

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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Meeting

1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011

Upstairs studio


South Bend Museum of Art

120 S. St. Joseph St., South Bend

(Located inside the Century Center)

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

Members are invited to bring their works, finished or in progress, to show.



Five fatal errors in portraits and how to avoid them **Katharine Schmidt**, art faculty member at Bethel College and Ivy Tech, will share secrets of successful portraits. She is an excellent teacher. We are sure to take home some very useful ideas.

New location

You probably know that Studio Arts closed at the end of December. We have been invited to move our meeting to the South Bend Museum of Art for February.

NIPS award at Scholastics show

Congratulations to **Garrett Blad**, a senior at John Glenn High School, Walkerton. He received an award from Northern Indiana Pastel Society for his pastel, *The Color of Strength*, in the Scholastic Art Awards.

The Scholastics competition represents students in grades 7–12 from 17 surrounding counties in Indiana and Michigan. The show features more than 400 works, and will be on display through March 6 at South Bend Museum of Art. Two NIPS members also won places in the show: **Allen Zielinski**, Marian High School, for a clay piece, and **Ruthie Enamorado**, Bremen High School, for a pastel.



Time to pay dues

Still just \$20. Please pay at the meeting or write a check to NIPS and mail to treasurer Sue Coultas, 519 Woodruff, Niles, MI 49120.

Previous meeting

In December, members celebrated the season with a festive potluck feast and art exchange at Studio Art Classes. The event was warm and welcoming despite the snowy day.

The show goes on

If you are attending a play at South Bend Civic Theatre, remember to visit the gallery and see *Encore*, a show of 20 pastel paintings by 20 of our members. It continues through March.

Celebrate Snow in February at CircaArts

NIPS members **Peg Luecke, Barbara Gentner Stephenson, Cathy McCormick, J. Marie Lamos, Mary Meehan Firtl, Christine Smith, Carol Heslop, and Peggy Vaughan** are featured in a show of winter landscapes through February at CircaArts Gallery, 528 E. Colfax Ave., South Bend. Hours are 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Wednesday–Friday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The show is titled “*Let It Snow.*”



Barbara Gentner Stephenson

... and in March

Mary Firtl will be the March Artist of the Month at CircaArts Gallery, featuring her series, “*Drive-By Landscapes: Highways and Byways.*” The reception will be held from 5–9 p.m. March 4. Also, Mary received a merit award for her landscape in the student/faculty exhibition at the South Bend Museum of Art which ended Feb. 15.

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NIPS members in GLPS show

Several NIPS members will have work in the Great Lakes Pastel Society 2011 members' show March 6 to April 9 at the Carnegie Center, Three Rivers, Mich.: **Mona Witt, Deb Eiswald, Cathy McCormick, Phil Monteith** and **Mary Ann Pals**. The reception is 2–4 p.m. March 6.

More member news

"*William*," a pastel of a cowboy by **Sue Coultas**, was sold by the Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart, during its regional show in the fall.

Marilyn O'Bryant will have a solo show of pastels and watercolors in the Art Hop of the Arts Council of Kalamazoo 7–9 p.m. Friday, March 4. Her exhibit will be at the Tromblay Salon, 627 South Burdick St. (269) 383-4300. The exhibit continues to May 1.

Mary Ann Davis of Indianapolis will have pastels in the show, "*Romantic Landscapes: Now*," at Greenwich Gallery, 2124 Madison Road, O'Bryonville, Indiana, through March 4. Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 11–5, Wednesday 11–7, Sunday noon–4.

"*White Heron*" by **Mary Ann Pals** was the cover artwork for the January-February issue of the Great Lakes Pastel Society newsletter. The painting was featured in the recent NIPS show at the Jewish Federation.

Water was the theme of a photography show by **Susan M. Henshaw** Jan. 13 to Feb. 4 at Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac. Susan is teaching faux painting on furniture through February at Barentsen Candy Co., 147 5TH St., Benton Harbor, Mich. (269) 208-4409 or annarussoart.com

Classes

When Studio Arts closed, **Cathy McCormick** moved her pastel class to the Battell Center, 904 N. Main St., Mishawaka, Ind. 10 a.m.–noon Fridays. Call Cathy for details (574) 271-6919 or camccorm@aol.com

Phil Monteith teaches a pastels class from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at the Elkhart Art League. Potential class members are welcome to attend one or all the sessions remaining in the term.

Susan Henshaw will give a workshop, *Techniques for Painting Water in Pastel*, noon–4 p.m. (central time) April 16 and 17 at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, Ind. Tuition is \$135. Susan will discuss techniques for painting lakes, waves, creeks and rivers. Students will use

under-paintings along with layering, glazing and blending techniques to achieve believable water in their landscapes. Each session begins with a demonstration. Students may choose from source material provided or bring their own. A material list is available upon request. lubeznikcenter.org

Michael Chesley Johnson, nationally known artist, teacher and writer, will give a plein air oil and pastel workshop May 9–11 at the Art Barn, Valparaiso. The fee, \$275, includes lunch. (219) 462-9009, www.artbarnin.com

IAPS convention

Registrations are being taken for the 9th biennial convention of the International Association of Pastel Societies June 2–5 in Albuquerque. Pre-and post-convention workshops will also be held. Info: pastelinternational.com

Shows to see

Wyeths at Kalamazoo

The Wyeths: America's Artists will be on view through April 17 at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. It features works by three generations of artists in the Wyeth family: C. Wyeth (1882–1945), an illustrator and painter, Andrew Wyeth (1917–2009), known as "America's Painter," Andrew's sisters, Henriette Wyeth Hurd (1907–1997) and Carolyn Wyeth (1909–1994), and Andrew's son Jamie Wyeth (born 1946). The exhibition will include 90 works: oils, tempera, watercolor and drawings.

Dudley at Midwest

The Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart, presents a special exhibition of 60 paintings by the historically important painter **Frank Dudley** (1868–1957). The exhibit continues through Feb. 27. This represents one of the largest showings of the artist's work. Frank Dudley dedicated 40 years of his professional life as a landscape painter to the promotion and preservation of the Indiana Dunes along the southern shore of Lake Michigan.

Need studio space?

Affordable studio and storefront space will be available at The Arts & Crafts Haven, opening soon at 1731 Cassopolis St., Elkhart. For info: Marsha Stiles, Smiles by Stiles Photography, 127 E. Windsor Ave. Suite 15, Elkhart, IN 46514 or smilesbystilesphotography.com (574) 596-8395.

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