

# Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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December 2016

## You are invited

**Thursday Dec. 15, 6–7:30 p.m.**  
**Show reception, awards, and holiday party**

**Spencer Gallery, lower level,  
Mishawaka Downtown Library  
209 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, IN 46544**

**Your contribution of appetizers and desserts  
will be appreciated.**

A raffle of art supplies will be featured, so please bring extra dollars so you can participate. The proceeds benefit your pastel society.

## Past workshop

**Mark Vander Vinne** presented a well-attended workshop Oct. 22 and 23 at South Bend Museum of Art. He focused on how to use color theory to make a color plan that engages viewers and strengthens artwork.

## Member news

**Ron Monsma's "Vista"** won the Pastelagram Award at The Pastel Society of America's 44<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition. It is also one of 20 works selected for an upcoming exhibition at the Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio.



"Vista" by Ron Monsma

**Bob Williams** won an award for his oil portrait, "Luli in Blue," at the Elkhart Art League members show Nov. 10–19 at Arts on Main Gallery, Elkhart. He also had a pastel portrait in the show. **Shana Dines** won the people's choice award for her pastel, "Popsicle Kids Chillin." Pastels were also shown by **Barbara Leach, Jackie MacKenzie, Cathy McCormick, Pat Stutsman, and Kathleen Wolfe.**

**Bob Williams** also won a merit award for his oil portrait "Olivia in Lavender," in the Northern Indiana Artists exhibit through Dec. 20 at Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture, 1045 W. Washington St., South Bend. He also had a pastel portrait in the show. Others with pastels in the show included **Marie Arch, Jude Phillips, Barb Stephenson, and Cathy McCormick.**  
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Rex Edwards** will have a show of pastels now through Dec. 12 in the display case at Harris Branch Library, 51446 Elm Road, Granger. His pastels depict scenes from his time as a serviceman in Japan and Okinawa during the

## Past meeting

Indiana University South Bend emeritus professor of art, **Alan Larkin**, gave a program Oct. 8 at Francis Branch Library on how he painted his still life that won the top award in this year's Pastel 100 Competition in *Pastel Journal* magazine.

## Future shows

**>Dec. 2, 2016 — Feb. 2, 2017**  
Spencer Gallery, lower level,  
Mishawaka Downtown Library  
209 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, IN 46544  
**Deliver 5–7:30 p.m. Thursday Dec. 1**  
**Fee: \$10 for one entry, \$15 for two entries**

### Reception, awards, and holiday party

Thursday Dec. 15, 6–7:30 p.m.  
Releasing: Feb. 2, 2017, 6–7:45 p.m.  
Judge: Mark Rospenda, curator,  
South Bend Museum of Art

**>Salvation Army Kroc Center, South Bend:**  
May and June 2017.

**>MoonTree Studios, Donaldson, Ind.:**  
Opening Oct. 6, releasing Nov. 5, 2018



Alan Larkin discussing his work and a display of his art materials.  
Photo: Mary Firtl

1950s. Library hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, closed Sundays and Wednesdays.

A total of 15 artists will have pastel paintings on view in the student/faculty show at South Bend Museum of Art Dec. 2 to Jan. 8. Hours: Noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, closed Monday, Tuesday and holidays. Admission is free to members, with a suggested donation of \$5 for nonmembers.



Larry Blovits demonstrates a portrait of his wife Linda.

Several members of our society were guests of the Great Lakes Pastel Society at their annual meeting Nov. 19 at the Carnegie Center for the Arts in Three Rivers, Mich. After a business meeting, demonstrations were

given by noted artists **Larry Blovits, Nancie King Mertz, and Helen Kleczynski.** Attending were **Jude Phillips, Ann McFadden, Dee Thornton, Connie Thorpe, Tammi McNally, Mary Ann Pals, and Cathy McCormick.**

**Mary Meehan Firtl**, her mother Norma Lu Meehan, her brother and sister-in-law Terry and Carol Meehan, and their son Sean were honored at the South Bend Museum of Art annual gala in November for their contributions to the arts community in Michiana. NIPS took out an ad in the event program to congratulate Mary.

**Cathy McCormick** has two pastels in the Indiana Women's Caucus for Art exhibit through Jan. 21 at the Jewish Federation, 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. She will have three works in the Women's Caucus exhibit at Link Gallery, Manchester University, North Manchester, Ind., Nov. 22 to Feb. 22. A closing reception and panel discussion will take place at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 22.

**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 available 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 Roti.** Info: Buchananartcenter.org or email at buchananartcenter@gmail.com, 269-697-4005.

Classes for the winter eight-week term begin the week of Jan. 8 at South Bend Museum of Art, 120 S. St. Joseph St., South Bend, IN 46601; 574-235-9102; southbendart.org.

The pastel class is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays with **Cathy McCormick.** Beginners are welcome. A class for intermediate and advanced pastel painters is offered 10-noon Fridays at Battell Center, Mishawaka. A beginning drawing class is offered Thursdays 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at South Bend Museum of Art.

**Bob Williams** will offer portrait classes at Elkhart Art League after it moves into new quarters in the train station.

### **Pastel convention**

The IAPS Twelfth Biennial Convention will be June 6–11, 2017, in Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town Albuquerque, New Mexico. See the International Association of Pastel Societies web site at [iapspastel.org](http://iapspastel.org).

### **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.

### **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.

### **Website News**

Please see our redesigned website, **NIPastelSociety.org**, for show forms, photos, announcements and newsletters. Email your news to Cathy McCormick at **CAMcCorm@aol.com**.