

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

February 2007

Meeting

1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18
Studio Arts Center,
815 Lincoln Way West, South Bend, Indiana

We will meet in the remodeled building,
Studio 815, just west of our previous location.

**Please bring a pastel painting for the
Members Exhibit Feb. 27 to March 30,
in Studio 815.**

At the meeting we will discuss show details and other events. Afterward, members will be invited to display the work they have brought for the show. You will be welcome to describe the materials and surface you used, and something about the content. (No, you don't have to speak if you don't want to.) We hope this will be an opportunity to pick up some tips and get to know each other better.

If you are unable to attend, you may bring your art to Studio Arts Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 or by special arrangement with Cathy McCormick, camccorm@aol.com

Please label your art with tags that can be found on the entry forms at Studio Arts Center, on the web site at www.NIpastelsociety.org, or request a copy from Cathy McCormick

We are asking that those who participate in the show pay their dues of \$20 to Sue Coultas, 519 Woodruff, Niles, MI 49120.
suecoultas@comcast.net.

***Thank you to all who have paid dues,
almost 40 members, so far!***

Show reception 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 8

The reception will feature wine, punch and the appetizers and desserts our members are famous for. Your contributions to the refreshments table are welcome.

Back by popular demand is the raffle. Included will be gift certificates from Cheap Joe's, Jerry's Artarama and other art supply catalogs. We'll also raffle several sets of pastels and a copy of *On Location, Plein Air Painting in Pastel* by Richard McDaniel, who will give a workshop here in May 2008.

Congratulations Phil Monteith, PSA

Our own Phil Monteith recently was selected for membership in the Pastel Society of America. Phil has worked toward membership for several years, and we are happy that his art has been recognized by this prestigious society. We can be proud to have a PSA member in our group.
Three cheers for Phil.

Portrait Workshop

Ron Monsma will offer a pastel portrait workshop at The Old Bag Factory, Goshen, July 20 and July 21. (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour for lunch.) For details, please contact Diane Overmyer at Sycamore Fine Arts, 1100 Chicago Ave, Suite #7 Goshen, IN 46528 (574) 533-8900
dovermyerart@msn.com

Holiday gathering successful

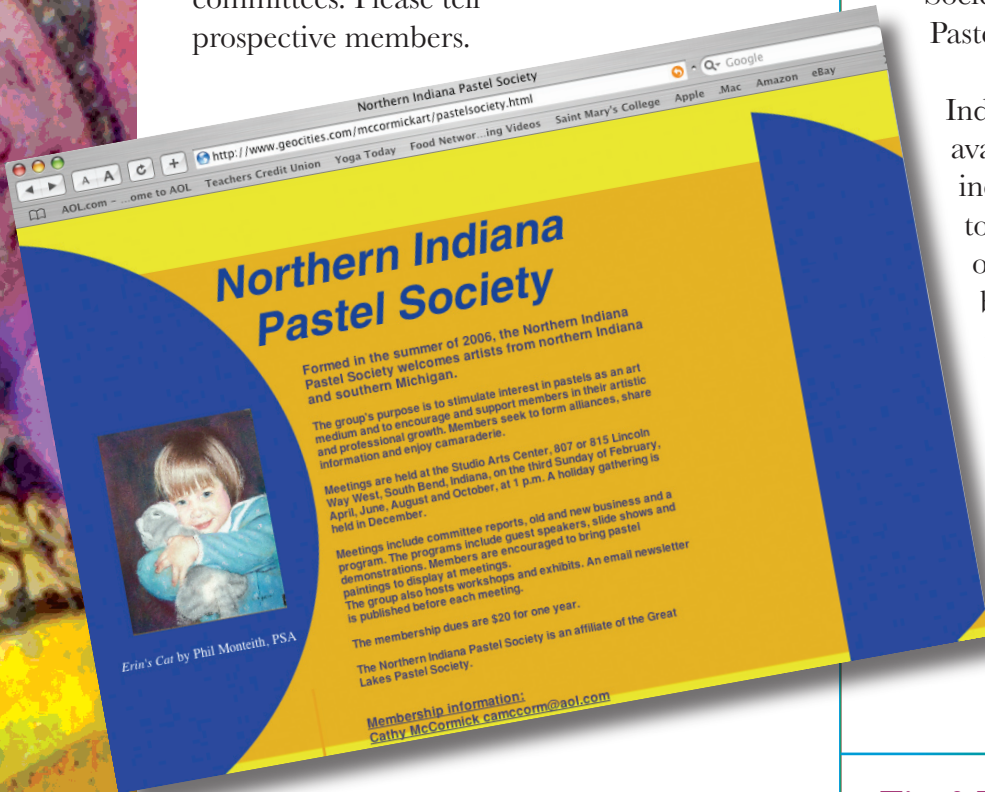
The South Bend Regional Museum of Art offered their permanent gallery for our first holiday gathering Dec. 5. This was a beautiful setting and we had a great turnout. Museum Director Susan Visser welcomed us to the art community and praised our group for its enthusiasm and warm spirit. Many thanks to all who attended, brought refreshments and assisted in any way. Special thanks to raffle organizer Marie Arch and her husband Chuck.

Web site unveiled, updated

Our web site www.NIpastelsociety.org was on display for the first time at the holiday gathering. Now it has been updated with extra capacity and more artwork. Look to the website for events, shows, newsletters and a list of committees. Please tell prospective members.

We are a branch of the Great Lakes Pastel Society.

This means our group can get advice, non-profit status, listings in GLPS newsletters and access to the International Association of Pastel Societies. There is no charge. We can call ourselves Northern Indiana Pastel Society, Affiliate of the Great Lakes Pastel Society.



Individual GLPS membership available. It is up to each person individually whether they wish to join Great Lakes Pastel Society on their own. Dues cost \$25, and benefits include the newsletter, participation in shows, workshops and other events of the GLPS as well as shows and conventions of the International Association of Pastel Societies. To join, print out the application and mail it to the address on the form.

Copy and paste: <http://glps.org/datadoor/pdflinks/Membership%20Form.pdf>

ArtsEverywhere.

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

Getting together

We invite members to form groups and work during open studio hours at Studio Arts Center. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Also, make use of the Monday evening figure drawing session at Studio Arts. The fee is \$8 to \$15 for the model.

Some groups may wish to meet for on-site painting or sessions in private homes. The Northern Indiana Pastel Society would be happy to help you recruit for these groups and publicize them in the newsletter

Tips? Recommendations? Ideas?

Have a pastel tip you'd like to share? Are there special methods of storing your work or keeping your pastel sticks intact? We'd love to hear them. If you've found a great location for framing your work (that might offer discounts!) or purchasing supplies, then by all means, pass that info on. As a Society, one of the perks of membership is being in the company of talented and resourceful artists, so feel free to relate any information and we'll try and get the tips into the next newsletter, or you can share ideas at our regular membership meeting. Contact Cathy at camccorm@aol.com.