

On Saturday December 2, the Prairie Club will visit the Brauer Museum of Art on the campus of Valparaiso University in Valparaiso Indiana to see an exhibit of Frank Dudley paintings and walk the campus.

From the Museum web site <https://www.valpo.edu/brauer-museum-of-art/exhibitions/>:

Legendary artist Frank V. Dudley (1868-1957) painted the Indiana Dunes for more than forty years. One of his earliest and most important paintings depicts the Dunes Pageant of 1917, a key event in the history of the preservation of this beloved landscape. This centenary exhibition, curated by Brauer Museum Director Gregg Hertzlieb, presents more than 55 works by Dudley drawn largely from regional collections and is accompanied by a book written by Dudley scholar James R. Dabbert. Frank Dudley was known as “the Painter of the Dunes” and is nationally reknown.

He was also an early member of the Prairie Club and is remembered fondly by the Club.

We will meet at noon Chicago time (1 PM Eastern) at the entrance to the museum. Admission to the museum is free. We will visit the exhibit for about an hour and then walk around the campus for perhaps two hours. Hikers can join us for one or both legs of the outing. After the outing those interested can stop for an early dinner at one of the many dining establishments in Valparaiso. Bring plenty of water, and dress in layers for the weather.

The Brauer Museum 1709 Chapel Drive Valparaiso, IN 46383-6493 can be found in the Center for the Arts on the north side of Chapel Drive, which is off Sturdy Road (East Drive) where an entrance to the Valparaiso University Campus is located

Directions: (The University is located 50 miles southeast of Chicago.)Traveling from Chicago, take the Toll Road 80/90 East (or I-94). Take exit 31 (Chesterton) to Route 49 South. Travel 9 miles on Route 49 and take the second Valparaiso exit (Route 30 west). Go to the second set of lights (Sturdy Road/130W) and take a right. Take an immediate left onto Campus Road (Chapel Drive). The museum is located in the Center for the Arts, directly across from the Chapel.

Parking: Visitor parking is available in front (slightly east) of the Center for the Arts. Additional lots are available after 5 p.m. and on weekends. Handicap accessible parking and a wheelchair are available; please call for assistance.