up My Pre-Purchased Tickets?

Look in the back of your **plastic name badge holder** for all your tickets for events and classes.

Can I Buy Discounted Art Materials & Products? Expo Hall Grand Opening, Thursday 4:00pm

The Expo Hall's Grand Opening is on Thursday at 4:00pm with a wide variety of art materials all in one place so that you will be able to shop and see the latest products on the market. Shopping hours are:

Thursday: 4:00 pm-7:30 pm	Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm
Friday: 10:00 am-5:30 pm	Sunday: 8:00am-12:30pm

Exhibitors this year are: **Gamblin Artist's Colors, General Pencil Company, Jack Richeson & Co, Inc., Masterworks Frames, Michael Harding Art Material, Natural Pigments, New Wave Fine Art Products, RayMar Art, Rosemary & Co. Brushes, Silver Brush Limited, and Studio Incamminati School for Contemporary Realist Art.**

Remember: To tell your cashier if you are exempt from sales tax by showing and telling them about your sales tax resale certificate.

Alumni Club Photo – If you are an **Alumni Club** member (attended 3 or more years) please stay in the general session **on Friday** for the annual Alumni Photo **at 12:30pm in the Grand Ballroom**.

What if I Bring a Portfolio for a Critique?

Among one of the most popular programs at the conference are the **individual portfolio critiques**, which will be held in **Regency Foyer**.

When and Where are Portfolio Display Tables?

Bring your portfolio to the Regency Ballroom on **Friday morning starting at the 10:00am break** for display throughout the weekend. Hours of display are **Friday 10:00a-5:30p, Saturday, 10:00a-5:00p, Sunday, 8:00a-10:30a**. Portfolios are judged on **Saturday morning, and awards will be given out Saturday evening** at the banquet. Have your portfolio on display in the Portfolio area for judging by 5:00pm, Friday afternoon. Please **pick up your portfolio on Sunday between the 9:45-10:00am** during the program break.

Will there be Book Signings during the Conference?

Yes, there will be a variety of book signings throughout the weekend. On **Friday** between 12:30-1:00pm: **Anna Rose Bain, Virgil Elliott, Rose Frantzen, James Gurney, Judy Takacs, Mary Whyte and Luana Winner**; and Friday at 4:00pm: **Daniel Gerhartz**. On **Saturday** between 12:30-1:00pm: **Virgil Elliott, Max Ginsburg, James Gurney and Anthony Ryder**; and Saturday at 4:30pm: **Sir John Leighton**. On **Sunday** at 1:00pm: **Daniel Gerhartz**. Just look for the signs during the conference.

Will you be having a Hughes Easel Drawing Again this Year?

Yes, we will be selling raffle tickets again for a Hughes Easel for \$7 each or 3 for \$20 at the Registration desk and at the Portrait Society Book Table. **Good luck – the Hughes Easels is a beautiful walnut easel worth \$2,000.** The drawing is **Sunday at 10:00am**.

Where can I see the Portrait Finalists and vote for my People's Choice?

The **top 20 artworks from the International Portrait Competition will be on display in Lake Anne, right outside the Grand Ballroom** for attendees to enjoy. Don't forget to place your vote for the **People's Choice award**. You will receive your ballot when you pick up your name badge. Please place your ballot in the ballot box located in **Lake Anne by Saturday at 2:00p.m.**

What is the 6x9 Mystery Art Sale on Friday?

This is a fast paced and exciting event. **Our 6x9: Limited Size, Unlimited Talent Mystery Art Sale** will take place Friday night, April 15 in the Grand Ballroom. **Doors will open for viewing at 5:00pm and the sale will begin at 5:45pm.** The work on display is created by past and current faculty, gold medal recipients and other award winners. At an exact appointed hour all of the donated artworks will be unveiled and open for sale. **Each panel will be offered at a set price of \$250.** Only after purchase will the **buyer discover whose painting** they have acquired.

When Does the Silent Auction for the Face Off Demonstration Paintings End?

Through the generosity of the artists participating in the **Face-off event**, we are offering their demonstrations for purchase in a **silent auction**. The **last bid will be accepted at 12:45pm on Saturday in the Ballroom foyer**. If we have active bidding right up to the ending second of the 12:45pm deadline, we will go to a **live auction to complete the sale**.

What Do I need to know about the Gala Awards Banquet on Saturday night? Cocktail Reception is a cash bar from 6:00-7:00pm and is on the first floor, the banquet is located on the 2nd floor and doors open at 7:00pm

If you purchased a ticket, it will be in your name badge. Remember to bring the ticket with you to the banquet, which will be held in the Grand Ballroom. Any available banquet tickets will be posted on the bulletin board in the Exhibits Room. **Seating is general admission and will begin at 7:00p.m.**

Is there a Sunday afternoon excursion this year?

Yes, buses leave for the **National Portrait Gallery at 1:15p.m.** Tickets for the bus are limited. If you have pre-purchased a ticket for the Sunday Bus Trip (tickets will be in your name badge), please be outside the lobby entrance of the Hyatt by 1:10pm on Sunday to start loading. Any available bus tickets will be posted on the bulletin board just inside the Exhibit Room. If you pre-purchased a Zippy Lunch for Sunday, please pick up your lunch in the ballroom foyer before loading on the bus. Buses will return to the hotel after approximately 6:30p.m.

What are the Dining Options for the Weekend?

The Hyatt Regency Reston is offering a variety of meal options including reasonable cash sales for breakfast and Zippy Lunches on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Order your Zippy Lunch the day before by filling out the forms available in the Grand Ballroom Foyer and placing them in the basket by the morning break.

- **Friday, Saturday and Sunday Breakfast:** The hotel will have an easy and reasonable cash sales breakfast set up in the Grand Ballroom foyer just for Portrait Society attendees. They will offer a variety of selections such as yogurt, fruit, bagels, muffins and will also offer coffee, juice and sodas.
- **Friday, Saturday and Sunday Lunchtime:** Easy to order Zippy lunches will be available. Order your Zippy lunch the day before by filling out the forms available in the Grand Ballroom Foyer and placing them in the basket.
- **Other Options:** In addition to the in-house restaurant, Tavern 64, there are a variety of over 30 restaurants within walking distance, at a variety of prices and cuisine, including Big Bowl, Be Right Burger, Cosi, Panera Bread, Passion Fish, Potbelly Sandwich, Subway, Starbucks and Sweetgreen.