

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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April 2010

Meeting

Sunday, April 18 at Noon

Van Paris Shelter

Bendix Woods County Park

32132 Indiana 2

New Carlisle, IN 46552-9605

(574) 654-3155

www.sjcparks.org

Located on Timothy Road, south of US 20, in New Carlisle, at the west side of St. Joseph County, the park features 195 acres with wooded trails, ponds and fields.



This special meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual wild flower plein air art event at Bendix Woods. We will have a short business meeting with refreshments and then join other artists from the region as they paint, sketch and photograph in the park.

Our meeting and refreshments will begin at noon and end in time for members to join a guided hike at 1 p.m. Our shelter will be available as a base of operations from noon to 6.

We will need to staff the shelter, so if you are not an outdoor painter, please join us indoors. At the meeting, we will serve birthday cake to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of our pastel society, in March 2006.

Note there will be a gate fee of \$3 for vehicles from St. Joseph County, \$4 for other vehicles. The park is 14.5 miles from downtown South Bend. Go west on Western Avenue and that becomes State Road 2. Go to Timothy Road and turn south to the entrance to Bendix Woods. For other directions, see sjcparks.org/bendix.html and click on driving directions. A map has been included on the last page of the newsletter.

Mark your calendar for future NIPS shows

Studio Arts, Grape Road, Mishawaka,
June 11-July 25

Arts in Bloom, Wellfield Botanical Gardens,
Elkhart, Aug. 28

Fall show to be announced.

South Bend Civic Theatre January through
March 2011.

Fernwood Botanical Gardens, Niles, Mich.,
April 4 to May 30, 2011.

Got pastels?

Phil Monteith has a new set of 225 Rembrandt pastels in a wooden box. He would like to sell it to the highest bidder and give most of the proceeds to our pastel society. It has a list price of \$1,000 and is discounted at Jerry's Artarama for \$375. Who will start the bidding at \$190? That is less than \$1 per stick, and there is a fine wooden box as well. It can be viewed at Studio Arts, 4609 Grape Road, Mishawaka (574) 243-2006. Place your bids there, or email to Cathy McCormick at camccorm@aol.com or call (574) 271-6919.

South Bend Civic Theatre show

Thank you to the 22 artists who participated in the recent show at the theater gallery, and to all who attended and brought refreshments to the reception. While we had no sales, we received many good comments, and the show helped us in our mission to demonstrate the pastel medium.

Thanks for Scholastics award

In the last newsletter, the winner was announced for the NIPS award at the annual Scholastics student art competition at South Bend Museum of Art. Here is a letter from Becky Hope, art teacher, Grissom Middle School, Mishawaka:

Dear Northern Indiana Pastel Society members: Thank you for the recognition that Kayli DeCocker, seventh-grade student at Grissom Middle School, received at the Regional Scholastics Art Awards. Kayli's pastel drawing of the masked figure playing a flute was a true labor of love. Kayli is very precise and thoughtful and spent a tremendous amount of time completing this work. She is an outstanding young woman as well as a fine young artist. Thank you again for the recognition and cash award. It could not have benefited a more wonderful student.

Previous meeting

We had a great turnout for the demonstration by Susan Henshaw, Union Pier, Mich. (susanhenshaw.com) Susan painted a large pastel of waves and water, her specialty. She also encouraged members to apply for art residencies in state and national parks, which she has done successfully. We hope Susan will find time in her schedule to give a workshop at Studio Arts later this year.

Please pay 2010 dues

Please bring your payment to the meeting, or write a check to Northern Indiana Pastel Society and mail to treasurer Sue Coultas, 519 Woodruff, Niles, MI 49120. Please update your email address and other contact info if you've made any changes. Dues remain at \$20 for 2010. A bargain!

Member honors

Clarence Witsken received an honorable mention at the annual Southwest Florida Pastel Society members show, judged by Doug Flynt.

Phil Monteith and **Mary Ann Pals** had paintings accepted into the Great Lakes Pastel Society national show, May 8 to Aug. 1 at Dow Museum of Science and Art at the Midland Center for the Arts, Midland, Mich. Mary Ann is the cover artist for the 59th annual Chesterton Woman's Club Exhibit, June 6-27. She is also featured in an article by Maggie Price about portable portfolios in the May/June issue of *Pastel Journal* magazine.

Workshops

Katharine Schmidt portraits

Katharine will give a workshop on Portraits of

Children from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 24 at the Goshen Painters Guild, 212 W. Washington St., Goshen. Cost is \$60. Bring your own materials and photo references. To register, contact Donna Arnold (574) 831-6828, artsschool@bnin.net.

Plein air with Diane Overmyer

Diane will conduct a plein air workshop Saturday, May 15 at Merry Lea Environmental Center, Wolf Lake, Ind., and Sunday, May 16 at the Swartzendruber farm, Goshen. The workshop will be taught through demonstrations in oils and discussion of practical issues that can be used with any medium: selecting a good location, composition, equipment, differences between plein air and studio painting, creating interest through light, color, brush strokes and edges. Diane is an award-winning painter and active member of Indiana Plein Air Painters Assoc. She owns Sycamore Fine Arts gallery in the Old Bag Factory in Goshen. (574) 533-8900 dovermyerart@msn.com
Online registration form:
<http://dianeovermyer.com/events>

Ron Monsma in Chicago

Ron will offer a still life workshop May 14, 15, and 16 for the Chicago Pastel Painters. He also will jury the group's third biennial members exhibition to be held May 7 to June 13 at Renaissance Court Gallery, Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. Slide deadline, March 5. chicagopastelpainters.org/events

Michael Chesley Johnson

Nationally known pastelist Michael Chesley Johnson (michaelchesleyjohnson.com) will conduct a plein air workshop May 3-5 at the Art Barn School of Art, Valparaiso. Price: \$275. Info: ArtBarnIN@aol.com, 219-462-9009, www.artbarnin.com
Contact Cathy McCormick if you would like to join a car pool. camccorm@aol.com

Pastel Convention

Great Lakes Pastel Society will host a convention May 21, 22, 23 at Eagle Crest Conference Resort, 1275 South Huron, Ypsilanti, Mich. Workshops and info sessions will be featured. GLPS.org

Cathy McCormick

Cathy will give a workshop June 12 at Heartland Artists, Plymouth, on the benefits and pitfalls of working from photos. This will be related to her show June 2-30, with a reception 6-8 p.m. June 11. Visit heartlandartgallery.com. She will hold workshops at South Bend Museum

of Art July 24 on working from photos and July 31 on the basics of working outdoors. For more information visit southbendart.org.

Hospital seeks art

The Visiting Artists Program at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph, Mich., seeks nature-based images that provide a calming and uplifting environment for hospital visitors. Work can be for sale, and artist brochures and business cards will be displayed. The art is due April 26. Contact Patty Reddy for details: (269) 927-5394 preddy@lakelandregional.org

Coffee shop needs art

The Beanery coffee shop, 117 S Main St., Mishawaka, will open in May under new ownership and seeks artists to show work on the walls. Artists should put their name, title, medium, price and phone number on a card beside the art. The staff will handle sales, or contact the artists so they can handle the sales. There is no commission or hanging fee. They have room for about 15 works. Contact owner Cora Kraft (corakraft@hotmail.com) or manager Bethany Panoff at (630) 776-4224.

View IAPS show

Images of the award winners in the 15th juried

exhibition of the International Association of Pastel Societies are posted on the IAPS Web site, along with a list of accepted entries. Also posted is info on ordering a show catalog. pastelinternational.com

Need digital images of your art?

Baffled by digital photography? Wish you knew how people get their artwork on Web sites? Mona Witt will scan artwork for members to create digital images for Web sites and Arts Everywhere. If you already have digital images, Mona would like them for the NIPS page on the Arts Everywhere Web site. Email Mona for the details: mona50@comcast.net

Pastel Pointers

Pastel Journal offers comments by Richard McKinley at http://pastel-pointers.pasteljournal.com_Artistsnetwork.tv has samples of workshops you can watch to decide if you want to purchase the online workshop.

ArtsEverywhere.

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

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