



# NEWS FROM GLPAPA

## *Great Lakes Plein Air Painters' Association*

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Artists:

Well, we survived the Holidays, and now we're trying to avoid the winter blahs and flu. And in those quiet moments, we're dreaming of spring and getting outdoors to paint again.

Ten of us found a great escape on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> when one of our Master Members, Jim Markle, came to Lansing to do a GLPAPA workshop. Jim did a great job of opening our eyes to value sketches, thumbnails and several ways to approach our paintings and improve our landscapes. Everyone came away with so much, including Jim's great critique of the day's masterpieces.

Plans are in the works for our annual Spring Event to kick off the new plein air season. Weather permitting, the morning will provide a paint meet before we gather for a sumptuous catered luncheon, a short meeting, and an enlightening program on color theory, studio safety, and, for oil painters, information on Gamblin products by Andrew McNair of Kalamazoo.

We have two positions up for election, President and Vice President. We have had a vice presidential vacancy for a while now and it needs to be filled. If you have some time and interest in being a part of the Board and contributing to the success of our organization, please seriously consider serving for a couple of years. We are in need of a Publicity chair as well to get GLPAPA noticed throughout the Great Lakes Region. Don't forget, also, that membership renewals are coming up in March!

I think this can be our best year yet! So, introduce a friend to plein air painting and join us at the Spring Event!

Patsy Woodman, Acting President



**Markle workshop** - Ten people attended from Pinkney, Grand Rapids, Marshall, Brighton, Dimondale, Lansing, Owosso, etc.

## ***SPRING EVENT***

**Saturday, April 26**

Paint Meet  
Catered Lunch  
Drawings

Meeting and election

*Program by Gamblin representative*

**Cost \$13.00**

See article and reservation form in this newsletter. Deadline is April 14.

## 2008 PAINTING MEETS

### ATTEN MEMBERS

**Please register early** even if you are not sure you will be able to attend. Don't wait until the last minute or you may not receive your information packet in time. Registering is to your advantage but you are not obligated to come.

### May 24 (Saturday) – Kensington MetroPark

Come and join GLPAPA members at a beautiful park setting near Brighton, MI. This park has an enormous number of excellent painting sites amid hiking and biking trails. Beautiful lake & marsh views are easily accessed. Among other things you'll see islands with Great Blue Heron nests, swans, reeds, farm buildings, bridges and boardwalks easily large enough for easel set-ups. You will never run short of inspiration at Kensington MetroPark with immediate access off I-96.

Contact Barb McCleary @ (517) 349-6432 or [bmcclear@msu.edu](mailto:bmcclear@msu.edu) to register.

### June 16-17 (Monday & Tuesday) – Frankenmuth, MI

Join us in Michigan's Little Bavaria where the community of Frankenmuth is proud of it's world-famous family style chicken dinners, woolen mills, paddlewheel driven river boat, covered bridge, the world's largest Christmas store, brew pub and other attractions that reflect an old world German heritage. Painting opportunities abound along the Cass River and Heritage Park and many other beautiful sites which will make this meet a memorable experience.

Contact Barb White to register and for details of a get-together before the Monday morning painting sessions @ (810) 659-2269 or [barbjwhite@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbjwhite@sbcglobal.net).

### JULY 12-13 (Saturday & Sunday) – Saugatuck, MI

Come paint with us on the banks of the Kalamazoo River and the shore of Lake Michigan's West Coast for two glorious days! Chosen by the National Geographic Society for its natural beauty, Saugatuck is known for its historic "Art Coast of Michigan" with 35 galleries, scenic city parks, an old fashioned steam boat and ferry, sailboats, towering dunes, wetlands, quaint cottages, a vintage school house, a working mill with swan-filled pond, gazebos, vineyards, orchards and lovely gardens. Other one-of-a-kind settings for plein air painting can be found in nearby Douglas and Holland.

Contact Barb Schmidt @ (517) 337-1272 or [barbschmidt37@hotmail.com](mailto:barbschmidt37@hotmail.com) to register for this event.

### August 16 (Saturday) – Mt. Pleasant Parks

One of three parks located in the central Michigan city of Mt. Pleasant, Mill Pond Park is a 90 acre wooded wetland area with the Chippewa River running through the entire site. Paved walks, nature trails, rest/observation decks, a fishing pond and a large open-air shelter are some of the features of the area. The other parks within this system are Nelson and Island Parks.

Contact Susan Fernholz @ (989) 224-3994 or [artemisia52@verizon.net](mailto:artemisia52@verizon.net)

### September 19 (Friday) – Battle Creek/Kellogg Forest

The Kellogg Forest is located in Kalamazoo County, two miles north of Augusta and about six miles west of Richland. It is a research and educational forest that features a recreated covered bridge. There are lovely spots to paint all along the river with many species of trees. There is a pavilion for lunch and indoor bathrooms available but it is otherwise a primitive site. Join us at this beautiful spot to paint and enjoy a quiet and natural setting.

Contact Lori Feldpausch @ (269) 781-7794 or [lori.feldpausch@mac.com](mailto:lori.feldpausch@mac.com)

### October 4-5 (Saturday & Sunday) – Oscoda, MI

Welcome to the Sunrise Side where we'll be painting the fall scenery along the beautiful AuSable River. The French named the Sand River because it winds through sandy ground and is therefore very clear. There is a lighthouse site at Tawas Point and many exciting river and Lake Huron views to appeal to any painter. This will be an incredible fall opportunity to share with fellow painters and a great way to close out the official painting season.

Contact Claire Crawford to register for this meet @ (517) 646-6956 or [crawfords@voyager.net](mailto:crawfords@voyager.net)

## PAINTING SITES FOR 2009

If you know of a picturesque or unique place that would make a great painting site or if you would be willing to volunteer as a coordinator for one of the sites, please contact: Pat Tenney (517)485-9133 or [patenney@comcast.net](mailto:patenney@comcast.net)

## MASTER MEMBER WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

### Jim Markel 2008 Workshops and Classes

- Mar.3-Apr.7**     **Portrait Classes, Gr. Rapids**  
At: Grand Valley Artists, Inc.  
Contact Jim Markle (616)458-8559
- Mar. 21 & 22**     **Workshop, Birmingham, MI**  
Sponsored by Birmingham Bloomfield  
Art Center  
Contact [www.bbartcenter.org](http://www.bbartcenter.org) or call  
(248)644-0866
- July 8-10**         **Workshop, Jeffersonville, VT**  
Sponsored by Bryan Memorial Gallery  
Contact [www.bryangallery.org](http://www.bryangallery.org) or call  
(802)644-5100
- August 7-9**       **Workshop, Cross Village, MI**  
Sponsored by Three Pines Studio  
Contact [www.threepinesstudio.com](http://www.threepinesstudio.com)  
Or call (231)526-9447
- August 11-14**     **Workshop, Glen Arbor, MI**  
Sponsored by Glen Arbor Art Assoc.  
Contact [www.glenarbor.org](http://www.glenarbor.org) or call  
(231)334-6112

### Jerry Power, PSA, IAPS 2008 Pastel Workshops

- Mar. 27-28**       **Pastel Workshop, Livonia, MI**  
Dickerson Center  
Sponsored by Visual Art Assoc. of  
Livonia  
Contact (734)838-1204
- April 19**         **Workshop, Birmingham, MI**  
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center  
Contact (248)644-0866
- April 24-25**      **Workshop, Port Huron, MI**  
Sponsored by Studio 1219  
Contact (810)984-2787
- May 16-17**       **Workshop, Old Art Building in  
Leland, MI**  
Sponsored by Leelanau Community  
Cultural Center, Contact (231)256-2131

Jerry will also have two one-person shows this July.  
Romeo's Starkweather Gallery,  
Artist reception, July 11, 6-8pm  
Main Street Gallery of Leland, MI,  
Artist reception July 24

### Sharon Griffes Tarr Workshops and Classes

**Mar 18-20 thru May 6-8**

#### **Drawing, Pastel and Oil Painting**

Studio classes – eight weeks  
East Lansing, Bailey Center  
Register early: (517)333-2580, ext. "0" or  
[www.cityofeastlansing.com](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com)

**April 5**

#### **Studio Painting Demonstration, Lansing, MI**

3.5 hour full large painting demo in Sharon's  
studio/gallery.

The extended studio palette focusing on color  
mixing, luminous grays, and composition. Limited  
seating.

Contact (517)372-0219 or via [www.SGTfineart.com](http://www.SGTfineart.com)

**July 14-18 and**

**July 21-25**

#### **Paint the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore**

One or two week plein air workshop

Sponsored by the Leelanau School, Glen Arbor, MI  
Housing/board available at reasonable rates.

Contact Jessica Greenwood (231)334-5804,  
[jgreenwood@leelanau.org](mailto:jgreenwood@leelanau.org), [www.leelanau.org](http://www.leelanau.org)

**August 25-29**

#### **Plein air Workshop, Birmingham, MI**

Sponsored by Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center  
Contact [www.bbartcenter.org](http://www.bbartcenter.org) or call  
(248)644-0866

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## MASTER MEMBER PROGRAM

Final policy and procedure for the Master Member  
Program are being finalized and will be published in  
the next newsletter.

The purpose of the Master Member Program is to  
provide quality educational and mentoring  
opportunities for Artist Members of GLPAPA.  
All artists, GLPAPA members and non-members,  
are welcome to apply.

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## Regional News

### **Crooked Tree Arts Center 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Paint-Out**

Petoskey, MI

August 2, 2008

Beginning at 8am artists will gather to have canvases or paper stamped. They will then venture anywhere in the area for a day of plein air painting. The completed artwork must be returned, framed and ready to hang, between 4-6pm the same day. 6pm there will be a wine and cheese reception. All the work will be for sale and on display until Aug. 30. The paint out is open to all artists over the age of 18 and at all levels of artistic abilities.

For more info: [www.crookedtree.org](http://www.crookedtree.org) or call (231)347-4337

### **Summer Solstice Plein Air Painting Event & Art Exhibit**

Dexter, MI

Saturday, June 21, 2008

\$10 registration fee

Bring your painting surface to Daisy Lake Gallery, 3205 Broad St., Suite A, between 8-9 a.m. to have it stamped. Artist's will then select a painting location in Dexter Village to create their unique vision of this small mid-western town. Your finished and framed work must be back to the Daisy Gallery by 6pm.

Cocktail reception - 7-9 pm. Work may be left on consignment until Monday, June 23. 30% commission charged on sale of any work.

For more info: Victoria Schon at (734)424-1363 or [vschone@daisylakeartgallery.com](mailto:vschone@daisylakeartgallery.com) or Sandra Difazio, Ann Arbor Women Artist Plein Air Chairman, [davidif@provide.net](mailto:davidif@provide.net) or (734)429-3262.

### **Interlochen Plein Air Painting Workshop**

July 8-12, 2008

Designed for adults who wish to go into depth exploring the landscape. This five-day painting workshop involves small field trips in and around the Interlochen campus and the nearby Michigan Legacy Art Park. Located on 1,200 acres of diverse topography between two large lakes and surrounded by deciduous and evergreen forest.

[www.interlochen.org/college/2008\\_program\\_offerings/2008\\_plein\\_air\\_painting](http://www.interlochen.org/college/2008_program_offerings/2008_plein_air_painting)

### **Plein Air Painting Competition**

Cedarburg, WI

June 19-28, 2008, Exhibit & sale thru July 6

Nationally recognized artists, amateurs and youth compete for over \$5,000 in cash awards.

For more info: [www.cedarburgartistsguild.com](http://www.cedarburgartistsguild.com) or Sandra Pape at (262)377-8828

## Member News

**Sue Preiss** won 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize for her oil painting "Historic Okemos Store" at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show and Sale at Hope Borbas Library in Okemos. The exhibit ran thru Feb. 25, 2008.

**Dottie Wassenaar** recently had an exhibit at Alma College.

**Sandra Difazio** will have a solo exhibit - "An Exhibition of Oil Paintings", March 1-April 29, 2008 at The Flint Institute of Arts. Artist Reception: Sunday, March 9, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Joanne Awann**

**Linda Burtraw**

**Linda Preiss**

## **ARTIST IN RESIDENCE OPPORTUNITIES**

Michigan's Isle Royale National Park, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, and Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park all offer Artist in Residence programs. What an exciting opportunity to experience the natural beauty of these diverse landscapes and express it thru your art!

Chosen artists are asked to share their experience with the public through demonstrations or talks. The artist is also required to contribute an art piece representative of their stay.

For information and applications see [www.nps.gov/archive/volunteer/air](http://www.nps.gov/archive/volunteer/air) and [AIRP@porkies.org](mailto:AIRP@porkies.org)

We want to know.....

- Do you meet as a local group on a regular basis to paint?
- Are you exhibiting somewhere?
- Have you won an award?
- Did you see a show lately that you'd like to share you thoughts about?

Contact the Editor at [a2sdayschild@hotmail.com](mailto:a2sdayschild@hotmail.com)

# **SPRING EVENT**

**Saturday, April 26**

**University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison, East Lansing**

**Cost is \$13.00**

**Program** – Gamblin representative, Andrew McNair will make a presentation about 3D color theory and studio safety. After a short break, the last part of the program is primarily for oil painters who wish to learn more about Gamblin mediums and products.

## **Schedule:**

**Paint meet** – 8:45 meet at church parking lot to caravan to Fenner Arboretum  
**Check in** – 11:30 check in and get your tickets for the drawing  
**Catered Luncheon** – 12:00 noon  
**Drawing** – approx. 1-1:30 p.m.  
**Meeting & elections** – 1:30-2:00 p.m.  
**Short break**  
**Program** – 2:30 p.m.

*Mail form and check for \$13.00 per person payable GLPAPA to:*

**GLPAPA, Spring Event, PO Box 4344,  
East Lansing, MI, 48826**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Sip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

*Print names of those registering with this form besides yourself:*

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**Deadline to register is April 14.**

## **MEMBERSHIPS RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE!**

**Join Today!** *Payable to: Great Lakes Plein Air Painters Association, P.O. Box 4344, East Lansing, MI 48826*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Painting Medium: Oil \_\_\_ Pastel \_\_\_ Watercolor \_\_\_ Acrylic \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please Circle one:**

Artist \$25    Inactive \$10    Student\* \$15    NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEW \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Student must be enrolled in an accredited high school, college or university*

Optional Web Stie Direct Link \$20 annual \_\_\_\_\_ Optional My Gallery Direct Link \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Include me in the Gallery of Artists \$15 annual \_\_\_\_\_

*\*This is an inexpensive way to get your work noticed on the web! Include fees with your membership and you will be contacted by email on what to send to the web director. Simply provide the painting files in .jpg format and the text information to be added. (Artists statement, background, or process of working in 40 words or less). Or you may enclose up to 3 photographs of good quality with title, medium and size listed on back.*

Consider supporting GLPAPA with an *optional* additional donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***I am willing to work on a committee (please check all that apply)***

Board of Directors    Spring Event    Painting Meets    Competitions    Exhibitions    Website    Other

**GUEST ARTISTS  
WELCOME**

GLPAPA invites and welcomes all artists to attend organizational activities. Artists need not be members to attend their first GLPAPA painting meet and include their paintings for the day in the critique. In addition, as space allows, nonmembers may also attend the Spring Meet Event and educational workshops conducted by Master Members. Nonmember fees do apply for meals, workshops, and other activities where members are required to pay participation fees. For further information contact any Officer or Board Member.

**Great Lakes Plein Air Painters Association – [www.glpapa.com](http://www.glpapa.com)**

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:**

Submissions are welcome but must reflect the purpose, goals and policies of the organization. The Editor reserves the right of inclusion as space permits. Please send information to Linda Beeman at: [a2sdayschild@hotmail.com](mailto:a2sdayschild@hotmail.com) or call 989-834-5060. Please include GLPAPA Newsletter in the subject line of your email.

**Deadline for June 2008 issue is May 20, 2008.**

*“Disclaimer”:* *This is my first issue as Editor. Please excuse any mistakes or omissions.*

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