



# The Pastel Society of Victoria, Australia

in conjunction with the  
**John Withers Emerging Artist Scholarship Program**

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## Unlocking the Mysteries of Pastel

a 2 Day Pastel Workshop

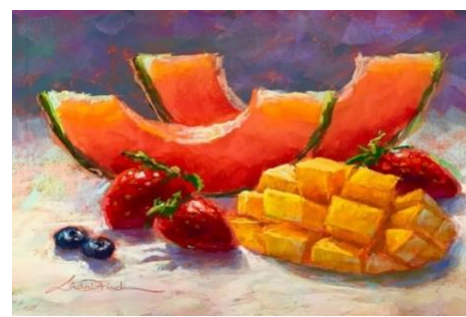
**Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 August 2025**



Lyn Mellady



Walter Withers



Linda Finch

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| <b>When</b>   | <b>Saturday 2 &amp; Sunday 3 August 2025</b> <b>9:00am - 4.30pm</b>  |
| <b>Where</b>  | Ferntree Gully Community Arts Centre<br>1010 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully VIC 3156  |
| <b>Tutors</b> | <p><b>Meet Your Tutors</b></p> <p><b>Lyn Mellady</b>, was awarded <b>Master Pastellist status (PSVA 2024)</b>. She is an accomplished Australian artist with over four decades of experience exhibiting &amp; tutoring in oils and pastels. Her evocative landscapes, especially waves and shorelines, have earned her international acclaim, including representation in five city government collections across Australia and Japan, and even Parliament House in Canberra. Lyn brings a deep understanding of the pastel medium and a passion for expressive, nature-inspired art.</p> <p><b>Linda Finch</b> combines a strong design background with a warm and accessible teaching style. A former Studio Manager in one of Melbourne's top design studios, she now devotes her creativity to pastel painting and teaching. Linda is a <b>Signature Member of PSVA</b>, a <b>Fellow of the Australian Guild of Realist Artists (AGRAF)</b>, and was a committee member of the PSVA for over 10 years. Her goal is to help artists feel confident and creative, no matter their skill level.</p> |

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| <b>About the workshop</b>    | <p>In 2022, John Withers and the Withers family generously pledged a perpetual donation to the Pastel Society of Victoria, Australia (PSVA), with a heartfelt vision: to support and nurture emerging artists. Today, we are proud to see that vision come to life through the John Withers Scholarship Program.</p> <p>We warmly invite all pastel artists—whether starting out or emerging —to join us for this inspiring workshop, alongside the four talented recipients of the 2025 John Withers Scholarships.</p> <p>This hands-on workshop offers a unique opportunity to deepen your skills and expand your creativity in the luminous medium of soft pastel. Paint alongside our expert PSVA Signature Tutors as they guide you through essential techniques and topics, including the history of pastels, colour theory, pastel types and surfaces, mark making, underpainting, and more.</p> <p>Spots are limited, so be sure to book early and secure your place in this exciting artistic journey.</p>  |                      |                      |        |              |       |  |         |   |
| <b>Cost</b>                  | <p>The fee for PSVA <b>Members is \$220</b> , <b>JW Scholarship Members is \$0</b> and for <b>Non-members is \$250</b> for the two-day workshop.</p> <p><b>Payment to be made via the Pastel Society of Victoria, Australia's <a href="https://vicpastel.com.au/workshops/">Workshops webpage</a> at <a href="https://vicpastel.com.au/workshops/">https://vicpastel.com.au/workshops/</a></b></p>   |                      |                      |        |              |       |  |         |   |
| <b>To Book</b>               | <p><b>Booking is a 2-Step process.</b> Your place in this workshop will only be secured once both the Registration Form &amp; Payment have been made. Except for JW Scholarship participants who only need fill out the Registration Form.</p> <p>Step 1. Register : Go to our <a href="https://vicpastel.com.au/workshops/">Workshops webpage</a> &amp; fill out the online Registration Form. Then submit the form by clicking on the Submit button at the bottom of the form.</p> <p>Step 2. Pay Online : Go to our <a href="https://vicpastel.com.au/workshops/">Workshops webpage</a> &amp; proceed with the online payment.</p> <p>It is expected that this will be a very popular workshop limited to only 14 participants, so to avoid disappointed it is recommended that you book in early.</p> <p><b>CANCELLATION POLICY</b><br/> When enrolling in a PSVA Workshop we require full payment. Please note that \$50.00 of the Workshop fee is non-refundable. The balance of the fee will be refunded if you cancel at least 7 days prior to the Workshop, but only if your place is filled. The Workshop Coordinator, in consultation with the President and/or Treasurer, has the discretion to alter the above policy should extenuating circumstances apply.</p> |                      |                      |        |              |       |  |         |   |
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| <b>Morning Tea and Lunch</b> | <p>Morning tea will be provided.<br/>Please bring your own mug and lunch.</p>  |                      |                      |        |              |       |  |         |   |
| <b>Further information</b>   | <p>A material list will be provided to registered participants closer to the date.</p> <p>Please bring your own easel (floor or table) if you have one.<br/>Tables will be available</p>   |                      |                      |        |              |       |  |         |   |

More information on the *John Withers Emerging Artist Scholarship Program* is available on our website at <https://vicpastel.com.au/john-withers-emerging-artist-scholarship/>



### **What is the *John Withers Emerging Artist Scholarship Program*?**



In 2022, John Withers and the Withers family proposed a perpetual donation to the Pastel Society Victoria, Aust. Inc (PSVA) with the vision of providing support to emerging pastel artists.

This vision has become a reality and it is with great pride that we offer four (4) emerging artists an opportunity to indulge in the beautiful pastel medium, with support. We are also offering an additional eight (8) artists to also undertake the workshop with the Scholarship awardees, so that they can have the opportunity to get back-to-basics and learn the foundations of the pastel medium and learn from our highly skilled Victorian Pastel tutors.

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