

# Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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## [Nlpastelsociety.org](http://Nlpastelsociety.org)

We are seeking new images for our website gallery page. Please email your images in .jpg format, along with a brief bio (under 200 words) to **Peg Luecke** at [lueckepeg@gmail.com](mailto:lueckepeg@gmail.com). See the gallery section of the website for guidance. We may need to select from among your submissions. Also, please see our website for show forms, photos, announcements and newsletters.

## Dues

Memberships were due for renewal in March. Please send a check for \$25 payable to Northern Indiana Pastel Society to treasurer **Sue Coultas**, 519 Woodruff, Niles, MI 49120. Dues must be current when entering shows.



## Meeting and Program

**10–noon Saturday, April 22**  
**University of Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture**

**1045 W. Washington Street, South Bend**  
Bring a painting to show. It can be finished or in progress. You might tell what pastels and surface you used, and what challenges you faced. Also, we will visit the Segura Printmaking Studio, the Indiana Women's Caucus exhibit and the Crossroads Gallery to see the exhibit by José Bernal.

The meeting includes a social time and announcements. Contributions of muffins, fruit, and other finger foods will be appreciated. Park in front and enter at the front steps or

park behind and enter at the ramp. Inside, take the elevator to the second floor. Parking also is available in the lot across the street at Civil Rights Heritage Center at the Natatorium, 1040 W. Washington St.

## Available for viewing at the meeting:

> **Indiana Women's Caucus for the Arts**  
**Upstairs rooms through April 27**

More than 30 works by regional women.  
Closing reception: 5:30–7:30 p.m., April 27.

> **José Bernal**  
**Crossroads Gallery**  
**March 20 – May 22**

The Samora Library of the Notre Dame Institute for Latino Studies presents an exhibition from Cuban-born, American artist José Bernal. The 30 works include paintings, collages, and assemblages featuring topics he revisited throughout his career.

## Past meeting

Mark Rospenda, the judge of our pastel show at Mishawaka Library, and curator of exhibitions and collections at the South Bend Museum of Art, spoke on the work of a curator in organizing and hanging exhibits, and some practical tips for hanging art in shows and at home. See his diagram under Events on the website [Nlpastelsociety.org](http://Nlpastelsociety.org).

## Future shows

**Salvation Army Kroc Center**

**May 15–July 6**

**900 W. Western Ave., South Bend**

**Receiving: Friday, May 12, 3–6 p.m.**

**Hanging: Saturday & Sunday, May 13–14**

**Releasing: Friday–Sunday, July 7–9**

*Reception to be announced*

**Prizes:** The estate of the late **Mary Ann France** of Plymouth has donated several large sets of pastels that will be given as prizes in our show at the Kroc Center instead of cash awards. The sets are valued at more than the usual \$75 cash award.

### South Bend Civic Theatre

Oct. 20–Dec. 23 during the musical, *Newsies*, which runs Oct. 20–29 and *A Christmas Story*, Dec. 1–23. The gallery show will be mentioned at the performances and listed in the program.

### Fernwood Botanical Gardens Gallery

Spring 2018. Larger works show well at Fernwood.

### MoonTree Studios, Donaldson, Ind.:

Opening Oct. 6, releasing Nov. 5, 2018

### Member news

**Jackie Welsh** and **Cheryl Phelan** are coordinating the gallery at Fernwood Botanical Gardens, Niles, Mich.



Rex Edwards

**Rex Edwards** will have a show, *Japan 1952* May 24–July 8 at Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan, Mich. The reception will be 2–4 p.m. June 4. Rex viewed the scenes as a young serviceman in Japan in the 1950s and painted them in recent years from photos and memories.

**Cathy McCormick** will give the noontime talk May 25 at Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart. She is among several members of Northern Indiana Artists who will give Thursday talks in conjunction with the NIA show at the museum through July 9.

**Mary Ann Pals** had a pastel painting, *Dancers From the Deep*, accepted into the Great Lakes Pastel Society Members Exhibit, May 26–July 8 (awards reception May 26, 6–8 p.m. ET), at the South Haven Center for the Arts in South Haven, Mich. Mary Ann also had her pastel, *Hawkeye*, accepted into the first Dune Birds in Art Exhibit, May 1–31 (artist reception May 3, 6–8 p.m. CT), at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitor Center in Chesterton, Ind. She will also be participating in an indoor art fair on May 6 (10–4 CT) at the same visitor center during the Indiana Dunes Birding Festival, sponsored by the Indiana Dunes State Park and National Lakeshore.

**Mary Ann Pals** and **Helen Kleczynski** had pastel paintings accepted into the 30<sup>th</sup> IAPS Convention Exhibition, to be held with the International Association of Pastel Societies Convention June 6–11 in Albuquerque.

**Mary Firtl, Jude Phillips, Peg Luecke, Larry Huemmer, Connie Thorpe, Mary Szabo, Rosie Mireles, Jude Phillips** and **Cathy McCormick** participated in *Winter Vistas* pastels exhibit February–March at Circa Arts Gallery, South Bend. Eleven works were on view and one by **Mary Firtl** was sold.

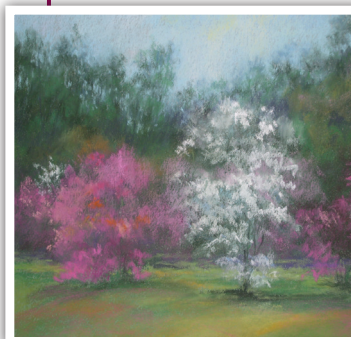
### NIA show

To honor the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding, Northern Indiana Artists has a show April 7–July 9 at the Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart. More than 100 works representing 72 NIA members were selected by museum curator Brian Byrn for this exhibit. Several members of our pastel society have work in the show. An awards reception will be held 1–4 p.m. May 7. Our society will honor a pastel painting with the **Mary Michalak** Memorial Award, named for our late member, and sponsored by Mary's husband **Lynn Schram** and our pastel society.

### Workshops, classes, events

**Bob Williams** teaches Life Painting & Drawing 2–5 p.m. and 6–9 p.m. Thursdays at Elkhart Art League, in the Depot, 131 Tyler Street, Suite 1-B, Elkhart, Ind.  
Fee: **\$110** members, **\$120** non-members.

**Phil Monteith** teaches a pastels class 1–4 p.m. Fridays for three weeks starting April 7 at Elkhart Art League. **Fee:** \$40 members, \$50 non-members.



Spring Fever, Fernwood

**Cathy McCormick** will give a pastel workshop featuring the spring landscape at Fernwood Botanical Gardens, Niles, Mich., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 6. **\$55** or **\$45** for Fernwood members. A supply list is provided upon registration.

Beginners are welcome. 269-695-6491.  
info@fernwoodbotanical.org

**Nancie King Mertz** will offer a UART workshop, *Pastels are Perfect for Plein Air*, July 7–9 at the Palette & Chisel Art Academy, Chicago. Enrollment: 7–12 students, beginner to advanced. **\$350.**



**Kathleen Newman** will give a workshop, *Color and Composition in Pastel Painting*, Aug. 7–9 at MoonTree Studios, 9601 Union Road, Donaldson, Ind. **\$340**. moontree@poorhandmaids.org 574-935-1712. Kathleen will emphasize design and value structure, editing information from photos to strengthen composition, and will demonstrate pastel techniques, including toning backgrounds on a variety of surfaces.

**Michael Chesley Johnson** will give a workshop Sept. 29–30 at the Art Barn in Valparaiso, Ind. Price: **\$215**. artbarnin@aol.com, 219-462-9009, artbarnin.com

**Mark Vander Vinne** will host a critique night at 7:30 p.m. central time on the first Wednesday of each month at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. 4th St., Chesterton, Ind.

**Drawing from the Model** is offered 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan, Mich. Walk in; registration is not required. **\$5** per session. Facilitators: **Sue Coultas** and **Shirley Roti**. Info: Buchananartcenter.org or email at buchananartcenter@gmail.com, 269-697-4005.

**The Niles Art Association** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Niles District Library Community Room, 602 E. Main St., Niles, MI. Brian Byrn, curator of the Midwest Museum of American Art, will share his insights on the role of a curator based on his years of experience as an active artist, educator and curator. Meetings are free and open to the public. More info: nilsartassc.webs.com or nilsart49@gmail.com

### **GLPS Show and Demo**

The Great Lakes Pastel Society and the South Haven Center for the Arts will present a pastel demo by **William Schneider** 1–4 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at the South Haven Center for the Arts, 600 Phoenix St, South Haven, MI. 269-637-1041; southhavenarts.org. **\$5** admission charge.

Schneider paints primarily from life. He was trained at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. He has received awards from American Impressionist Society, Portrait Society of America,

and Oil Painters of America, and was awarded master signature status by the Pastel Society of America. He is a member of the Masters' Circle of International Association of Pastel Societies.

Great Lakes Pastel Society Members' Exhibit May 26 to July 8 at South Haven Center for the Arts will feature 49 pastel artworks by 38 GLPS members. The show was judged and juried by William Schneider. Awards reception: 6–8 p.m. May 26. Exhibit chair is **Mary Ann Pals**.

### **Need help with photography...**

**Barbara Stephenson** says if you want your art professionally photographed at a reasonable price, make an appointment with Chris at Gene's Camera in South Bend at 574-234-2278. He will give you digital files for prints and shows entries. Gene's also makes Giclee prints on a variety of papers.

### **...or with writing?**

Retired technical writer and local art supporter and collector will help artists write or edit their biographies, artist statements, or other exhibit-related materials for a reasonable rate or in consideration for artwork. Contact **Steve Alpert**, 574-315-7098, southbendsteve@gmail.com.

### **Pastel Society of America**

Entries are due June 16 for the 2017 Pastel Society of America 45<sup>th</sup> open juried exhibition Sept. 5–30. Pastel Society of America, 15 Gramercy Park South, New York, NY 10003. Details are available at pastelsocietyofamerica.org. Images from the 2016 show are available at this site also.

### **Facebook**

Please search Facebook for **Northern Indiana Pastel Society** and *like* the page. You

can also *share* the posted info to your own page and note that you are a member of NIPS. Also remember to post a photo of your art when you participate in shows and invite your friends to visit the show. This effort helps us get the word out about our art.

