

General Meeting

Sunday November 12

1:00 arrive at 12:45

Presenter

Amanda Ward

Location

**Fernwood Botanical Garden
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Niles, MI**

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Greetings Fellow Artists,

I am always looking for places to photograph. October 11th was a beautiful warm sunny day with the fall colors just starting to show. My sister and her husband are also photographers and were visiting from out of town. The four of us visited Bonneville County Park in Bristol, which is only a half hour from Granger. There are 222 acres of beautiful landscape including hiking and biking trails, fishing, winter cross country skiing and sledding hills. There are pavilions for group events and a one room schoolhouse to visit. The park hosts the oldest operating grist mill in Indiana. The miller was very informative and even showed us samples of different flours. I ended up buying a small bag of rye flour for bread making and a bag of cornmeal. If you have never been there, you may want to explore this beautiful park.



Autumn Gold

Another outing my husband and I did was to visit Fernwood Botanical Garden last Sunday (October 29th). We saw the Women's Caucus show in the gallery and had a nice lunch in the café. We then walked the grounds to see all of the Halloween décor. I wanted to check out the education building for an upcoming NIA workshop. To my surprise the building had been torn down and a new very impressive facility had been built. It will be perfect for the workshop. It even has a small library.

Upcoming in St. Joseph, MI is "Small Business Saturday" on Saturday, November 25th. The Box Factory for the Arts will have the annual members show going on and also on Saturday the 25th, the Box Factory will host "Makers Market" from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. There are 40+ juried artists and makers who will be selling their works on all three floors. It will be a good time to work on that Christmas list.

Our November NIA membership meeting is being held at Fernwood due to the conflicting Landscape Art Show reception there. Many of our members have works in the show and I did not want to have to cancel our meeting. Members do not need to bring any refreshments to share.

Thanksgiving Day will be here before we know it and as I watch the news, I see all the suffering and turmoil going on in the world. I am truly thankful we have freedom and live in the USA.

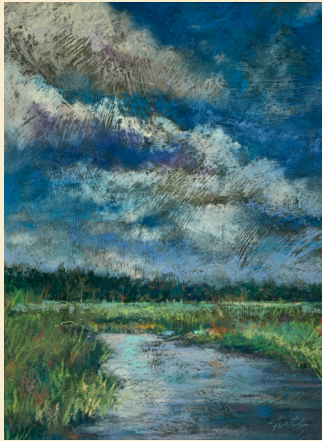
See you at the meeting!
Dee Thornton,
NIA President

Art Matters

Member News

Madelene Bussert will be at The Bell Mansion in Ft. Wayne on Nov 25, at their Small Business Event. On Dec.9th, she will be at TippyCreek Winery's Holiday Show.

Tom Fehlner's art is displayed on the walls of the classroom at Make South Bend on Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend. His painting "Feeding the Ducks" was accepted into the Elkhart Juried Regional exhibit, Midwest Museum of American Art, which runs through December 22. midwestmuseum.org



Mary Firtl

Mary Firtl's "The View from the Bridge" received a recently-established Walter Gunn Memorial Award at the Northern Indiana Pastel Society Member's show "Pastel Kaleidoscope" held at the Roti Roti Gallery, Buchanan, MI, in October. rotirotiartcenter.com

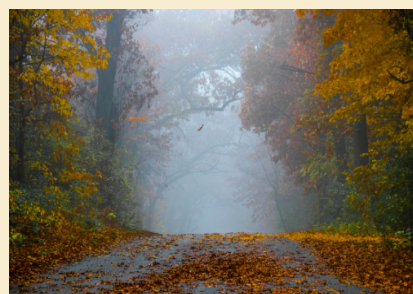
Sunday Mahaja received a purchase award at the Elkhart Juried Regional.



Linda Fritschner

Linda Fritschner's acrylic painting "Their Last Ride" was accepted to the 45th Juried Regional art exhibit at the Midwest Museum of American Art in Elkhart. She also had three paintings at Fernwood as part of the Indiana Women's Caucus for the Arts exhibit in October.

Lena Matlis received a Photography Award at 35th Annual Juried



Lena Matlis

Regional Art Exhibit at Heartland Artists Gallery, Plymouth, for her piece, "Mystery Road," in October. heartlandartgallery.com

NIA Members accepted to Heartland Artists Gallery's (Plymouth, IN) 35th annual juried exhibition include **Barb DeLeu, Mary**

Firtl, Phil Gleissner, Lena Matlis, Rosie Mireles, Perry Olshein, Jude Phillips, Evelyn Schwenk and Dee Thornton.

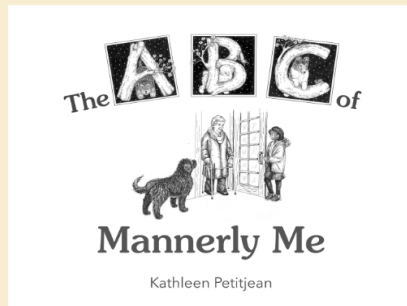
Cathy McCormick will have art in the members show at Roti Roti Art Center, November 1- December 17. 117 Front St., Buchanan, MI. Hours are Wed-Fri, 12-6pm, Sat-Sun 12-4pm rotirotiartcenter.com/



Kristen O'Dell

Kristen O'Dell's piece, Recollections - Carried Away, was accepted to the Elkhart Juried Regional. Her pottery was accepted to the Juried Cup Exhibition & Sale at the Artlink Contemporary Gallery in Ft. Wayne,

Nov 25 – Dec 10. Kristen won 1st Place at the 2023 AEAI Fall Convention Art Teacher Exhibition for her acrylic Recollections: Memories November 4.



Kathleen Pettijean will be at two events this month, offering copies of her updated book, The ABC of Mannerly Me, along with her original ceramic sculpture works: Makers Market for Small Business

Saturday, Box Factory for the Arts Nov 25, 10am-6pm, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI, boxfactoryforthearts.org and A&C Market, Elkhart High School, 9am-1pm Saturday Nov 11, 2608 California Road, Elkhart <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/ac-market/182156738193539/>

Joan Spohrer exhibited with the Area Artists' Association at their Horizons Reimagined exhibit, SBMA, September 22- November 5



Dee Thornton

Dee Thornton won a purchase award for her painting "The Eyes Have It" at the Heartland Artists Gallery's 35th annual juried exhibition.

Barbara deLeu won a purchase award for her watercolor "Summer's End" at the Heartland

Artists Gallery's annual juried exhibition.

November General Meeting at Fernwood

Meeting: 1:00 pm - Please arrive by 12:45 as meeting starts at 1:00
Social Time: 2:00 pm, during Fernwood's Landscape Exhibit Reception

Our November 12 General Meeting will take place at Fernwood Botanical Garden, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, MI. The General Meeting will start at 1:00 with a business meeting and presentation by Fernwood Gallery Director Amanda Ward. Social time will follow at 2:00, when we are invited to attend the Opening Reception of the Fernwood 7th annual Fall Landscape exhibit in the Clark Lecture Hall and Art Gallery,

Fernwood's desk attendant will direct us to our meeting. Park in the normal parking area, go into the visitor center first, where you'll be told the location of our meeting.

Speaker Amanda Ward

Amanda Ward, Clark Gallery Curator, will address the topic of where the Gallery has been and where it is going as it approaches its 60th year at Fernwood Botanical Garden.

Amanda Ward has been the Gallery Curator for the Clark Gallery at Fernwood Botanical Garden since 2019. She has an Associates degree in Visual Communication and does occasional freelance graphic design.

Upcoming Events

Makers Market, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI, November 25, 10am-6pm.
Boxfactoryforthearts.org

Art League Luncheon, Morris Park Country Club, South Bend, November 14. Speaker Anna Kietzman, President of Heartland Artists Gallery in Plymouth will speak about the organization. Reservations at southbendart.org

Grand Opening, Raclin-Murphy Museum of Art, Notre Dame, Dec 1, 1-3pm. raclinmurphymuseum.nd.edu

Annual Roti Roti Art Center Members Show 117 W. Front St., Buchanan, MI, Oct 30 - Dec 17. Hours: Wed-Fri, noon-6pm, Sat-Sun, noon-4pm. rotirotiartcenter.com

White Saturday Artisan Market November 25, 10am-4pm, Roti Roti Art Center, Buchanan.

45th Annual Elkhart Juried Regional, Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart, Oct. 7 - Dec. 22. Hours: Tues-Fri, 10-4, Sat-Sun 1-4. midwestmuseum.org

Holiday Market, South Bend Museum of Art, 120 S Dr Martin Luther King Blvd., South Bend, Dec 1. southbendart.org

Hoosier Women Artists Program Submit your artwork for consideration for display in the Statehouse office of a female elected official, as well as the Governor's residence, in the coming year.. Deadline for entry is November 12. www.in.gov/lg/ask-suzanne/hoosier-women-artists/

Welcome, New Members

We welcome the following artists who have joined NIA since the first of the year:

Barbara DeLeu (welcome back)

Shandelle Henson

Susan Pelka

George Kassal

Connie Kassal

Nektaria Mattheos

Michelle Engle

John Volland

In Memoriam

Life Member Stephen Fodroczi passed away in October. See his obituary at:

southbendtribune.com/obituaries/psbn0605594



The 57th Annual Leeper Park Art Fair will take place June 15-16, 2024 at Leeper Park, downtown South Bend. Artist applications are open at zapplication.org Dec. 1, 2023-March 1, 2024.