



Great Lakes
Pastel Society

Purely Pastel

May – July 2011



"Willow Creek" © Susan Klabak

"There is an undeniable urgency when painting outdoors – nature's so grand, the canvas so small. It takes the human mind with all its grand abilities and complexities to sort through the overwhelming visual feast set before it and re-create on canvas the essential components of such beauty and wonder.."

– Jan Blencowe

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From the President's Studio

Spring is late arriving here in northern Michigan but it can't be far away. I know you all are as anxious to get outside painting as I am. I tend to be a fair-weather painter so was really happy to get out into the Red Rocks of Arizona last month with Michael Chesley Johnson. I mentored with him for four days while I was there and we had a wonderful time. We even painted for a day with the Arizona Plein Air Painters. I try to take at least 1 workshop a year to keep my paintings fresh and learn new techniques. Even though I teach, I find the workshops to be extremely helpful – maybe more-so *because* I teach.

Our Program Chair, Holly Sturges has several paint-outs planned for this spring and summer and, once again, we'll be holding the Up North Weekend Paintout in my stomping grounds, the Leelanau Peninsula. It will held October 7-9th so the trees will be just about reaching their peak color but it shouldn't be too cold yet. Be sure to put the date on your calendars as this is always a popular paint-out and we haven't held it here for the last several years. In the past we've had upwards to 30 artists and spouses attend and it's lots of fun...great painting and a great way to meet new friends. I'll put all the information in the August Newsletter or with a separate mailing. If you want to make reservations early, please contact me and I'll send information. You can e-mail me at:

msfuscaldo@gmail.com

Please title it GLPS so I'm sure to open it!

We are currently planning ahead for the May, 2012 Biannual GLPS Convention in Grand Rapids. You'll be hearing more about it as plans develop but right now we on the steering committee would like to ask you to please consider volunteering for one of the committees. It is a good way to meet other pastel artists and you don't even need to live in the Grand Rapids area. To learn more, please contact Vice President, Bonnie Osborne at bonnieosborne@sbcglobal.net She will be more than happy to sign you up or just give you information.

On June 1st I'll be heading to Albuquerque, NM for the IAPS Convention with Sandy Jackoboice. Along with the fun of attending wonderful workshops and demos, we'll be attending the Presidents' Dinner and I'll attend the Presidents' Roundtable where I'll meet with other presidents to learn what other societies have been doing. It's very informative and helpful in furthering our agenda. Last year I told them about our 1st convention and it appears we're the only society brave enough to hold one on our own! Wait 'til I tell them what a huge success it was and that we're going to do it again!!

Keep Painting!

Mary Fuscaldo, President

GLPS Members in the News

Chris McRae has a solo show through May 17th at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center in Erie, PA.

Jim Markle had a painting accepted for the "Land and Light and Water and Air" exhibition at the Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville, VT. The exhibition runs from May 6 through June 26, 2011.

The Muskegon Museum of Art selected one of Jim's paintings for display in their 83rd Regional Exhibition.

He is also one of 30 artists from throughout the United States to be invited to participate in the week long Door County Plein Air Festival in Wisconsin in July. This annual painting event is a week of organized plein air painting, festivities and art exhibits at this popular tourist destination in Wisconsin.

One of Jim's plein air paintings was used as the featured image in the Great Lakes Plein Air Painters Association' annual exhibition's poster advertising their exhibit in Lansing, Michigan. Jim is a Master Member of the organization.

Larry Blovits had his pastel "Rock of Ages" accepted in the IAPS juried competition in Albuquerque, NM.



'Rock of Ages' © Larry Blovits

Collin Fry conducted a demonstration/program "Painting the Figure & Landscape in Five Values" and "How to Get Your Art Published" for the New Mexico Pastel Society. He also held programs on the same subjects for the Arizona Pastel Artists Association.

Susan Klabak had two paintings juried into the Northeast National Pastel Exhibit.

Brenda Mattson's painting "Emily" was accepted in the IAPS Master Circle Exhibition at IAPS, and her painting "Meg's Day" was accepted into the IAPS Exhibition in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Brenda was one of the 20 artists chosen to paint plein air at President Ronald Reagan's Ranch May 10 and 11. One of her photographs, "Spring In The Garden" was accepted into *Camera USA: National Photography Competition* at The von Liebig Art Center, Naples, FL. Her paintings will also be on display at the Devon, in Devon, PA.



'Emily' © Brenda Mattson

Events

GLPS Paintout

The Great Lakes Pastel Society has arranged a joint paintout with the Plein Air Artists of West Michigan, scheduled for May 28, 2011 at 9:00 AM. The Plein Air Artists of West Michigan is an informal group of artists that meet every other Saturday to paint outside in southern West Michigan. Many of the sites that they utilize are land conservancy sites and a calendar is created from the completed paintings. There is an annual show with the calendar entries. You can learn more at www.paawm.org.

The group will meet at the concession stand which is located at the central parking area. It is the first right after the entrance. P. J. Hoffmaster State Park has some of the finest dune formations and wooded dune complexes along the Michigan western shore. The park features 3 miles of pristine beaches on Lake Michigan, a spectacular dune overlook perched atop a towering forested dune with sheltered valleys between the wooded dunes and dense stands of hemlocks which make excellent habitat for migrating songbirds and raptors.

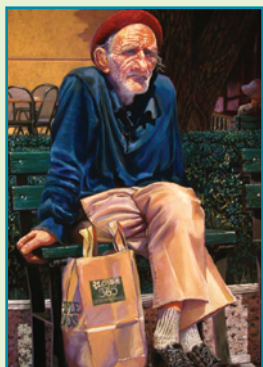
To get to the park, from Muskegon, travel south on US-31 to Pontaluna Road. Turn right (west) and follow the signs to the park entrance. If traveling north on I-96, take Exit 4 and follow signs to park entrance.

GLPS Members Show

Mar. 6 - Apr. 9, 2011 • Carnegie Center • Three Rivers, MI

The work shown below were the award winners at the show. **Congratulations to all of our great artists!**

Gold Medal



Sunday Morning at the Watertower
Debra Elswald

Silver Medal



Untold Stories
Helen Kleczynski

Bronze Medal



Time Out
Joan Rosenblum

Founders Award



Fireglow
Vianna Szabo

Award of Merit



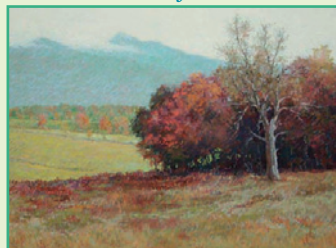
I Called You Answered
Tatijana Jacenkiw

Award of Merit



Waiting out a Kansas Winter
Dennis O'Mara

Award of Merit



Mist on the Mountain
Jim Markle

Award of Merit



Evening Sky
Linda Preece

Six of our GLPS artists generously shared their skills by doing a demo on March 12th at the Members Show at the Carnegie Center in Three Rivers. We would like to offer a big and sincere GLPS "Thank You!"



Back Row (from Left), Helen Kleczynski, Donna Grubbs,
Linda Preece

Front Row (from Left),
Randi Hope LeVan, Marilyn Troutman, Janet Kohler



Randi Hope LeVan

From the Membership Desk

By Chris McRae

Happy Spring to us all! Membership activity has slowed down considerably since we finished the annual membership drive and published the roster. I'm grateful for that, since life in the art world always picks up in the spring. Indeed, spring is here even though it is late and cool. *Time to get out and enjoy it!*

Now for my annual nagging. Please, please, please put GLPS is the subject matter of your email to any of the Board members. All email vendors, whether they are Yahoo, gmail or AOL etc. have built in spam protection for their clients. This spam protection can toss out your email

before we even see it. We will never know that you sent us anything.

Again, the Board will get your email if you put GLPS in the subject matter.

Thanks, and have a good spring!

If you have membership questions, please contact Chris McRae, Membership Chairman, at chmcrae@yahoo.com or call 814-835-3899.

New Members

Mark DeLong
Huron, OH

Ellie Gause
Huron, OH

Krisitne Klesney
Bloomfield Hills, MI

Debra VanLeen
Manistee, MI

Etcetera

Exhibition Opportunity

The Pastel Society of Colorado announces the *7th Annual Mile High International Exhibition*. The show runs August 20, 2011, through September 16, 2011. The juror is Richard McKinley. A copy of the Call for Entries is available on their website at :

www.pastelsocietyofcolorado.org

Elkhart ArtWalk

The Elkhart ArtWalk, in cooperation with multiple merchants in the 100 and 200 block of South Main Street, invites you to apply for a spot in our June/July 2011 exhibit. The ArtWalk is open to all fine arts. Selected artists will have their work featured in a storefront window downtown from June 1st through July 30th. Artwork will be on display for the duration of the Jazz Festival and the opening of the Lerner Theatre. The entry form containing further event details is available by request from:

info@elkhartartwalk.com

Ann Arbor Workshop with Mario Robinson

Pastel artist Mario Robinson will be conducting a workshop in Ann Arbor, MI, from October 3-7, 2011. For more information, please contact Debra Zamperla at idzamperla@gmail.com or 734-662-8734.

Workshop with Desmond O'Hagan

The *Chicago Pastel Painters* are proud to present Master Pastelist & Internationally distinguished artist Desmond O'Hagan in a three day Presentation & Workshop September 16, 17th & 18th, 2011. This popular Workshop will be limited. We suggest all interested artists send a deposit of \$150 as soon as possible, to hold your attendance.

Dates: September 16, 17 & 18, 2011 – Chicago, IL

Location: Northeastern University, Chicago, IL
Workshop Fee: \$295

Contact: For more information, please contact Randie Hope LeVan, Chicago Pastel Painters Workshop Coordinator, sixgablesart@aol.com

Front Page Art August 2011 FPA Category: ROCKS Deadline for the next newsletter is August 1st.

Please send FPA entries to Wendy Chaney at glps@wendychaney.com

- Put GLPS Front Page Art in the subject line
- Image in .jpg format, sized to be 3" in the largest direction and saved at 72 dpi
- Include the title of the painting

One painting will be selected from the entries received. No notice will be made.

Workshops & Classes

Jim Markle, PSA

June 15 & 16 – Ada, MI

Plein Air Workshop

Sponsored by: Grand Gallery

Contact: Jim Markle,

616-458-8559 or jimcmarkle@earthlink.net

August 15, 16, 17 & 18 – Glen Arbor, MI

Pastel Workshop sponsored by Glen Arbor Art Association.

Contact: GAAA 231-334-6112 or

email info@glenarborart.org.

Oct. 3, 4 & 5 – Ann Arbor, MI

Workshop sponsored by Budding Art Ideas.

Contact: Diane Bennett www.buddingartideas.com or

call 734-417-3824.

Mary Fuscaldo

Mentoring at My Studio by Appointment

Beautiful Leelanau Peninsula

Contact: Mary Fuscaldo 231-256-2237 or

email: msfuscaldo@gmail.com

August 1, 2, 3 – Glen Arbor, MI

Pastel for Those Learning the Medium

Thorsen Farm Sponsored by the Glen Arbor Art Association

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Contact: GAAA 231-334-6112 or

email info@glenarborart.org.

August 9, 10, 11 – Leland, MI

Pastel Workshop at the Old Art Building

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 pm

Contact: Judy Livingston at info@oldartbuilding.com.

Larry Blovits

June 24-26 – Grand Rapids, MI

Landscape Workshop limited to 10 people

Contact: Larry Blovits, 616-677-1765

or www.larryblovits.com

As an added bonus, If 10 full-time participants enroll in Larry's summer workshop, one lucky person will have their tuition returned to them via picking their name out of the hat at the end of the workshop. Hard to beat those odds! So, if you know of any person who is thinking about taking either workshop, let them know about this offer.

When Submitting Workshop Information...

In order to keep our workshop information concise and consistent, please submit in the following basic format:

1. Date(s)
2. Location – Town, State
3. Basic Information – Portrait, landscape, etc.
4. Contact information, including a name if available, e-mail and phone

Janet Kohler

July 27-29 – Interlochen, MI

Pastel Workshop at

Interlochen College of Creative Arts

Contact: www.interlochen.org/college

August 1, 2, 3 – Petoskey, MI

Pastel workshop at Crooked Tree Arts Center

Contact: www.crookedtree.org or 231.347.4337.

Brenda Mattson, PSA, IAPS - MC

June 26 - July 2 – Lac Du Flambeau, WI

Dillman's Lodge

Painting Landscapes & Animals in Oil & Pastel

Phone: 715.588.3143

July 25 - 27 – Ann Arbor, MI

Budding Art Ideas Workshop at the

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Contact: brendamattson@msn.com

Oct 27 - 30

Learning & Product Expo

Contact: brendamattson@msn.com

Nov. 10 - 13 – Jerry's

Art Of The Carolina's

Contact: brendamattson@msn.com

Great Lakes Pastel Society Lending Library

Please note that we have added four great new DVD titles to the Lending Library. To take advantage this great resource contact Tom Marshall. His e-mail and mailing information is listed below.

Two week rental: \$5.00/title

Librarian: Tom Marshall • GLPS Librarian
5599 Scenic Drive
Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783
ktmarshall@charter.net

Books:

"Pure Color –The Best of Pastel " – Maureen Bloomfield and Jim Markle – **NEW!**

"Create Better Paintings – Working with Pastels" – Elsie DiNardo Dresch– **NEW!**

"The Art of Pastel Painting" – Alan Flattmann – **NEW!**

"On Location- Plein Air Painting in Pastel " – Richard McDaniel– **NEW!**

"The Big Book of Painting Nature in Pastel" – S. Allyn Schaeffer

"The Best of Pastel 2" – Pastel Society of America

"Pastel for the Serious Beginner" – Larry Blovits

"Pastels Made Easy" – Anne Heywood

"The Art of Pastel Portraiture" – Madlyn-Ann C. Woolwich

"Harley Brown's Eternal Truths for Every Artist" – Harley Brown

"Express Yourself with Pastel" – Carole Katchen

Videos:

"City Scape" – Sidney Hermel

"Floral Painting" – Christina Debarry

"Landscape" – Frank Zuccarelli

"Painting with Pastel" – Gregory Biolchini

"Pastel Portrait - Jim" – Daniel Greene

"Pastels I" – a portrait demonstration – Leslie DeMille

"Poetic Landscape" – Elizabeth Mowry

"Techniques in Painting the Landscape" – Larry Blovits

DVDs:

"Plein Air with Pastel " – Greg Biolchini – **NEW!**

"Plein Air Pastel Painting " – Doug Dawson – **NEW!**

"Pastel Painting " – Margaret Evans – **NEW!**

"A Studio Session with Richard McKinley – Landscape Pastel Demonstration"

"Painting with Pastels" – Aubrey Phillips

"The Figure in Pastels - Paint the Figure Step-By-Step" – Margaret Dyer, PSA-M

"Abstracting the Landscape in Pastel" – Ann Templeton

"In the Cedar Grove at Point Lobos" – Albert Handell

"Autumn Flow" – Bob Rohm

"Plein Air with Pastel" – Gregory Biolchini

"The Art of Water - Part 1" – Bob Rohm

"The Art of Water - Part 2" – Bob Rohm

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