



THE LAST APS ADVENTURE IN PASTEL FOR 2024!

Artist's Choice!

Your choice was any prior Adventure or any topic you wanted to work with.

Subject, style, design, size and surface were up to you.

Enjoy these twelve wonderful variations!

Adventure F-6

Artist's Choice!

Alecia's Gigi

Size: H 15 x W 14

Thank you for this final challenge in this series. This little kitty survived several years in a shelter, several moves, the loss of her Brother, and a Helene related move again. My daughter, Alecia, loves her pets and they are very lucky to have her. Alecia took this photo of Gigi in the sunshine.

White gessoed paper

Panpastels

Soft pastels and pencils

Rubber spatula and sponge tools

Sumi brush to "draw"

I actually liked the first sumi brush drawing better. It had an Asian feel.

Kathy Amspacher
Hendersonville, NC



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9" x 12" Art Spectrum
"Landscape Seven"

It's still not finished!

Claire Benton
Riverview, FL



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My choice for this Adventure was to try making water droplets, (instead of a prior Adventure). I was aware after working on black Colorfix paper of constantly cleaning the drift of dust off the paper. I enjoyed it though and look forward to new Adventures next year!

Title: "Iris"

Size: 12"x9"

**Deborah Chase
Rutherfordton, NC**



Adventure F-6

Artist's Choice!

This is my painting for the December Adventure. I was looking out my window while on the computer and saw this scene. I call it "A Winter's Day", 9"x12". I see these mountains every day but never seem to get around to painting them in their various moods. So, I decided to give it a try. I drew over a partial drawing already on the Ampersand Board and then laid in my color. I started with Faber Castell hard pastel and used Rembrandts and Terry Ludwig. I kept it loose and just had fun playing. A break from Christmas busyness.

Nancy Clausen
Swannanoa, N.C.



Adventure F-6

Artist's Choice!

8.5 x 12 inch, on mi-teintes paper, using
pan pastels for the first time.
Lots of fun!

**Pamela Clifford
Hendersonville, NC**



Adventure F-6

Artist's Choice!

Good evening,

Attached please find my pastel
entitled "Dream."

It's based on a reference photo I
took at Acadian National Park in
Maine. I did the drawing back in
September, but put it aside until a
couple of weeks ago.

It's 11 1/8" by 14 3/4".

Lisa Daigle
Townsend, MA



Adventure F-6

Artist's Choice!

A brief vacation and Christmas bustle left me little time to paint for this Adventure. Here's a piece I did a few months ago anticipating the upcoming Holiday season. It's my festive Kulich breads that I have baked annually for many years. Nowadays it's more practical to send the picture to family and friends instead of the real thing. Thanks for the extra time and free choice!

"Holiday Fare" 9x12

Mix of soft pastels on La Carte

Diane de Grasse
Black Mountain, NC



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This tree was caught in heavy chunks of snow in mid-December as I am staying in Maine. The snow was gone in a couple days but I captured the tree a couple times in dusty pigment. A new tree for me! Not my well-known muse tree. The first image is the actual painting itself, 18x12" UArt and various pastels. The second image is when I played with the photo in Procreate .. creating an extra glow and special textures - so mixed-media of pastel & digital. I edited even more later on and used it as my holiday greeting. Just for fun!

A lot is planned and I am so looking forward to the New Year in many ways .. and the last couple of difficult years set behind. Yes there are more challenges ahead, but I think, like this tree, we can shine our warm light of art for the World to feel just a little bit more beautiful. TravelingArtista.com

Terrilyn Dubreuil
Asheville, NC



Adventure F-6

Artist's Choice!

Since I'm doubtful that I will have time to paint anything new for this challenge, I decided to share this painting that I recently completed.

It is from a photo a friend shared of a sunset during the wildfires in Colorado a few years back. It's been one I had wanted to paint for a while.

Title: Wildfire Sunset
5" x 7" on sanded paper
using various pastels

I love the challenges even when I can't find time to complete each one.

Thanks so much!

Kathy Hutchinson
Rutherfordton, NC



Adventure F-6

Artist's Choice!

Merry-Go-Round
16x20

I've always loved the carousel when I went to an amusement park. I loved the detail of the beautifully painted horses and animals, the colorful lights, and the movement of such a large ride going around and around. It was a ride you could enjoy without being "dropped" or made dizzy!!

This zebra caught my eye because of the strong contours of black and white that formed the shape of its body. I created the image of the zebra in the mirror as a fun reflection as originally there wasn't anything there. I loved the strong contrast of the red against the black and white.

I enjoyed this challenge as I was able to explore a drawing of a carousel with Rembrandt pastels on Canson paper.

Lynn Jackson
Brevard, NC



Adventure F-6

Artist's Choice!

Mushroom

8x9 pastels on watercolor
paper

Happy New Year all and
thank you for challenges.

Margaret Lyn-Soroken
Black Mountain, NC



Adventure F-6

Artist's Choice!

Hi there! I have to admit that “artist’s choice” was much harder for me than a given topic. Too many choices swirling around. After procrastinating, I went for something calming after the busy holidays. As usual, I learned something from this Adventure, (1) use darker paper or lower chroma colors when aiming for a believable nocturne and (2) avoid large moon scenes during the holidays as your kids will ask why you didn’t put flying reindeer...

Title: Last Moon

Size: 14 x 12

Thanks again for the series. Looking forward to “G”
Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2025!

Pat Quigley

Norristown, PA

