

# NEWS from GLPAPA

## Great Lakes Plein Air Painters Association

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If you hear a voice within you say "you cannot paint," then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced. Vincent Van Gogh

### President's Message

Well, just because summer's over doesn't mean it's time to put away your plein air painting stuff. Fall is one of the best times to paint outdoors...it's not too hot, it's not too cold and it's not too green!! Enjoy the change of the seasons and paint in colorful Michigan! I for one will take advantage of our last paint meet in Oscoda, where Claire Crawford has gone to a lot of trouble to plan an excellent weekend with her condo as home base.

You also need to paint that plein air masterpiece for the upcoming **Member Show in February, 2009**. The details are still being worked on such as show title, number of pieces accepted, etc. Here is what we can give you for now:

#### Location:

**Hope Borbas Library in Okemos, Michigan**

#### Show Dates:

**Sun. February 1 - Wed., February 25, 2009**

#### Setup & Delivery of Art:

**Sat. January 31, 10am-12Noon**

#### Reception:

**Sunday, February 1, 1-4pm**

#### Take Down/Art Pick-up:

**Wed., February 25, 4-6pm**

More information will follow soon. Any ideas for future shows are welcomed, please contact Barb McCleary.

We are planning paint meets for next year with possibly two per month, to increase the opportunity that artists can at least get to one of them. Pat Tenney is doing double-duty as we still don't have anyone to replace her after she graciously accepted the position of Vice President. So expect a call from Pat or me - we do need more people to be actively involved in making GLPAPA a force in the field.

I do wish to thank all those who have given time and talents this year, from working on the board, Master Member program, Newsletter, Paint Meets, Website, Exhibition, Spring Event, Fundraising, etc. I should list each one, but must go for now.

Keep painting and Volunteering!  
Patsy Woodman  
President

### We Need YOU!

**Paint Meet Coordinator needed NOW**  
**Secretary and Treasurer Positions are open for nomination for annual elections in spring 2009.**



## Paint Meet Reports

**OSCODA** -Claire Crawford opened her Condo to us for the weekend as a base of operations, with a nice get together on Friday night with wine, cheese, crackers and carrot cake. We were joined by a group of painters from Oscoda who also painted with us for the weekend. Attending from GLPAPA were Claire, Isabelle Renaud, Susan Wolocko, Sharon Tarr, Patsy Woodman, Lori Feldpausch. Saturday we painted in the morning at the Lumberman's Monument overlook and the afternoon at the Tawas Point Lighthouse.

Sunday morning included two hikes into some nearby scenic areas for photographing, which were too hard to get to for painting. There was also a nice dinner at the Ausable Inn on Saturday night. The weather was cool but Sunny and we all had a great time together, thank you Claire.



**KELLOGG FOREST** - We had a beautiful fall day for the Kellogg Forest paint out. It was a small group but really had a lovely day of painting. Carol Guskey, Pat Tenney, Sandy Difazio, Patsy Woodman and Lori Feldpausch were there. We all enjoyed the camaraderie for the day. Giving yourself the well deserved time to paint is a gift for yourself and should be taken at every opportunity. Thanks for such a great day.  
Lori Feldpausch

**GARDEN** - With only a weeks warning 9 painters met in the Garden Peninsula in the U.P. 3 were from Marquette, 1 from AuTrain, 1 from Munising, 3 from St. John's and one off the trawler in the harbor, from Wisconsin. The northern group brought a gourmet feast for all. Plans are to continue this as an annual event that would run for more than one day. Save the dates of Aug. 22-24 next year and watch for details in the next newsletter.  
Marilyn Fitzpatrick.

## MEMBER NEWS

**Sandra Difazio** has three plein air oil paintings accepted into the "Our Town Show" at The Community House at 380 South Bates Street Birmingham, Michigan. Opening night, October 15 (6-9PM). The show is open to the public October 16 -18.

**Bonnie Brown's** multimedia exhibit is at Hope Borbas Okemos Library from Oct. 3-29 during library hours (M-Th, 9-9, F-Sat., 9-7, Sun., 1-7pm).

**Master Member Jerry Power** received an Honorable Mention Award in the International Association of Pastel Societies Juried Exhibition at the Butler Institute of American Art.

### 2009 Paint Meets

Getting together for paint meets is a great motivator to paint. With attendance down this year (due to gas prices?) the Board is thinking of ideas to help us. In 2009, we would like to offer 2 meets a month. One meet per month will be in the Lansing area. *(This will change each year to a different city.)* We will meet in the same place each time and then car pool to a different local place each month.

*Do you know of a great place to paint in the Lansing area? Let us know!*

The other monthly meet will once again span the state. Locations so far: Ionia, Ann Arbor Traverse City, Bath, Genessee Co. and the U.P.

[Watch for more details in the months to come.](#)

## **MASTER MEMBER WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

### **JIM MARKLE**

#### **Grand Rapids, MI - October 18 & 25, '08- Pastel for Beginners**

Grand Rapids Art Museum - Contact:  
[www.gramonline.org](http://www.gramonline.org) or call 616-831-2928

#### **Lowell, MI - November 3, 10, 17 & 24, '08- Pastel Classes**

Lowell Area Arts Council - Contact:  
Call LAAC 616-897-8545

#### **Tucson, AZ - February 23, 24 & 25 - Pastel Workshop**

Starr Pass Art League - Contact:  
Call 231-334-8052

#### **Birmingham, MI - March 13, 14 & 15, '09- Pastel Workshop**

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

#### **France, The Lot Valley - July 6 - 12, '09 - Workshop**

Great American Art Works- Contact:  
[www.greatpastels.com](http://www.greatpastels.com) or [BoxTopTours@aol.com](mailto:BoxTopTours@aol.com)  
or call 513-541-8000

#### **Cross Village, MI - August 6, 7 & 8 - Workshop**

Three Pines Studio. - Contact:  
[www.threepinesstudio.com](http://www.threepinesstudio.com) or call 231-526  
9447

#### **Glen Arbor, MI - August 10,11,12 & 13 - Workshop**

Glan Arbor Art Association. - Contact:  
[info@glenarborart.org](mailto:info@glenarborart.org) or GAAA 231-334-6112

#### **Jeffersonville, VT - October 5, 6 & 7 - Workshop**

Bryan Memorial Gallery - Contact:  
[www.bryangallery.org](http://www.bryangallery.org) or call 802-644-5100

### **TIM WIDNER**

**Workshop May, 2009**, encompassing 9 hours total over two days. Emphasis will remain painting techniques that help facilitate out-of-doors painting for the individual artist.

Advanced students will receive separate, more specific technical instruction. The class will be taught to the group in a series of demonstrations. Tim will perform while answering questions regarding color, paint application, simplifying forms and so on to everyone, and then he will focus attention to those beginners or advanced artists separately. Because there is a standing group of artists who continually take Tim's workshops when offered, he will close the enrollment at 25 rather than 15 persons. Total cost will remain \$135.00 per student. For contact information, sign-up or for more details please contact Lily Lafollette at [pleinair@surfbest.net](mailto:pleinair@surfbest.net)

### **JIM MARKLE**

#### **Wheaton, IL - October 25 - 26**

#### **Pastel Landscapes**

DuPage Art League  
Contact 630-653-7090 or [www.dupageartleague.org](http://www.dupageartleague.org)

#### **Birmingham, MI November 15 - 16**

#### **Pastel Landscapes**

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

### **SHARON GRIFFES TARR**

#### **Work Study: COLOR WORKSHOP**

Understanding and application of color for painters  
Saturday/Sunday, November 1 & 2, 9 - 4 PM  
Williamston, MI Studio, limited seating  
\$80.00, preregistration only  
(517) 655-4508 or [sgtarr@aol.com](mailto:sgtarr@aol.com)

#### **Student's Art Show**

Pastel and oil paintings of current SGTarr students  
Cappuccino Cafe, Lake Lansing Rd., E. Lansing  
November 1 - 30th

#### **Plein air Painting**

Now scheduling plein air painting sessions for upcoming  
Mondays, Fridays, and some weekend dates  
in the Okemos, Williamston, and Webberville areas.  
Interested? Contact: Sharon at [sgtarr@aol.com](mailto:sgtarr@aol.com)  
(No instruction, just friends paintings with friends).

# Great Lakes Plein Air Painters

*What is the Great Lakes Region?*

From the beginning, GLPAPA was interested in documenting the diverse eco-systems of the Great Lakes region. The Lakes and their watershed cover a vast region of the United States and are unique in many respects. Natural environments include rivers, lakes, and ponds, as well as forests, marshes, uplands, plains, hills, mountains, unique rock formations, and enormous sand dunes. Human kind has also left its imprint on this region from small family farms to major cities with their commerce, industry and parks. The Lakes and their watershed are utilized in one way or another by all who live or visit.

The Great Lakes touch the shores of eight states, roughly one-fifth of the United States. They are: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The region is a vast cornucopia of subject matter for plein air artists interested in expressing and recording its diversity. ■

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*Make an effort to diversify your paintings by including different  
landscape environments, seasons and subjects!*

*Challenge yourself!*

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