

The Wenzel-Hablik-Museum in Itzehoe (Text of the official brochure)

Since 1995 the *Wenzel-Hablik-Museum* has been housing the works of the famous German-Bohemian artist Wenzel Hablik (1881-1934) and of his wife Elisabeth Lindemann (1879-1960) an expert in hand weaving.

He was a painter, graphic artist, artisan, designer of interiors and above all a visionary. He is considered to be one of the most renowned representatives and figures in art of German expressionism.

Influenced by his experience during his studies in Vienna and Prague we can follow the evolution of his style from Art Nouveau towards expressionism.

Next to his seascapes as an important artistic theme, landscapes depicting the shores, the heath and the hills were frequently the subject of his paintings.

The mountains with their crystal deposits served the artist as a source of inspiration for his architectural utopias.

Following the idea that artistic quality is valid for the design of all aspects of the life, Hablik also designed extravagant room concepts for numerous public and private interiors in northern Germany.

The Wenzel-Hablik-foundation running the museum, houses the most comprehensive collection of works of the Hablik couple. The permanent exhibition of the museum provides visitors with a representative cross section of Hablik's *Gesamtkunstwerk* and with its oil paintings, graphic arts, numerous ensembles of furniture, artisan craftwork, collections of crystals and shells as well as textile works from the hand weaving facility Hablik-Lindemann, the museum gives an insight into all areas of the artist couple's works.

In addition, there are special exhibitions; the museum regularly presents works of art, architecture and design. Numerous events such as lectures, readings, workshops for adults and painting classes add up to the full range of the offer. The museum wants to convey art and

culture in a vivid and sophisticated way. Hence, it is an important example of the North-German cultural scene.

Route

The museum is situated next to the Itzehoe town hall.

By car: heading north on the A 23, exit *Itzehoe-Süd*.
 heading south on the A 7, exit *Neumünster* follow the signs for *Itzehoe*.

By train: railway line *Hamburg to Westerland*, a 7-minute walk from the station

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