



Crowne Plaza Chicago West Loop
733 West Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60661



26th ANNUAL CPSA Convention

August 1–4, 2018

It's fun. It's educational. It's the annual CPSA convention! At the convention you can spend time with fellow artists from across the U.S. (and other countries), attend workshops, see the CPSA International Exhibition in person, win raffle and door prizes, see images of every entry submitted to the exhibition, bid on small works of original art from favorite artists, enjoy a delicious banquet meal, and watch the excitement as nervous award winners find out which award they've won—culminating in the announcement for the \$5,000 Best of Show / CIPPY Award! And, with many exciting Chicago attractions close by, what a great opportunity to add museum visits and sightseeing.

Everything you need to know about the convention is on these pages.

Registration opens January 15, 2018, at www.cpsa.org

The CPSA convention is the must-attend event in 2018!



See the CPSA International Exhibition in Person



There's nothing quite like seeing the artwork in the CPSA International Exhibition in person. This year the exhibition will be held at:

Bridgeport Art Center
Third Floor Gallery
1200 W. 35th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60609



July 12–August 19, 2018

Pre-convention Schedule

July 30	Travel day for pre-convention attendees
July 31	Day: Meetings (National Governing Board and District Chapter Forum) Evening: Exhibition preview/forum dinner (NGB and DC Forum only)
August 1	Morning: DC Forum/NGB joint meeting Afternoon: Meetings (NGB and DC Forum)

Convention Schedule

August 1	Travel day for convention attendees
August 1	Evening: Meet & Greet in Hospitality Suite
August 2	Workshops Art Gala and Silent Auction
August 3	Workshops Awards Banquet
August 4	Dick Blick Art Materials Trade Show at Hotel Artist's Reception at Gallery Dessert Party

Event details are on pages 3 and 4

Registering for the Convention

Preregistration is Required for All Attendees

All attendees (including guests/non-CPSA members) must be registered in advance—whether attending only free events or also paying for a workshop and/or the awards banquet. Each registered attendee receives a name badge and a goody bag when they arrive at the CPSA Hospitality Suite. Name badges should be worn to all convention events.

How to Pay for Workshops and Banquet

Payment for workshops and banquet may be made online or a check mailed with the form on page 7. All other events are free.

Deadline for receiving online and mailed payments is July 15, 2018.

Cancellations

A \$20 charge per person/per paid event applies to cancellations prior to July 15, 2018. No refunds will be made after that date. Processing of refunds will occur two weeks after the convention ends on August 4.

**Convention registration opens January 15, 2018
on the CPSA website at www.cpsa.org.**

WEDNESDAY August 1

Meet & Greet



Plan to arrive at the hotel in time to attend the Hospitality Suite Meet & Greet on Wednesday evening (at 6 p.m.), that kicks off the convention. This is a free event where you can ask questions, pick up your name badge, convention pocket guide, and goody bag (if you haven't already) and, most important, connect with other artists. You'll also:

- See overflowing tables of art supplies and other products donated by our corporate members and supporters that will be given away as raffle and door prizes on Thursday.
- Preview and bid on Small Works of Great Magnitude originals donated by signature and award-winning artists for Thursday's silent auction.
- Buy tickets to win prizes in the raffle during Thursday's Art Gala.

THURSDAY August 2

Workshops

Two accomplished artists—Dyanne Locati, CPSA and Barbara Dahlstedt, CPSA, CPX—will share their expertise and techniques with you in one-day workshops created just for our convention. Each workshop is repeated on Thursday and Friday so you won't have to choose just one! \$90 for members, \$105 for non-members. Details about the workshops are on page 5.



Dyanne Locati



Barbara Dahlstedt

Art Gala and Silent Auction

Thursday evening we kick back and watch huge screens where every work of art that was entered in the CPSA International Exhibition is shown, whether or not it was selected. During breaks we bid on the Small Works of Great Magnitude in the silent auction, listen for our ticket number to win a door prize, and hope our raffle tickets are pulled for the amazing raffle prizes donated by CPSA corporate members. This is a free event.



FRIDAY August 3

Workshops Repeat

Awards Banquet

On Friday night enjoy a social hour with cash bar and a delicious banquet dinner, after which all award winners are called forward and wait to hear their names. No one knows which award an artist has won until each one is announced. The Best of Show and CIPPY Award winner takes home \$5,000! *(More about the banquet on next page)*



FRIDAY August 3

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Awards Banquet *(continued)*

Banquet Meal Choices

Each year CPSA arranges with the hotel to offer three meal choices: beef, chicken, and vegetarian. A description for each choice will be available when you register for the banquet at the CPSA website.

Banquet meals are \$55 per person. Pay online when you register or mail in the form on page 7 with payment after your online registration is completed.

SATURDAY August 4

Dick Blick Art Materials Trade Show

On Saturday morning, CPSA Patron member Blick Art Materials will bring their local store to us with special offers on our favorite art supplies! This great shopping experience will be conveniently held right in the hotel.



Artists' Reception

Saturday afternoon you'll make your way to Bridgeport Art Center where you'll see the 26th Annual CPSA International Exhibition in person and have a chance to meet and talk with many of the artists whose work is in the show. Food and beverages will make the artists' reception a great way to savor the 2018 exhibition.



Dessert Buffet

There's nothing like some sweet treats to wrap up a fun week. After the reception we'll return to the hotel to enjoy a variety of desserts, discuss our convention experiences, and make plans to meet again next year.



2018 WORKSHOPS

Workshops are \$90 for CPSA members and \$105 for non-members. A supply list will be provided to registered attendees. Register early, as workshops can fill up quickly.

Why Grisaille? Creating Lively Skin Tones

Barbara Dahlstedt, CPSA, CPX



Creating lively skin tones in a portrait can be a challenge, but this workshop will give you tips and tricks for achieving a portrait that not only captures a likeness, but makes your drawing come to life!

Barbara will share the grisaille process as it pertains to developing rich skin tones on the human face using colored pencils. The techniques shared in this workshop will teach you how to build layers of color through hands-on exercises and instructor demonstrations until you achieve a completed portrait.

The human head is a complex subject with many unique aspects to study. Barbara will take each facial feature and break it down into easy-to-follow directions to help you express both form and emotion. The workshop will also

cover subjects such as: taking a good reference photo, transferring an image, layering color, developing hard and soft edges, handling light and shadows, and blending techniques. By the end of the workshop, you will see color and portraits in a whole new way!

ABOUT BARBARA DAHLSTEDT

A member of CPSA since 2013, Barbara Dahlstedt quickly earned CPSA signature status in 2016 and CPX signature in 2017. She is currently a co-president of DC 212-Phoenix AZ. She began her art career as a graphic designer with a B.F.A. degree from Arizona State University, but found her genuine passion in teaching art at the high school level. Barbara received a Master's degree in Education and has been teaching young minds for 26 years. Her students have won state and national recognition for their artwork including Congressional Awards, Scholastic Art Awards, and have been finalists in the Smithsonian Portrait Gallery Teen Competition.



Fatima, Barbara Dahlstedt, CPSA, CPX

In recent years, Barbara has devoted her spare time into developing her own artwork and taking commissions. She utilizes her years of painting and drawing to create a unique style in which a portrait hopes to evoke an emotional response from the viewer. Barbara has been published in several books, magazines, and calendars. Although she has won several awards for her artwork over the years, her most honored moments have been receiving CPSA and CPX signature status from the International and Explore This! exhibitions.

Innovations with Colored Pencil

Dyanne Locati, CPSA



Learn a fun and innovative method of creating artwork using fluid acrylic as an underpainting for colored pencil layers. You will enjoy the process of applying colored pencil

without being concerned about the tight renderings usually seen in cp artwork.

Starting with a black mat and black gesso background, you will apply fluid acrylic and colored pencil to produce small diptych paintings. Using a grid concept as a unique design element, the idea is to create a large painting using a collection of these small units.

Demonstrations and lectures will guide you through this process, and handouts will provide inspirational material and how-to instructions. Photos may be used for motivation—you will then add your

personal style using symbols, textures, and color. An emphasis on composition and design will help you develop the desired mood and effect.

This workshop also includes group and individual critiques as a valuable and constructive way to get the most from your learning experience. With this workshop, the possibility of creating a masterpiece is just a few steps away. Be an artist...let your imagination flow!

ABOUT DYANNE LOCATI

An award-winning artist and instructor, Dyanne Locati is a founding member of CPSA who has served as president, executive vice president, and convention director of the society. Her involvement with other art organizations includes being past president of the Watercolor Society of Oregon and signature member of the National Watercolor Society as well as a member of several other watercolor societies.

Dyanne has traveled around the United States to organize conventions, teach workshops, and judge art shows. Her artwork is featured in and on the cover of 15 books both in the U.S. and Europe, and she has written articles for magazines as well as step-by-step instructions for books. Dyanne has been honored with many awards and various accolades in her art career. She won 3rd place in an International NWS show and is privileged to have artwork selected for purchase awards including work in the collection of Oregon State University.



Sunshine of the Meadow
Dyanne Locati, CPSA

Convention Hotel and Discounted CPSA Rate

Crowne Plaza Chicago West Loop

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Chicago, Illinois, 60661

The Crowne Plaza Chicago West Loop is wonderfully situated inside Chicago's city center. It's surrounded by the West Loop's popular attractions, including Greektown, the Magnificent Mile, and Restaurant Row.

Discounted CPSA Room Rate

\$159 per night (single/double), for reservations made on or before July 9, 2018, and based on room availability. **Reserve your room early!** The CPSA room block usually sells out before the cutoff date.

Cutoff date for CPSA rate: **July 9, 2018**

Online Reservations: [Link to reservations on Crowne Plaza website](#)

Group Code: **R6G**

Reservations Phone Number: 312-829-5000

Reservations must be made online or by phone directly with the hotel.

Hotel Amenities and Information

Always-available concierge
Complimentary high speed Wi-Fi with hardwire connection available in all guest rooms
In-room coffeemaker and safe (refrigerator available upon request)
In-room safes
24 hour fitness center with state of the art equipment
Valet parking (\$49 per night)
Communal business center
Valet dry cleaning service
IHG Green Engage certification
Pet friendly (\$50 nonrefundable pet deposit, 30 pounds maximum weight)
Handicap accessible features
Multilingual staff

Hotel Dining

Dine Restaurant: 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. (breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, dessert)

Dine Bar: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Room service: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Complimentary lobby coffee each morning from 6:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Monday–Thursday evening manager reception with complimentary beer, wine, and snacks.

Airports and Transportation To/From Hotel

Airport Options *(both airports support most major airlines)*

Midway International Airport (MDW)

On the southwest side of Chicago, MDW is 10.6 miles from the hotel. Hop on I-55 and get there in 21 minutes or take the Orange Line metro and arrive in 40 minutes.

O'Hare International Airport (ORD)

Located on the northwest side of Chicago, ORD is 16.6 miles away, which is 32 minutes by car up the I-90 W highway. The Blue Line metro can get you there in an hour.

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Airports and Transportation To/From Hotel

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Ground Transportation Between Airport and Hotel

There are many ways passengers can get to and from both airports. Public transportation such as the CTA "L" trains and Metro offer easy and economical travel. The CTA Orange Line station is located at both airports offering easy access for passengers. A number of airport shuttles and regional buses offer transportation options.

Shuttle

Go Airport Express offers daily shared ride and non-stop direct service to/from both airports. They begin operations during the early morning hours, departing approximately every 10 to 15 minutes from each terminal, with round-trip services starting between \$45 and \$50 per person. Advanced notice is recommended, however they do welcome walk-ups. Reservations: 888-284-3826 or www.airportexpress.com/client/flychicago

Lyft and Uber

Both services operate in the Chicago area. If you plan to use one of these services, be sure to install and set up its application on your phone well ahead of when you travel.

MAIL-IN EVENT PAYMENT FORM

You must register online for the convention and any paid events (workshops or awards banquet) at www.cpsa.org. While it's easy to pay online at the same time you register, you may opt to mail the form below with a check for your payment after you have registered.

NOTE: To ensure you have a name tag at the convention

(required for admittance to most events), please register online *even if you are not paying for an event*.

Deadline for Payment

CPSA must receive mailed or online payment no later than **July 15, 2018**.

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All registrations must first be made (and may also be paid) online at:

www.cpsa.org

To pay by mail, send this form with check payable to CPSA in U.S. funds to:

Cheryl Cox
1900 E Foster Crossing Rd
Anna, TX 75409-0300

Mail-in payments must be received by July 15, 2018

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Country _____ Email _____

Mark **registered** events being paid:

Thursday Dahlstedt Workshop _____ members @ \$90; _____ non-members @ \$105

Friday Dahlstedt Workshop _____ members @ \$90; _____ non-members @ \$105

Thursday Locati Workshop _____ members @ \$90; _____ non-members @ \$105

Friday Locati Workshop _____ members @ \$90; _____ non-members @ \$105

Banquet _____ persons @ \$55/ea Qty: ___Beef ___Chicken ___Vegetarian

Any specific food allergies for each attendee may be noted when you register online.

\$ Total enclosed for all registered events (payable to CPSA in U.S. dollars)

Print name(s) below of other attendee(s) for whom you are paying, or who will attend free events with you: