

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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Northern Indiana Pastel Society Show Reception

5–7 p.m. Wednesday, December 7th.
Buchanan Art Center
117 West Front St., Buchanan, Mich.

Some 35 artists submitted a total of 53 pastel paintings to the show. Due to the volume of work, we were given additional space in the art center, and all the works look great, according to our judge, David Baker of the art department at Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac.

“What a great show! There were lots of strong pieces. I got down to 12 or 13 and then it was almost impossible. In the end, I tried to select pieces that transcended pretty subject matter and also conveyed a real sense of light and used a lively technique. Please congratulate all the artists for me.”

—David Baker

Please plan to attend the reception 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 7. This event will take the place of a holiday party. We will not exchange gifts, but will have a nice gathering, refreshments and an awards presentation. Eight awards will be given, two of which will honor the memory of **Mary Lou Lonergan**, our member who passed away in December 2010.



Please bring a bottle of wine, cheese, fruit or plate of cookies to share. Guests and the public are welcome. After our reception, we are invited to remain

and attend the Christmas Choral Showcase featuring singers from Southwestern Michigan College and Buchanan High School.

After the show, art will be released 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 30, and 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 31.

NIPS on Facebook

Mary Ann Pals and **Lisa Ransom Smith** are managers of our new Facebook page. Members who are Facebook users are invited to “like” the page and can post their art images or news of upcoming art events they will be participating in, or awards they’ve won. For questions, contact Mary Ann at maryann.pals@gmail.com

Member news

Chris Jones, Janice Lampos, Chris Smith, John Roper and **Tom Tooley** have pastels in the Northern Indiana Artists Inc, show Nov. 20 to Dec. 29 at the Bankoff Gallery at the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley, 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, or by appointment by calling (574) 233-1164. **Cathy McCormick** and **Mona Witt** won judge’s awards.

The student and faculty show at South Bend Museum of Art, Dec. 2 to Feb. 5, will display pastels by **Peg Luecke, Mary Firtl, Zara Osterman, Greg Lorch, Mary Szabo, Christin Rose, Cathy Reidy, Kristin Kabele, Sandra Moon, Gayle Dantzler, Holly Webb** and **Cathy McCormick**. The reception with awards will be 5–7 p.m. Dec. 2.

Mary Ann Pals and her daughter Jill will have photos in a black and white photography exhibit at the Chesterton Art Center through Dec. 14. Mary Ann’s pastel painting of a tundra wolf called *Golden Eyes* will be published in a hardcover exhibit book next January. The exhibit is sponsored by the Jack Richeson Co. and the book is called, *Richeson 75: Animals, Birds, & Wildlife*. A step-by-step progression of *Golden Eyes* is on her web site <http://worknotes.com/IN/Ches/MAart/apt7.aspx> Mary Ann says, “If you ‘do’ Facebook and want to friend me, I’ll accept your request.”

Mona Witt sold her painting in Chicago Pastel Painters national juried exhibition in Oak Brook, Ill., which closed Oct. 28.

Exhibit at South Bend Civic Theatre to be announced, early 2012.

Workshop

Sheryl Kosovski of Artful-Work will present a workshop on the business of art from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Fire Arts, 305 E. Colfax Ave., South Bend. Fee: \$10 for members of any partner organization including NIPS; \$15 for non-members. Sheryl promises to provide a road-map to success: "We will begin with getting a very clear understanding of what you want to achieve with your work, then use that vision to determine what kind of galleries, stores or museums are best to fulfill your vision. Next we will create marketing materials to enroll curators and gallery owners to assist in moving your career forward."

This is a hands-on workshop. Work will be done in collaborative working groups.

Sheryl coaches and educates creative entrepreneurs to make money doing what they love. For 30 years, she has managed her own art-based businesses, shown and sold her artwork in galleries and museums and has taught for organizations such as the The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Artist Coalition, and Krasl Art Center. This program is offered in partnership with the South Bend Museum of Art, Circa Arts Gallery, St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society, Northern Indiana Artists Inc. and Northern Indiana Pastel Society. Register at Fire Arts, 574-282-2787, fireartsinc.com.

Pastel Pointers

Pastel Journal offers comments by Richard McKinley at <http://pastel-pointers.pasteljournal.com>

The book, *Pastel Pointers: Top Secrets for Beautiful Pastel Paintings* by Richard McKinley has been published by North Light Books. It compiles the best of Richards's popular Pastel Pointers blog and *Pastel Journal* columns. In paperback, it is \$26.99, from North Light Books, Dakota Art, Amazon.com and others.

Artistsnetwork.tv offers sample workshops.

Happy Holidays!



Transit of Venus in Pastel

Harris Branch

**Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Library
51446 Elm Road, Granger IN 46530**

May 1 to June 9, 2012

Reception 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2012
Deliver art to the gallery 10:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
Saturday, April 28. Art will be released 10:30 to
noon Saturday, June 9.

Scientists and astronomy enthusiasts are gearing up for this heavenly event, June 5, 2012, when the planet Venus passes between Earth and the sun. We will see the distant planet as a small dot gliding slowly across the face of the sun. Historically, this rare alignment is how we measured the size of our solar system.

Visit transitofvenus.org for more information.

Members are invited to use ideas such as Venus, planets, sun, moon, stars, space, sky, sunset, new worlds, habitable planets or related themes. The art also will be featured in an online gallery linked to other Transit of Venus events around the world.

Southeastern Pastel Society 2012 15th International Juried Exhibition

Approximately \$5,000 in cash and merchandise awards. May 17 – June 24, Oglethorpe University Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA. Juror: Fred Somers (will also conduct a workshop in conjunction with the exhibition). Soft pastels only. Members: \$25; Non-members: \$35.

Up to 3 digital entries submitted online (online entries only). Entry deadline is Feb. 28, 2012. Visit http://southeasternpastel.org/juried_shows.htm for complete details and to view the prospectus.