

# Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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## Northern Indiana Pastel Society Meeting and Program

**2 p.m. Saturday Oct. 8**  
**Francis Branch Library**  
**52655 N. Ironwood Road, South Bend**  
**574-282-4641**

Indiana University South Bend retired professor of art, **Alan Larkin**, will give a program on how he painted his still life that won the top award in this year's Pastel 100 competition in *Pastel Journal* magazine.

Contributions of cookies, muffins, fruit, crackers and other finger foods will be appreciated.

*Time Piece (37x14)*  
by Alan Larkin

## Previous meeting

**Mark Vander Vinne** gave a critique of members' work Aug. 13. Mark suggests asking yourself what interested you about the view you are painting and then making sure that idea remains the focus of the composition. He will give a workshop on color Oct. 22 and 23 at South Bend Museum of Art, hosted by our society. See information on next page for more details.



Photo by Peg Luecke

## Shows

Our members' show continues at South Bend Civic Theatre Gallery to Oct. 31, 2016 during *Legally Blonde, The Musical*, Sept. 16-Oct. 2; and *The Mountaintop*, Oct. 21-30.

South Bend Civic Theatre, 403 N. Main St., South Bend. It is a strong show; 25 works are on view.

## OUR NEXT SHOW

**Spencer Gallery,**  
**downtown Mishawaka Library:**

**Dec. 2 - Feb. 2**

Deliver Thursday Dec. 1, 5-7:30 p.m.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**THURSDAY DEC. 15, 6-7:30 P.M.**



## Future shows

- > **Salvation Army Kroc Center, South Bend:**  
May and June 2017.
- > **MoonTree Studios, Donaldson, Ind.:**  
Opening Oct. 6, releasing Nov. 5, 2018
- > **Elkhart Art League fall members' show**  
will be Nov. 10 to 19 at Arts on Main,  
205 S. Main St., Elkhart.

Deliver art to the gallery 1-7 p.m. Nov. 7.  
Reception: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10. Gallery  
Hours: Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,  
Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. [ealonline.org](http://ealonline.org)



Mark Vander Vinne

## Workshop

### Color that Captivates Landscapes in Pastel with Mark Vander Vinne

> **Saturday, October 22 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
With lunch break.

> **Sunday, October 23, 1–5 p.m.**

**South Bend Museum of Art**  
**120 South St. Joseph St.**  
**South Bend, IN 46601**  
(Located inside the Century Center)

**\$120 for art museum members**  
**\$150 for others**

Register through the website [southbendart.org](http://southbendart.org) or contact the museum at 574-235-9102 or [info@southbendart.org](mailto:info@southbendart.org). Registrations will be possible in mid August.

We all love color, but what must we think about when selecting colors? Using soft pastel, this workshop will break down the theories of color and composition into tools that you can use. It focuses on how to think about a painting, simplify a design and color plan, and create a focal area so it stands out. Students should bring their own source material. Mark will provide some photos for those who need them.

This workshop is presented by **Northern Indiana Pastel Society** and is limited to 12 persons.

Participants should have experience with soft pastels.

Supply list will be provided upon registration.

## Tips for photographing your art

Mike Bennett, owner of Lighthouse Imaging, Mishawaka, and a photographer for Notre Dame, says:

1. Photograph the art outdoors on a cloudy day or in the shade on a sunny day.
2. Step back and zoom in on the art.
3. Use a camera with as many pixels (high resolution) as possible.
4. Photograph the art before it is matted and framed.
5. Photograph only the art. Eliminate the backing board, mat or frame. Crop in if necessary or place the art on a black backing board and eliminate as much as possible of the black from the photo.

## Pastel demos

The Great Lakes Pastel Society annual meeting will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Carnegie Center for the Arts, 107 N. Main St., Three Rivers, MI. The meeting will be at 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. noted pastel artists **Kathleen Putnam Newman, Larry Blovits** and **Helen Kleczynski** will demonstrate. GLPS members and friends are welcome.

## Member news

**Rex Edwards** will have a show of his pastels during November 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 early 1950s. He chose November because Veteran's Day is Nov. 11. Hours: Mondays 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Pastels by the late NIPS member **Mary Michalak** will be shown in October at the Spencer Gallery, downtown Mishawaka Library. This show was on view in January in the Colfax Cultural Center, South Bend, and earlier at Harris Branch Library and South Bend Civic Theatre. Dr. Michalak was a veterinarian and died April 4, 2015 after a two-year battle with brain cancer.

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**Helen Kleczynski's** painting *Keith's Ladders II* received the Art Spirit Foundation Dianne B. Bernhard Gold Medal Award in the Pastel Society of America 44<sup>th</sup> exhibit. The reception will be on Sept. 25 at the National Arts Club in NYC.

The exhibit is open until Oct. 1. The painting is an interior of a barn.

**Mary Ann Pals** received a merit award for her pastel, *A Slice of Autumn*, at Art Comp 2016, a regional juried art competition sponsored by the Chesterton Art Center. Her second entry also was juried into the show and was sold.

**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, no registration required. \$5 per session. Facilitators: **Sue Coultas** and **Shirley Roti Roti**. Info: **Buchananartcenter.org** or email at [buchananartcenter@gmail.com](mailto:buchananartcenter@gmail.com), 269-697-4005.

**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. 46304.

**Bob Williams** will have an exhibit at Art Prize in Grand Rapids. His theme is Whitney's Dream Featuring the Magical Miniature Horses. Find him at 10 College Ave., Grand Rapids. Photos of his booth are on his Facebook page. Search for Robert Ray Williams, 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.

## 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**. Several noted pastel artists are on the list to give critiques.

## Pastel Pointers

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

**Artistsnetwork.tv** offers sample workshops.

## 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.

## Pastel convention

The IAPS Twelfth Biennial Convention will be Tuesday, June 6 through Sunday, June 11, 2017, in Hotel Albuquerque in historic Old Town Albuquerque, New Mexico. Convention registration opens at noon Eastern Time Oct. 11. Hotel Albuquerque reservations opened Sept. 20. See the International Association of Pastel Societies web site at [iapspastel.org](http://iapspastel.org).

## PASTELS FOR SALE

A total of 170 Rembrandt pastels in beautiful wood box: a bargain at \$275. That is \$1.60 per stick and the box is free. Dick Blick charges \$3 per stick. The box holds 225 pastels on three trays. List price for the 225 set is \$1,200, and sale price from Dick Blick is \$740. Organize your pastels in this beautiful box and enjoy 170 colors. Cathy McCormick, 574-271-6919 or [camccorm@aol.com](mailto:camccorm@aol.com)