

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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May 2018

Alan Larkin Gallery Talk

6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17
South Bend Museum of Art,
in the Art League Gallery

Noted pastel artist Alan Larkin will talk about his current exhibit, *Voyage: The Art of Alan Larkin*, which includes work in pastels, oils and other media.



During a career spanning more than 40 years, former Indiana University South Bend professor, Alan Larkin, has won many prizes in regional, national and international competitions for his artwork, including the prestigious Founder's Award in the 2016 Pastel 100 Competition sponsored by the *Pastel Journal* and the Best of Show Award at the 75th and 91st annual Hoosier Salon Exhibition in Indianapolis. His works are in numerous private collections and the corporate collections of Pillsbury, NIPSCO, and Lincoln Life Insurance Companies. The exhibit continues to July 1. More information at alanlarkin.net.

Shows

Pastel Pathways, Membership Exhibit

Fernwood Botanical Gardens,
13988 Range Line Road, Niles MI.
March 30-May 27
Releasing Tuesday, May 29, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MoonTree Studios, Donaldson, Ind.:

Opening Oct. 6, releasing Nov. 5, 2018

South Bend Civic Theatre Dec. 1–23, 2018

During the play, *The Christmas Schooner*

Salvation Army Kroc Center

March – May 2019

Buchanan Art Center

Spring 2020

Colfax Cultural Center

September-October 2020

Fernwood Show Awards

Congratulations to those winning awards in the NIPS exhibit at Fernwood Botanical Gardens: **James Cooke, Tami McNally, Diann Nelson, Tim Swagerle, Avon Waters.** The judge was **Susan Henshaw** who gave a gallery talk at the reception. The pastel by **Peg Luecke** has sold. A total of 50 works by 29 artists are on view.

Member News

Several members have art in the Northern Indiana Artists show at Kroc Community Center through June 6: **Marie Arch, Kari Black, James Cooke, Cathy McCormick, Jude Phillips, Dee Thornton, and Mona Witt.** The art can be viewed during Kroc Center hours: 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. 900 W. Western Ave., South Bend. Prizes were won by **Barbara Gentner Stephenson** and **Mary Meehan Firtl.**

Barbara Gentner Stephenson has four works in a show by local Jewish painters at the Jewish Federation through June 18.

Alan Larkin won a first prize for his oil painting "Rivals" in the 86th annual juried Indiana Artist Competition at the Indianapolis Museum of Art April 13–June 9. **Kari Black** won a Jury Prize of Distinction for her self-portrait in the show.

Winning prizes in the annual Heartland Artists Small Wonders Show in Plymouth were **Diann Nelson, John Streeter** and **Cathy McCormick.** Some 100 small works are on view through May in Heartland Artists Gallery, and then will travel to Warsaw's Lakeland Art Association for June. (heartlandartistsgallery@gmail.com) Also in the show are **Mary Meehan Firtl, Jude Phillips, Dee Thornton, Barbara Gentner Stephenson, Rosie Mireles, and Jennifer Calhoun.**

Memberships are due

New and renewing members can pay dues of \$25 by mailing a check payable to Northern Indiana Pastel Society to treasurer Sue Coultas, 519 Woodruff, Niles, MI 49120, 269-683-6415, suecoultas@comcast.net. Members current with their dues may participate in shows.

Education

Cathy McCormick will give a pastels workshop featuring the spring landscape 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Fernwood Botanical Gardens, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich.

Fernwoodbotanical.org 269-695-6491 A supply list is available by emailing Cathy at camccorm@aol.com. Register by May 17. \$45 for members of Fernwood, \$55 others. This will coincide with the NIPS pastel show in the gallery.

Phil Monteith will give pastel workshops 1-4 p.m. May 18 and 25, at the Elkhart Art League, in the depot, Elkhart. Beginners and advanced students will need their own drawing board and pastels. Nupastels are suggested. Source material and paper will be furnished. Oil pastels will not be used. ealonline.org

"Drawing from the Model" will take place 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, starting June 6, at Buchanan Art Center, Buchanan, Mich. Walk in; no registration is required. \$5 per session, pay as you go. Bring your own materials, drawing board and easel if portable. A clothed, live model will be on site at each session for quick studies and longer poses. Sessions are open to anyone working in any 2-D or 3-D medium, who is serious about improving observation and technical skills. Spend a quiet evening with others who share your interest in art in a friendly non-judgmental atmosphere. Models may be of any age, male or female, in varying attire on any given day. Participants are encouraged to help plan each session.

Plein-Air Landscape Painting in Pastel or Oil with California artist **Clark Mitchell** will be hosted by the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts July 13-15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Demonstrations, individual help and group critiques will be featured. Topics include elements of landscape painting, seeing and adjusting colors, and infusing landscape paintings with style and emotion. Cost is \$240 for KIA members and \$260 for others. Visit www.kiarts.org.

Helen Kleczynski, PSA IAPS MC offers a Beaver Island retreat Aug. 18 to 25.

The island is a ferry ride away from Charlevoix, MI. This art retreat is designed to give instruction, along with time to sit on the beach and watch the sunset. The focus of the week will be bringing your work to a new level and finding

your creative voice. Students may work in any medium they feel comfortable with. The class fee is \$575 and includes lodging for seven nights. Info: www.helenkleczynski.com. To register, helenkleczynski@yahoo.com.

Cathy McCormick offers a drop-in pastels class Fridays at 10 a.m. at Battell Community Center, 904 N. Main St., Mishawaka. Fee is \$15. Info: camccorm@aol.com.

Paint Outs

Indiana Plein Air Painters Assoc. invites NIPS members to the First Brush of Fall Paint Out and Competition Sept. 21-22 in the Indiana Dunes. See dunesartsfoundation.org. Further details will be available in the next newsletter.

Indiana Plein Air Painters Assoc. invites NIPS members to paint at the prairie restoration at **Kankakee Sands** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central, June 9. The Nature Conservancy will host this IPAPA event. Features will be rolling oak savannas, wetland habitats, acres of wildflowers and native grasses, and a herd of bison in a large enclosure. Meet at the project office at 3294 N US 41, Morocco IN 47963. Lodging is available at Rensselaer IN. TNC staff will give talks on restoration efforts at 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Central. Maps available at nature.org/kankakee_sands. RSVP to John Tritt, jomatritt5@gmail.com.

Haan Mansion Museum Paint Out, "Tippecanoe on Canvas," will be June 29-30 in Lafayette. More info on the IPAPA web site.

The Fort Wayne Artists Guild presents the annual **Kekionga Paint Out** Aug. 23-25. Coinciding with the Taste of the Arts Festival and the Old Fort Miami's Reenactment, the festival draws 25,000 persons to the arts campus in downtown Fort Wayne. Artists are encouraged to paint at the festival but may venture out into Allen County. Artists will need to be registered and have canvases stamped before painting. Registration and stamping will take place Friday at Fort Wayne Art Museum, 300 E. Main St. For more information contact: David Broerman, 260-417-6197 davebroerman@yahoo.com.

Call for Volunteers

Leeper Park Art Fair, June 16-17, needs information booth volunteers. Vital to the success of the fair, volunteers work 2-hour shifts, welcoming patrons and distributing information

about the fair, as well as providing a booth sitting service to the artists.

Entering its 51st year, Leeper Park Art Fair, north of downtown South Bend in Leeper Park, is one of the nation's premier art events, ranked 30 in *Sunshine Artists Magazine's* "Top 200 Art Fairs." If you can help, contact **Joan Spohrer**, jfspohrer@ameritech.net.

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.

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.

Garden artists wanted

Artists are invited to participate in the 29th annual **Arts in Bloom Garden Walk** to benefit South Bend Museum of Art, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday July 11 in the River Commons and Fernwood neighborhoods, north of downtown South Bend.

Hosted by the Art League, patrons buy tickets to view the gardens and meet artists as they paint. Featured artists are needed for shifts lasting all day or portions of the day. Friends who wish to paint together can be assigned to the same garden. Artist names, medium and contact info will be listed in the souvenir booklet. To be a garden artist, contact **Cathy McCormick** camccorm@aol.com

Artists are invited to create works that range from house portraits and views of the lawns, flower gardens and trees to details of flowers, yard ornaments and plants. Sometimes the homeowners purchase the works.



Another sales opportunity is new this year: the boutique at the hospitality center, Christ the King Catholic Church. Garden themed items will be for sale. Artists who paint in the gardens are encouraged to submit small originals, prints and cards for sale. A commission of 25 percent goes to the museum. Artwork can be donated to the boutique also. More info: Betty Gallagher, gallagherbj@yahoo.com.

Arts in Bloom is the major fund raiser the Art League conducts for South Bend Museum of Art.