

Safety First...Always!

ARTIST'S AIR is a division of Pemaquid Art & Science, a small business owned by Kathleen and Warren Galligan. It is based in Bristol, Maine, USA. Its vacuum and hepa filter system keeps nearly every bit of dusting away from you.

PSNR member testimonial:

Dean Purves swears by this Artist's Air product.

Dean has his attached to an easel that actually fits right on his wall. He feels it has made a huge difference in the quality of the air in his home - AND says it isn't noisy enough to bother him when he works.

At first look, it's expensive for most artists on a budget - until you begin thinking how cheap it may be compared to losing your health! Ballpark price is around a \$1000.

Kathleen Galligan, one of the company's owners mentions that it can be ordered with the filter for pastels only, or also a carbon filter for those who paint with oil and want to minimize exposure to solvents.

Pastels are a dangerous medium, no matter what you have heard. Bakers get "baker'slung" from too much exposure to flour dust, grain elevator operators, coal miners, and many other occupations have the dust hazard also. Pastelists are no exception. Be careful!

Budget minded safety...at the very least, invest in a smaller hepa filter and place it where it draws the dust away from your face. This may be off to the side and back a bit from your easel. Do not assume that placing it right behind the easel will keep your breath dust free - it will most likely draw the dust right **TOWARDS** your face before it is diverted to behind the easel. If you are near a window, you can blow a touch of dust and watch where the air flow takes it...then set up your hepa filter at the most optimum location.

I also keep a wet paper towel on my easel tray to catch a lot of pastel dust minimize mess. I have "plastic gutter" that catches much of the dust, but you **KNOW** I am still breathing a lot, even with the hepa filter and precautions I use. If you can afford it...the Artist's Air system may save your lungs.



Artist's Air System For a Healthy Studio Environment

(photo included by company permission.)

The studio air cleaning system
that quietly collects
pastel dust and oil solvents
at your easel and filters
them from your
studio environment
Fits most studio easels

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