



Newsletter

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January, 2024

General Meeting

Sunday January 14
1:00 Social, 1:30 Meeting
Bring a snack to share

Presenter
Patty Roberts

Location
Near NW Neighborhood Community Center
1007 Portage Ave, South Bend

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Greetings Fellow Artists,

It seems the past year went so fast. Both of our daughters with their entire families were able to come to our house for a Christmas celebration. We played family games, had a gift exchange, a white elephant exchange, and ate way too much good food. We feel blessed.

The Raclin Murphey Museum of Art at Notre Dame has opened. I intended to go to the grand opening but decided to wait until it was quieter and less crowded. The completed Phase I building is 70,000 square feet. In the future, the additional Phase II will bring the square footage to 132,000. Phase II will be dedicated to research with additional galleries and space for teaching, administrative offices, and an auditorium.

Interestingly, only 1,000 works of the 31,000 pieces Notre Dame owns will be on display at any one time. This museum is a great asset to our community.



Dreamscape

Our General Meeting is coming up soon. Please bring a friend or someone you think might like to be a part of our organization. As with other groups, Covid 19 affected all of us, but it's time to step it up. Members please make the effort to attend the meetings and support NIA. We desperately need new members to fill the open positions on the board. We need new members to join if we are to continue to thrive. Also, unless we find some new venues, we will not be able to have as many shows. The KROC is no longer allowing art groups to have shows. The Colfax has limited hours and space and does not have an elevator for members who have mobility issues. We are not sure if we will be able to show at the Civic Theater either. If anyone has any suggestions, please let Jude Phillips know. OK, I'm off the soap box.

Our guest speaker, Patty Roberts, is an accomplished artist and an impressive teacher. For most of you, you will be learning about a new process and medium. I hope to see you at the meeting.

Happy New Year,
Dee Thornton, NIA president

Guest Speaker Schedule NIA General Meetings, 2024

March 10
Near Northwest Neighborhood Center
1007 Portage Ave, South Bend
Speaker: Mike Slaski, Sculpture

May 12
May Social
Sacred Heart Parish Center, Notre Dame

September 8
Near Northwest Neighborhood Center
1007 Portage Ave, South Bend
Speaker: Kay Westhues, Photography

November 10
Near Northwest Neighborhood Center
1007 Portage Ave, South Bend
Speaker: Ellen Brenneman, Mixed Media

Art Matters

Eileen D'Haeye had two paintings accepted in the 7th Annual Landscape Juried Exhibition at Fernwood.

Michelle Engle and Nektaria Mattheos will exhibit at the Colfax Gallery, 914 Lincoln Way West, South Bend. The show is entitled Art Odyssey and runs from January 12-February 23, 2024. The opening reception is Thursday, January 18, 6-8pm. Gallery hours are M-Th, 11-3.



Art Odyssey will feature work by Michelle Engle and Nektaria Mattheos.

Head and Hands in Clay course offered by Katharine Schmidt

Most people feel frustrated when they try to incorporate the human head or hands into their pottery and ceramic sculpture. We will cover the basics of constructing these difficult sculptural elements and incorporating them into garden sculpture, decorative planters, and masks.



The class will start with slab construction of a proportional head, neck, and shoulders in clay. Then we learn the secrets of making eyes, mouths, nose, and ears followed by details on making hands, hair, and adding decorative touches and texture. Some experience with hand building is helpful but not required.

The class will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 starting Jan. 10, 2024 at:

Elkhart Art League (located at the south end of the Amtrak Station) 131 Tyler Street, Elkhart IN, 46516. Register at ealonline.org.

She Said

Laurie Rousseau — Helen Geglio — Liz Roetzel



January 19 thru February 25, 2024 — Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad Street, St. Joseph MI
Opening Reception January 19, 5:30-7:00 pm

Call for Entry 30th Art Barn Juried Art Exhibit

Deadline February 25
Exhibition April 13 - May 23, 2024
Opening reception Friday, April 19, 5-8pm
The Art Barn School of Art, 695 N 400 E, Valparaiso, IN

- * original 2-dimensional works of art and ceramic arts
- * \$4000 in awards

Juror: Bryan Byrn, Director and Curator at the Midwest Museum of American Art
Enter online at www.artbarnschool.org/jae-call.

Registration is now open for classes at the South Bend Museum of Art. southbendart.org:

Dan Slattery will teach an 8-week course in Watercolor Landscape Techniques, "Expressions in Water and Light," beginning January 22. Mondays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Cathy McCormick will teach a class in pastel landscapes for beginners Tuesdays 6:30 to 9:30 pm Jan. 16 - March 5.

Mary Meehan Firtl will teach a pastel class for intermediate and advanced pastel artists at the same time and location, starting a week later, Jan. 23.



Apply at application.org

Spring Workshop with Patty Roberts

Our January speaker, Patty Roberts, will present a workshop on cold wax painting April 13, 12-3pm at Fernwood Botanical Garden. The workshop will be open to NIA members, but will be limited to a maximum of 8 artists. More information will be presented at the General Meeting January 14, and an email detailing sign-up and payment to follow.

NIA Hospitality Chair Needed!

NIA is in need of a Hospitality Chair. This is a Board position. The Hospitality Chair makes arrangements for providing refreshments at each General Meeting and at each exhibit opening reception, and organizes the annual Social in May.

If you are interested in serving in this important role, please contact President Dee Thornton, deelthorn@att.net, (574) 850-2601.

Attention All Members!

**please bring a snack to share at
our General Meeting Sunday
January 14!**



First Unitarian Church
801 E Washington St, South Bend
January 28-March 18

Drop Off: Monday January 22, 2-4pm
Reception and Awards: March 18, 11:45-2
Pick up: March 18, 2-4pm

Entry Fee: \$10 for the first piece, \$5 for the second
Dues must be current to enter this show.

Two works may be entered.
Judge: TBA
Commission: 15%

More information at nia-art.org

Entry Form

Please fill out (PRINT) two forms for EACH piece of artwork. Attach one to the lower right back of artwork, and hand in the duplicate form during receiving along with your payment of \$10 for the first piece and \$5 for the second.

Name _____ (NIA, 1st Unitarian, 2024)
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Title of Work _____
Medium _____
Price _____ Or, Not for Sale _____

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January Speaker Patty Roberts

“The purpose of art is to bring order and beauty into the uncertainties of life.”

Rev. Dr. Patty Roberts is a life-long artist and retired Ordained Elder of the United Methodist Church. As a hospice chaplain and Director of Spiritual Care at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital in Wheaton, IL, Patty incorporated art as a means of healing and spiritual insight in various approaches for patients, families and staff. Since retiring she has pursued a passion for abstract painting, particularly in the medium of oil and cold wax, which she describes as “mesmerizing, intuitive painting.” The pandemic, accompanied by profound personal loss, influenced her work deeply. Not only did art become a survival mechanism, it became her “uninhibited attempt to make sense of what cannot be understood rationally.” Love of family, spiritual connection, expression of grief, the urge to bring order to chaos all are expressed in her painting.

Her work in the last two years reflects her belief that “spiritual grounding, deep introspection, creativity, and community are more important than ever in order to bring about the healing of our society and planet.” Her process is intuitive, introspective, following her first teacher’s advice, “I am not so much searching for an image, as I am for a feeling.”



Patty has recently exhibited at the Marshall J. Gardner Art Center in Miller Beach, the Towle Theater in Hammond, and the Chesterton Art Fair. She has been accepted to the “One of a Kind Art Fair” at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago this coming April..

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