

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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August 2009

Meeting

1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16

Studio Art Classes

4609 Grape Road, Mishawaka, Ind.

Donations of cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, etc. for our refreshment table are welcome.

Program: Surfaces Show and Tell

We hope to generate a lively discussion about the various papers, boards and homemade surfaces that our members use.

You might bring a sample of a paper and tell why you like it, and show a painting done on it. If you use a colored paper, you can tell what you like about that color. Or bring a paper you have never used and ask for advice. If you have paper or board you no longer use, please bring it to sell, trade or give away. There will be paper samples to take home too.

Paint outs

Please consider joining us for these paint outs. All are good opportunities to show the power of pastel to the public, and practice your plein air skills. (You can paint from photos too.) Please contact Cathy McCormick if you would like to participate. camccorm@aol.com, 574-271-6919.

- Old Bag Factory, Goshen, 1–5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8. Our paint out will be part of a larger paint out that includes a competition with prizes, art sale and reception Saturday evening. Contact Diane Overmyer at Sycamore Gallery for full details. 574-533-8900, sycamorefinearts.com.
- Berrien County Youth Fair, Berrien Springs, Mich., 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20. Meet on the new stage in the mall area.
- Arts in Bloom, Wellfield Botanic Gardens, Elkhart, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday Aug. 22. This is an ideal location for painting ponds and trees. Music, food and art booths will be featured. Bring art to sell. Volunteers are needed to staff our booth.

Next NIPS exhibit

“Shared Visions”

All-Member Exhibit

Colfax Cultural Center
914 Lincoln Way West, South Bend
Sept. 18 to Oct. 30, 2009
Deliver art to the gallery 4–7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Members may submit one or two paintings and at least one will be selected for the show. Fee is \$5 each. Prizes will be awarded at the reception, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 2. Juror is Bob Seifert.

At New Galleries

Members' pastels are shown monthly at New Galleries, 805 Lincoln Way West, South Bend. Mona Witt is collecting names of artists who would like to participate. mona50@comcast.net

August: Joe Schultz, Tom Tooley and Vince Dominello. Reception 5-9 p.m. Aug. 7.

September: Michigan artists **Sandra Goodrich, Donna Chambers** and Robert Williams.

October: Snite Museum Curator of Education **Jackie Welsh** and docents **Miriam Wittkopf, Linda DeCelles, Peggy Vaughan** and **Cathy McCormick**

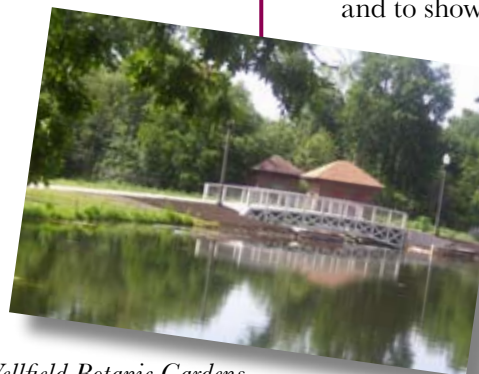
Congratulations to **Marie Arch, Mary Lou Lonergan, Mary Ann Ross** on a fine show in July.

NIPS Sycamore show a success

Our show at Sycamore Fine Arts in the Old Bag Factory, Goshen, has closed, and gallery owner Diane Overmyer says, “I would like to thank all of you who entered work into the exhibit. This has been a great way to educate the public about pastels, and to show the wonderful variations that can

occur with pastel work. Many people have commented on how beautiful the work is and many people have been very impressed by the caliber of the work.” Congratulations to those who sold paintings:

Deb Eiswald and
Lisa Ransom Smith.



Wellfield Botanic Gardens

Previous meeting

Linda Freel showed the dramatic mural (20-feet high) she painted in the new German Township Library, South Bend, and gave a power point presentation showing steps in the project. Be sure to visit the library and see the mural if you missed her talk.

Portrait drawing workshop

Katharine Schmidt, professor of art at Bethel College, will offer a two-part portrait drawing workshop at the Carnegie Library in Angola, Ind., Aug. 15 and 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first Saturday will be spent practicing drawing techniques with plaster casts of heads with special attention to the eyes, nose, mouth, and ears. The second Saturday, class members will draw from a live model.

Registering for both sessions is recommended, but not required. \$20 per day, plus \$5 model fee. Details: Dina Ferree, dinaf@steuben.lib.in.us, 260-665-3362, extension 24, or Katharine Schmidt, katharineschmidt@comcast.net, 574-229-5687

Fernwood landscape workshop

"Trees Near and Far" will be the topic of a pastel workshop by Cathy McCormick on Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fernwood Botanical Gardens, Buchanan, Mich. Cost is \$45 for Fernwood members, \$55 others. Details: 269-695-6491.

Fall classes starting

Pastel and drawing classes are offered at Studio Art Classes, South Bend Museum of Art, Battell Community Center, Forever Learning, Indiana University South Bend, Bethel College, Elkhart Art League, Buchanan Art Center, and other locations. Check individual Web sites or artseverywhere.com.

Prizes

Winning prizes in the Elkhart Art League Annual Juried Exhibit at the Havilah Beardsley House:

Jan Gilbert best of show,
Susie Russell first place original, and
Patricia Stutsman first and second place student.



Art Beat Sept. 26

Our pastel society will not have a group booth this year, but individual artists and small groups are encouraged to take a booth space. Art Beat will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 26. Details and registration: artbeatsouthbend.org.

Salon show available

Carol Ervin, owner of Nolas Salon, offers wall space to local artists. Works should be framed and ready to hang. There will be a \$5 fee per painting, and a 15 per cent commission on sales. Contact Barbara Fedder for details. 574.272.1881 Kbfedder@att.net

Wabash show theme: America

Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St., Wabash, IN 46992, seeks entries in its second annual Themed Art Competition Aug. 28- Sept. 24. Reception 6 p.m. Sept. 24. Entries will be accepted 2-4 pm Aug. 25 and 26. The artwork must depict what patriotism means to you. Think eagles, flags, and apple pie. See honeywellcenter.org/clarkgallery or call 260.563.1102 ext. 501. Fee: \$20 for up to 3 entries.

Art fair in Warsaw

The Kosciusko Community YMCA in Warsaw, Ind., will hold an art fair Oct. 10 in conjunction with Y Arts Week. Artist applications are due Sept. 1. Details: kcyymca.org/events.

GLPS 2010 show

Great Lakes Pastel Society national show will held at the Dow Museum of Science and Art at the Midland Center for the Arts, Midland, Mich. Deadline for entries is Feb. 10. Richard McKinley will be the juror. Details: glps.org.

Win a painting

Pastel Society of America (PSA) will raffle off paintings by five distinguished artists during the awards reception Sept. 13 for the nationally juried exhibition *Pastels Only*. The artists are Barbara Groff, Colleen Howe, Gigi Liverant, Duane Wakeham and Jimmy Wright. The paintings will be on the PSA Web site. The proceeds will benefit the Flora B. Giffuni Atelier for Pastels. To purchase tickets: pastelny@juno.com or call (212) 533-6931.

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, and New Galleries needs images for their Web site when artists exhibit there. E-mail Mona for the details: mona50@comcast.net

2009 dues

Dues remain at \$20 for 2009. A bargain! Please 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.

Pastel Pointers

Pastel Journal offers comments by Richard McKinley at **pastel-pointers.pasteljournal.com**.

ArtsEverywhere.

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

Do you know of upcoming exhibit opportunities, workshops, or info on a fantastic deal on materials?

Do you have good news regarding prizes received while exhibiting your pastels?

Please share your information and if possible, digital photos of your work that we could include in next month's newsletter. E-mail Cathy McCormick: camccorm@aol.com.

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