

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

October 2008

Meeting:

1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, 2008

**Studio Arts Center,
807 Lincoln Way West,
South Bend, Indiana
Nipastelsociety.org**

Please bring a pastel painting to show. It can be finished or a work in progress. New members are especially invited to bring a piece to show. It helps us get to know each other. Donations of cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, etc. for our refreshment table are welcome.

Program: Mike Kelly, pastel artist of Warsaw, Ind.

Mike will summarize his successful design career and describe the influences that carry over into his fine art work. He will also tell why he is interested in 20th century art rather than academic representation. "If the mechanics are perfect but there is no expression, and it's not art."

He also says, "Color is 80 percent of painting. Color is like words in a language and art is universal

language." He will talk about the colorist

painters that he studies and why setting the bar high with disciplined goals is important. His galleries include:

Editions Limited,
Indianapolis;
Grace Chosy
Gallery,
Madison, Wis.
LaFontsee Galleries,
Grand Rapids;
Tvedten Fine Art,
Harbor Springs, Mich.

Fall show News (Nov. 11 to Dec. 23)

At the meeting, we will hear several exciting announcements about the all-members show in November and December at Studio Arts Center. Stay tuned.

Multi-brand Color Chart

NIPS recently purchased the new publication, *Multi-brand Color Chart* by Marie Meyer. It will be available at the meeting. It compares open stock pastels.

Last meeting recapped

Phil Monteith and **Jackie Mackenzie** offered comments and critique on members' works at our meeting Aug. 17. It was a very helpful program and many people suggested we have critiques on a regular basis.

Landscape painting outdoors

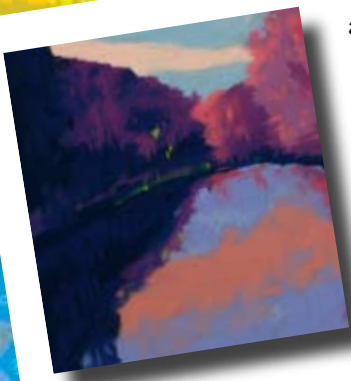
A group of five members enjoyed a fine day of paintings outdoors on Sept. 27. **Connie Glasgow** coordinated the event. If you like to work outdoors with others, please email Cathy McCormick. camccorm@aol.com

Art Beat indoors

Due to rain, Art Beat, Sept. 4, moved indoors at Century Center and our Pastel Society booth was beside the booths of the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society and Northern Indiana Artists. It was a busy evening and many people picked up our membership info. Thanks to those who brought work for display and helped with the booth, especially **Dave Turnock** and **Mona Witt**.

New Studio Arts

David Allen, Cathy McCormick, Tom Tooley, Joe Schultz, Bob Williams, Leslie Straniero, Anne Binder, Howard Scott and others are offering classes in the new Studio Art Classes location, 4609 Grape Road, Mishawaka, just north of Barnes and Noble. 574 243 2006. studioartscenter.org



Soup bowl fund raiser

Elkhart Art League will host its Empty Bowls Project 4 to 9 pm. Oct.11 at High Dive Pavilion, 500 E Beardsley, Elkhart. Get a hand-crafted ceramic bowl, soup, bread, crackers, punch and dessert for a \$15 donation. Funds will help Mountain Top Community Church, Guidance Ministries, God's Kitchen.

Doug Dawson in Chicago

Chicago Pastel Painters will host a national show in March 2009 and a 3-day workshop with master pastel painter Doug Dawson March 6, 7 and 8. Info on the show and workshop are available at chicagopastelpainters.org

Tips and equipment for framing ***Framing4yourself.com***

Praise for pencil sharpener

Mary Ann Pals suggests the Multi-Point Professional pencil sharpener by Creative Mark. It's a hand-crank pencil sharpener that sharpens pastel pencils and soft charcoal pencils without crumbling them. It accepts fat pastel pencils too. And if a point breaks off, there are instructions showing how to open the sharpener and get the point out. \$26 plus shipping from aswexpress.com or jerrysartarama.com

Member news

Mary Firtl

recently designed a hardcover book for the Studebaker National Museum. It is titled *Over a Century on Wheels* and explores Studebaker history from the family's arrival in America through today. It is available at the museum gift shop or online at studebakermuseum.org. A nice gift idea.

Several members have work in the Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart, annual regional exhibit: **Jan Bower, Shirley Roti Roti, Cathy McCormick, and Phil Monteith** (a prize).

Phil Monteith had 10 pieces at the Bristol Opera House during their run of "On Golden Pond" in September. Phil teaches pastels Tuesdays, 9 to noon, at the Elkhart Art League, through Nov. 11.

Studio Arts members enjoy their class time in Cathy McCormick's Friday morning pastel class at the new Studio Art Classes location conveniently located just north of Barnes and Noble on Grape Rd.

*Pictured Right: Barb Stephenson.
Below: Fran Barnes and Terry McKay.*



James Andert has a piece in the Midnight Oils Exhibit, a Halloween themed show at the Mills Pond House in St. James, NY, Oct. 4-31 .

Mary Ann Pals will teach a class in beginning and intermediate pastels at the Chesterton Art Center (115 S. 4th St.) beginning Oct. 23 for 6 weeks, from 7-9 pm (CT), skipping Thanksgiving week. Cost is \$60 for Art Center members, \$65 for non-members. Students will work from reference photos. Register at (219) 926-4711.

IAPS convention

May 28 to 31, 2009 in Albuquerque.

Pastel Pointers

Pastel Journal offers comments by Richard McKinley at <http://pastel-pointers.pasteljournal.com/>

Web site

Look to www.NIpastelsociety.org for events, shows, past newsletters and a list of committees. Please tell prospective members.

ArtsEverywhere.

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

