

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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December 2009

Holiday Party

1 p.m. Dec. 13

Studio Art Classes
4609 Grape Road,
Mishawaka



Enjoy some culinary treats and take home a new pastel painting. Members, spouses and guests are welcome.

Potluck Feast

Please bring an appetizer, salad, dessert or other side dish. Wine would be welcome too. The pastel society will provide ham, beef and turkey on croissants, and shrimp, punch and coffee. Please email **Barbara Fedder** and tell her how many will attend and what you will bring to the potluck. kbfedder@att.net

Art Exchange

Please bring a pastel painting in an 8 by 10-inch frame or smaller. The art should be under glass, ready to hang, and wrapped anonymously in white tissue paper. Each person who brings a painting can then pick one from the group of gifts, and each would be a surprise.

Pastel Society show at South Bend Civic Theatre

Our pastel society will take over the gallery in the South Bend Civic Theatre in January, February and March. Each member will be invited to display one painting. The theme is "comedy and tragedy." You can carry out the theme in the artwork's title by thinking of characters, settings or authors of plays, dramatic situations or anything related to theater.

The show will be on view during the following productions: *Moonlight and Magnolias* Jan. 22-31 and *Little Shop of Horrors* March 5-21. Dates and times for delivery of art will follow.

Members in the news

Congratulations to **Jackie MacKenzie** on the sale of her award-winning pastel, *Antigua Vendor*, at the NIPS exhibit Sept. 18 to Oct. 30 at Colfax Cultural Center.

Jan Gilbert will be demonstrating in the Old Bag Factory, Goshen, Dec. 5 for Christmas Family Day. Diane Overmyer's Sycamore Fine Arts will host an opening reception for Indiana landscape artist Jerry Smith, who will give a painting demonstration 1-3 p.m.

Sycamore also will host a Gingerbread Houses for Humanity contest. Houses made of any safe material will be accepted. All money raised goes to Habitat for Humanity, and six gift certificates will be given as prizes.

Patricia Stutsman will have a one-woman exhibit at the Bristol General Store on main street. It is tied in with the "Friends of the Bristol Opera House" and their holiday celebration, *A Heartfelt Christmas*, Dec. 5. Cabaret shows will take place at 5 and 10 p.m. with snacks and drinks, \$15 donation. Music provided by the Elkhart Civic Theatre.


Ron Monsma won the best drawing award at the Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart, annual competition, and he will give a gallery talk there at noon Dec. 10. He has workshops planned next summer at the Santa Fe Art School, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and for the Chicago Pastel Painters.

Mona Witt won a purchase award at the Midwest Museum competition.

Mona Witt and **Cathy McCormick** will have pastels on view at Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, Mich., starting Dec. 21.



Mike Kelly's pastel was a finalist in the landscape category of the Artist's Magazine annual contest. See the December issue.



Several members are showing pastels at the Northern Indiana Artists fall show at Lake Michigan College, Bertrand Crossing, Niles, through Dec. 20: **Donna Chambers, Gloria Kingery (award) Cathy McCormick, Joe Schultz** and **Mona Witt.**

Shows at New Galleries discontinued

David Allen has decided to stop renting space to art societies and will devote more space to a stable of artists. NIPS was happy to support the gallery and appreciated the chance to show art monthly since March.

Shows to enter

NIPS juried pastel show June 11 to July 25, Studio Art Classes, Grape Road.

Great Lakes Pastel Society national show will be 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

IAPS show prospectus

The prospectus for the International Association of Pastel Societies' exhibition July 11 through Aug. 29 at the Butler Museum in Youngstown, Ohio, has been posted on the IAPS Web site: <http://www.pastelinternational.com/COMPETITIONS/competitions-exhibitions.html>

The digital entry deadline for this exhibition is April 26. Approximately 35 paintings will be selected by three jurors: Alan Flattmann, Liz Haywood-Sullivan, and Jimmy Wright. Awards (\$1,000 for first place and additional cash awards) will be given by the judge, Maggie Price.

Artists who wish to receive early notification of IAPS exhibitions, events and other news can sign up for the IAPS newsletter on the IAPS Web site.

In Memoriam

Kay Londergan's mother, Fran Spahn, passed away Nov. 7. Our sympathy to Kay and her family.

Jackie MacKenzie's husband, Gordon, passed away June 27. Our sympathy to Jackie and her family.

Michigan artist **Jerry Power**, 64, died Sept. 27. Power was featured in the April Pastel Journal as the winner of the Art Spirit foundation/Dianne B. Bernhard Silver Medal Award of Excellence in

the 10th annual Pastel 100. He was a member of the Great Lakes Pastel Society, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Flora B. Giffuni, 89, founder of the Pastel Society of America, passed away Sept. 10 in New York City.

Grant workshop Dec. 9

The South Bend Museum of Art and the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County are hosting staff from the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) to provide a free informational workshop regarding their Individual Artist Program (IAP).

It will be 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the upper level painting studio of the art museum, 120 S. St. Joseph Street, South Bend.

Individual artists living and working in Indiana may apply for up to \$2,000 from the IAP grant, which requires no matching funds. The new, federally-funded Artist Access Program encourages participation by artists with disabilities.

Projects may include Supplies, rental/purchase of equipment, time for the development, completion, or presentation of a work; documentation of work; travel essential for artistic research or to present or complete work; advanced workshops that further career development.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 1, 2010. Applications must be submitted online utilizing the IAC's online grants system. Guideline information can be found at in.gov/arts/2474.htm

Register for the Grant Information Session by contacting Jessi Loyd at the museum at loydj@southbendart.org or 574-235-9102 or Angela Butiste from the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County (angela@cfsjc.org or 574-232-0041).

Mark your calendar: Downtown South Bend Holiday Art Walk and Bazaar at the South Bend Art Museum Dec. 5 and classes start Jan. 19.

Please note:
Our Web site Nipastelsociety.org is out of service temporarily.

**Previous program:
Artists of influence**

At our October meeting, we viewed original works by famous pastel artists William Henry Chandler, Daniel Greene, Ben Konis, Albert Handell, Larry Blovits and Robert Brackman. Thanks to all who brought art and participated in the discussion.

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

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**.

Welcome to our first advertiser!

Framer's Workshop is offering a special discount to NIPS members. Just clip the ad below and bring it to their location on Grape Road to receive 15% off your purchase.

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