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Dear OPA Members,

As I am sure you will agree, these past few weeks have been extremely unsettling for everyone. As we hear of new closures every day and the rise in the number of people affected by COVID-19, it has become abundantly clear that canceling the convention scheduled for this coming May is necessary and in everyone's best interest. While we are disappointed, we do not want to put our members, Board, Jurors, staff, speakers, gallery owner, and guests at greater risk.

Please note, that anyone who has already signed up to attend the convention will receive a FULL refund. Please give us a week or two to process your refund. If you have any questions, please direct them to Rosemary at mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com

Now, the great news is RS Hanna Gallery is still planning on hosting OPA's National Exhibition and has agreed to move the show dates to October 16 – November 28, 2020. We can't begin to thank Shannon enough for being so flexible and helpful under these challenging circumstances.

So, here are important changes and new dates that you need to know.

- New Exhibition Dates: October 16 – November 28, 2020
- New Opening Reception Date: Friday, October 16, 2020
- New Awards Ceremony Date: Friday, October 16, 2020
- While we will not be organizing a full convention for October, we will have a Wet Paint Competition & some lectures and demos scheduled during this time. More details will follow.

Many thanks to the artists in the show who have been so supportive and to all of you for your understanding as we navigate through these difficult and uncertain times. Stay safe and we hope to see you all in October!

Sincerely,

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