

# Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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January/February 2017

## Meeting and Program

**2–4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11**

South Bend Museum of Art, upper studio  
120 S. St. Joseph St., South Bend, Ind.  
Inside Century Center

**Program:** **Mark Rospenda**, the judge of our current pastel show at Mishawaka Library, and curator of exhibitions and collections at the South Bend Museum of Art, will speak on the duties and thoughts of a curator in organizing and hanging exhibits, and some practical tips for hanging art in shows and at home.

Mark has been on the SBMA's curatorial staff since March 2010, and has organized and overseen more than 40 exhibitions.

The meeting includes a social time and announcements. **Contributions of desserts and appetizers will be appreciated.**

## Past meeting

A show reception, awards, and holiday party with prizes was held Dec. 15 at Spencer Gallery, Mishawaka Downtown Library.

## Current Show

The membership show at Mishawaka Library will close Feb. 2.

**WORK CAN BE  
PICKED UP BETWEEN  
6 AND 7:45 P.M.  
THURSDAY, FEB. 2.**

Prizes went to **Peg Luecke** for *Morning Mist on the St. Joe*, **Rosie Mireles** for *Dunes in Fall*, **Kathleen Wolfe** for *Along the Kancamagus*, **Barbara Gentner**

**Stephenson** for *Beach Bend Burnout*, and **Shana Dines** for *Popsicle Kids Chillin'*. The judge, Mark

Rospenda, curator of South Bend Museum of Art, also recognized works by **Mary Meehan Firtl**, **Phil Montieth** and **Nisa Freedomwalker**.

## Future shows

> **Salvation Army Kroc Center**

900 W. Western Ave., South Bend

**Receiving:** Friday, May 12

**Hanging:** Saturday May 13–14

**Releasing:** July 7–9

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 giving cash awards. The sets are valued at more than the \$75 cash award that usually is given.

> **MoonTree Studios, Donaldson, Ind.:**

Opening Oct. 6, releasing Nov. 5, 2018

## Member news

Several NIPS members have art in the Northern Indiana Artists show at Kroc Center through March 4: **Marie Arch**, **Rex Edwards**, **Cathy McCormick**, **Jude Phillips**, **Evelyn Schwenk**, and **Dee Thornton**. Awards went to **Mona Witt**, **Jim Cooke** and **Barbara Gentner Stephenson**. Kroc Center: 900 W. Western Ave., South Bend.

**Mary Meehan Firtl** won best of show in the landscape show through Feb. 19 at Fernwood Botanical Gardens, Niles, Mich. Her winning pastel is titled *The Betsie River*. Also participating was NIPS member **Kay Londergan**.

**Cathy McCormick** has three works in the Women's Caucus exhibit at Link Gallery, Manchester University, North Manchester, Ind., from Nov. 22 to Feb. 22. A closing reception and panel discussion will take place at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 22.

**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**. The art will be scenes that Rex viewed as a young serviceman in Japan in the 1950s. The works were painted in pastels in



recent years, from photos and memories. Rex had a show of these works during November and December in the display case at Harris Branch Library, Granger.



Rex Edwards

**Circa Arts Gallery** will host a show in February and March of winter scenes by members of **Cathy McCormick's** classes. Reception is 5–9 p.m. Friday, March 3, a First Friday event in South Bend. Circa Arts Gallery, 528 East Colfax Ave. South Bend, IN 46617-2792 circaarts@sbcglobal.net, circaartsgallery.com, 574-233-8400

### Scholastics award

NIPS will again award a cash prize to a young pastel artist in the 2017 Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition Feb. 3 through March 11, South Bend Museum of Art. Reception: 5:30–9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. Awards ceremony is Feb. 5 in Bendix Theater of Century Center. 1:30 p.m. for junior high students and 2:30 p.m. for senior high.

### Shows to attend

> **St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society** Jan. 29–March 26 at Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley, 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend. Reception 3–5 p.m. Jan. 29. stjoevalleywatercolor.com

> **2017 Juried Exhibit at Carnegie Center for the Arts**, 107 N. Main St., Three Rivers, Mich., Jan. 22 through Feb. 18. Reception 2–4 p.m. Jan. 22. tccarnegie.com

> **Elkhart Art League** will host a spring open house and student show 2–5 p.m. Sunday, March 19 in its new location, The Depot, 131 Tyler St., Elkhart.

### Workshops and classes

**Phil Monteith** will teach pastel classes 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays April 7, 14, 21 at Elkhart Art League, The Depot, 131 Tyler St., Elkhart.

All levels are welcome.

To request info: 574-264-1810 voice mail.

**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. Price: \$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 on winter break, but will resume 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning April 5 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 spring eight-week term begin the week of March 20 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.



### ***Need help 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 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).

### ***Nlpastelsociety.org***

Please see our website for show forms, photos, announcements and newsletters.

### ***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 will be 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.

### ***Need a critique?***

ProArtCritique is a website where paintings and drawings can be constructively critiqued by a professional artist for a fee. If you are interested in a critique, technical help, advice, or would like to connect with a future workshop instructor, see [proartcritique.com](http://proartcritique.com). Several noted pastel artists are on the list to give critiques.

Pastel artists gathered at the South Bend Museum of Art for the annual student/faculty show reception in December.



From left are **Mary Szabo**, **Nisa Freedomwalker**, curator of education **Christyn Overstake**, award winner **Tami McNally**, **Greg Lorch**, **Dee Thornton** and **Cathy McCormick**. Other pastel society members in the exhibit included **Walt Gunn**, **Judie Horvath**, **Zara Osterman**, **Peg Luecke**, **Jude Phillips**, **Holly Webb**, **Mary Firtl**, **Jim Cooke** and **Kay Londergan**.