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**Polasek Museum Offers Two-Day Workshop: Plein Air Painting with Pastels  
March 27 and April 3, 2017 – Registration Now Open**

WINTER PARK, Fla. –The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens will offer a two-day workshop, **Plein Air Painting with Pastels**, taught by accomplished local pastel artist Gary Rupp. Artists such as Degas, Renoir, and Gauguin went into the open air (*plein air*) to paint with pastels and began a tradition that continues today. Pastels, sometimes referred to as “raw color,” allow the artist to work with the purest form of color available. Participants in this two-day workshop will gain experience in both pastel painting and working in plein air. The Polasek Museum offers excellent opportunities to paint in the sculpture gardens on Lake Osceola and capture the Florida light. Each class will have a demonstration that focuses on the steps necessary to paint in *plein air* and will cover the underpainting process unique to pastels. This workshop is suitable for both beginner and advanced students.

Pre-registration is required. Class size will be limited so that each student will receive individualized attention and will be held rain or shine. Attendees should wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing that may get stained. Beginners may want to have a painter’s apron or smock. Each artist needs to bring all materials on the list received with registration as well as sunscreen, hat, water, and a sack lunch if desired. There will be a one-hour break for participants to have lunch on their own either off campus or in the gardens. Learn more about the instructor, Gary Rupp, at his website: [garyrupp.com](http://garyrupp.com).

**DATES:**                               **Monday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
  **Monday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**WHERE:**                               **Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens**  
  **633 Osceola Avenue, Winter Park**

**REGISTRATION:**               **General Public \$200**  
  **Museum Members \$175**  
  **Register at [polasek.org/museumevents](http://polasek.org/museumevents)**

**About the Polasek Museum:** The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens features guided tours of the world-renowned Czech-American sculptor's home and studio, more than 200 pieces of his exquisite art, and serene sculpture gardens. The museum was the retirement home of Polasek until his death in 1965. Polasek was a 2004 Florida Artists Hall of Fame recipient, and his home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum is also home to the historic 1885 Capen-Showalter House that was saved from demolition, renovated, and re-opened to the public as an event and meeting space in



2015. The Polasek Museum also hosts the annual Winter Park Paint Out, a week-long festival that brings acclaimed *plein air* artists to Central Florida, making Winter Park a destination for art collectors as well as an educational hub with free art demos throughout the week.

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