

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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October 2009

Meeting

1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18

Studio Art Classes

4609 Grape Road, Mishawaka, Ind.

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

Program: Artists of influence

We will view original works by famous pastel artists William Henry Chandler, Daniel Greene, Ben Konis, Albert Handell, Larry Blovits and Robert Brackman. Most of these are from **Phil Monteith's** collection.

All members are invited to bring works by teachers or other artists, whether famous or not. Original works are preferred, but you may bring prints too. Don't miss this chance to be inspired by some great pastel work.

Member Exhibit: "Shared Visions"

Colfax Campus Gallery, Colfax Cultural Center
914 Lincoln Way West, South Bend

Sept. 18 to Oct. 30

Twenty-five members submitted 40 works and all were displayed. Prizes went to **Deb Eiswald, Peg Luecke, Connie Glasgow, Mary Ann Pals** and **Jackie MacKenzie**.

The juror was **Robert Seifert**, and his statement follows:

"Confronting a new body of artwork is challenging for a juror. They are further conflicted by gallery parameters and an exhibition's intended focus. Because of the available gallery spaces at the Colfax Cultural Center, it was decided that all submitted works would be accepted. My five award choices were based on draftsmanship, composition, and conceptualization. I commend the Pastel Society for creating a group that focuses on a medium that has been underrepresented in local art spaces."

Robert Seifert is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University, majoring in printmaking. He did additional study at The Works, a silkscreen design studio in San Francisco. He instructed printmaking classes for 15 years at South Bend Museum of Art, and was the gallery preparator for Colfax Campus Gallery for 24 years. He has worked at Framers Workshop, Mishawaka, for 28 years in sales and frame design.

Winning prizes in the raffle at the reception were **Sue Coultas, Barb Stephenson, Pat Stutsman, Lynn Fall, Jackie MacKenzie** and **Lennie Gentner**. Winning the set of Terry Ludwig darks was **Patty Rose**. Congrats and thanks for buying raffle tickets, which benefit the society. Thanks also to **Mary Lou Lonergan** for donating a figure of Eduard Manet to the raffle, and to **Donna Chambers** and **Barb Fedder** for staffing the raffle table.

New Galleries exhibiting artists

Through November: **Jackie Welsh**, curator of education at the Snite Museum of Art, Notre Dame, and docents **Linda DeCelles, Peggy Vaughan** and **Cathy McCormick**. Reception is 5-9 p.m. Nov. 6 at New Galleries, 805 Lincoln Way West, South Bend.

Congratulations to **Joe Schultz, Tom Tooley** and **Vince Dominello** on their show in August, and to Michigan artists **Sandra Goodrich, Donna Chambers** and **Robert Williams** on their show in September.



Blooming!

Janice Lamos paints in the pastel society tent during the Arts in Bloom paint out at Elkhart's new Wellfield Botanic Gardens Aug. 22. This was one of several paint outs members attended this summer. Others were based at The Old Bag Factory, Goshen, and the Berrien County Youth Fair, Berrien Springs, Mich. Members also participated in Art Beat in downtown South Bend, Sept. 26.

Next show at Civic Theatre

Our pastel society will take over the gallery in the South Bend Civic Theatre in January and February. Each member will be invited to submit one painting. Look for details in December. The theme is “comedy and tragedy.”

Members in the news

Phil Monteith was invited to show his pastels in the Bristol Public Library through the end of October.

Mona Witt and **Cathy McCormick** will have a show at Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, Nov. 2-20, with a reception and gallery talk at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 4.

Mary Ann Pals has had a pastel landscape accepted into the “Richeson 75: Landscape, Seascape & Architectural Exhibition” sponsored by the Richeson School of Art & Gallery in Kimberly, WI. All the work in this exhibit will be available for viewing online in late October at <http://www.richeson75.com/>, and will be published in a hard cover book. Mary Ann had a pastel painting accepted into the IAPS 2009 Web Show, <http://www.pastelinternational.com/>, for which she will receive her second Master Circle point.

Mary Ann Pals, Maryann France, Gloria Kingery, Robert Williams and **Cathy McCormick** had pastels accepted into the 21st annual Heartland Artists Regional Exhibit in Plymouth, through Nov. 6. **Cathy McCormick** had two pastels accepted into the 31st Elkhart Juried Regional, Nov. 6 to Jan. 3, at the Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart.

Previous meeting

Members discussed their favorite surfaces for pastel: Art Spectrum, Kitty Wallace, Canson, La Carte, illustration board, colored drawing papers and homemade sanded surfaces. Samples of Uart and PastelMat were given out. For those who were wondering, the new fixative is called Spectrafix Pastel Fixative and is available at Dakota Art Pastels. dakotapastels.com

Thanks to **Marie Arch** for that info.

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

Colfax seeking artists

Colfax Campus Gallery seeks artists for upcoming shows. You must live within 50 miles of South Bend. A prospectus and application is available by calling 574 289-1066 ext. 215. Entries are due Oct. 30.

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 pricing and 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 E-mail 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.