

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

April 2007

Meeting

Meeting 1 p.m. Sunday, April 15
Studio Arts Center,
815 Lincoln Way West, South Bend, Indiana

Please bring a pastel painting to show. It can be finished or a work in progress. At the business meeting we will discuss ideas for spring and summer events. Our program follows the business meeting.

Program: Scratching the Surface

Finding a toothy surface is key to working in pastel. What surfaces work best for your style of pastel painting? Sanded paper, mat board, a surface you make yourself?

Members can bring samples of their favorite pastel painting surfaces. We will share tips on using various techniques on the different surfaces. Again, we hope this will be an opportunity to pick up some tips and get to know each other better. Light refreshments will be served, and donations of cookies or snacks are welcome.

March membership show successful.

A total of 41 artists were represented in the March show at Studio Arts Center. It was a fine showing for our new group and a great example of the range of work that can be done with pastels. Two pieces were sold. Congratulations to James Andert and Mona Witt.

The opening reception March 8 hosted more than 125 guests, many of whom were new to Studio Arts Center and pastels as a medium.

Our raffle brought in \$180. Thank you to Marie Arch and her sales staff. The reception table was another work of art, thanks to Martha Hollett with help from Linda DeCelles. The show looked great thanks to David Allen, Tom Tooley and Kim Hoffman who prepared the walls and hung the work. Mona Witt made the tags, and Peg Luecke made the show signs.

The show continued to draw visitors throughout the month. A glowing review in the *South Bend Tribune* and listings in ArtsEverywhere helped sustain interest.

Web site

Look to the website for events, shows, newsletters and a list of committees. Please tell prospective members.
www.NIpastelsociety.org

New members

Dues of \$20 to Sue Coultas, 519 Woodruff, Niles, MI 49120. **suecoultas@comcast.net.**

ArtsEverywhere.

Mona Witt continues to send updates to this website, so the community can learn about our meetings and events at **www.artseverywhere.com**

Getting together

We invite members to form groups and work during open studio hours at Studio Arts Center. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Also, make use of the Monday evening figure drawing session at Studio Arts. The fee is \$8 to \$15 for the model.

Some groups may wish to meet for on-site painting or sessions in private homes. The Northern Indiana Pastel Society would be happy to help you recruit for these groups and publicize them in the newsletter

We are a branch of the Great Lakes Pastel Society.

This means our group can get advice, nonprofit status, listings in GLPS newsletters and access to the International Association of Pastel Societies. There is no charge. We can call ourselves Northern Indiana Pastel Society, Affiliate of the Great Lakes Pastel Society.

Individual GLPS membership available.

It is up to each person individually whether they wish to join Great Lakes Pastel Society on their own. Dues cost \$25, and benefits include the newsletter, participation in shows, workshops and other events of the GLPS as well as shows and conventions of the International Association of Pastel Societies. To join, print out the application and mail it to the address on the form.

Copy and paste: **<http://glps.org/datadoor/pdflinks/Membership%20Form.pdf>**



Lisa Missing with husband Axel Missing and Paul Wieber at the Pastel Society show reception March 8 at Studio Arts Center.