

## General Meeting

**Sunday March 10**

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

### Presenter

**Sculptor Mike Slaski**

### Location

Near NW Neighborhood Community Center

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Greetings Fellow Artists,

My notan has changed to no tan.

We have been in Sarasota, and Bradenton, Florida this past month. Although it has been sunny almost every day, it has been the coolest February in Florida in many years. Great for walking but not for beach or pool time. My friends have sent me beautiful photos of snow-covered landscapes from up north. I've sent them photos of deserted beaches!

On another sunny note – the solar total eclipse is happening on Monday, April 8, 2024. One of the best spots to witness the event is Indianapolis. The Indianapolis 500 Motor Speedway is selling online tickets which includes a pre-event presentation by NASA. I will be going down and coming back the same day as hotel rooms are very hard to find.

I just learned that Heartland Art Gallery in Plymouth is changing its name to Heartland Art Center. Its new location will be 214 N Michigan St, downtown Plymouth. The new building has 4,000 sq ft. We will have our next NIA show in April in the new location. This is good news as they have outgrown their current space.

NIA elections will be held at the general meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Positions of president, SBMA rep, hospitality, and co-chair for exhibits need to be filled. Please consider volunteering.

The Cold Wax Workshop location has been changed to Pinhook Park. This will still be held on April 13, 2024. There will be a maximum of 12 participants. More information and sign-up instructions are forthcoming.

NIA will be inviting the Watercolor Society and the Pastel Society again to participate in the May Social on Saturday, May 4, 2024. We had a great turnout last year and I am looking forward to it this year.

See you at the March meeting,

Dee Thornton,  
NIA president



Florida Coast

## 2024 NIA Dues

2024 dues of \$30.00 are payable starting March first. Payment can be made to P O BOX 906 South Bend, IN. 46624-0906 or via PayPal on our website at [www.nia-art.org](http://www.nia-art.org) Due are due by March 31, 2024.



# Art Matters

**Ginny Scott** sold a painting and won a \$500 award at the South Shore Arts Salon Show. One of her paintings will be featured in *Studio Visit Magazine* in the spring. She is being represented by the Courtyard Gallery in New Buffalo, and will be exhibiting in Art Attack in New Buffalo this spring.


**Cathy McCormick** will lead a pastel landscapes workshop April 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the new Heartland Art Center, Plymouth. A supply list is available. Bring pastel paper, drawing board, pastels, vine charcoal and an easel. Bring a lunch or order from a nearby restaurant. The fee is \$55 and does not include lunch. 574.936.9515, 574.316.0264, heartlandartistsgallery@gmail.com

"Vistas & Views," an exhibition and sale of pastel art hosted by CircaArts Gallery, featuring local scenes by members of pastel classes taught by **Cathy McCormick** and **Mary Firtl**, will take place April 5 - May 4 at CircaArts Gallery, 528 E. Colfax Ave., South Bend. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. A reception will be held from 5 - 8 p.m. April 5.


**Deb Potis** had 2 photographs in the Cass County Regional Exhibit and one in the regional juried show at the Carnegie Center for the Arts in Three Rivers

**Ramiro Rodriguez** is exhibiting some prints as part of the "Contemporary Printmakers of the Great Lakes Region" exhibition at University of Olivet in Olivet, MI The exhibit runs from March 7 - April 12, 2024, with a reception on April 12 from 5-7 p.m. Follow Ramiro at [https://linktr.ee/RamiroRodriguez\\_Artist](https://linktr.ee/RamiroRodriguez_Artist)


### CONTEMPORARY PRINTMAKERS OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION




**DON KILPATRICK**  
*Idol Hands*, 2021,  
Wood Cut/Relief Print  
22" x 15"




**JEREMY PLUNKETT**  
*Cone*, 2022, Intaglio:  
Mezzotint Engraving  
22" x 15"



**MATTHEW PRESUTTI**  
*Apophenia #6*, 2021  
Engraving and Aquatint  
8" x 10"



**MICHAEL PENNEKAMP**  
*The Treachery of Images Revisited*  
2023, Screenprint  
7.5" x 6"



**RAMIRO RODRIGUEZ**  
*Plutocracy Rising*, 2014,  
Reduction Linoleum Relief Print  
14" x 11"

Kresge Foundation Art Gallery | Riethmiller-Blackman Art Building

**VIEWING DATES**  
March 7-April 12, 2024

**EXHIBITION RECEPTION**  
Fri., April 12, 5-7 p.m.

**KRESGE FOUNDATION  
ART GALLERY HOURS**  
Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.,  
or by appointment.  
For more information, call  
269-749-7627 or visit [UOlivet.edu](http://UOlivet.edu).

## Cold Wax Workshop with Patty Roberts

12 Participants • Register online at [nia-art.org](http://nia-art.org)  
Saturday, April 13, 2024  
Pinhook Park Community Center, 2801 Riverside Dr., South Bend  
11:30 am – 3:30 pm  
Cost - \$55.00  
Light lunch and materials provided

Cold wax painting is an experimental and almost sculptural painting method that uses oil paint and cold wax to produce thick layered art works. This workshop will bring out your creativity in a relaxed fun atmosphere.

**Required Supply List**  
(2) 16" x 20" sheets of foam core  
Apron or paint clothes  
A few sheets of paper towels

**Optional ideas if you want to bring some of your own tools –**  
Palette knives, brayer, plastic gift card, dough scraper, cake icing scrapers, hair combs, empty small tin cans, anything to make marks.

*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. Her work 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." 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 will exhibit at Chicago's "One of a Kind Art Fair" in April.*

## NIA Board Elections

In accordance with our bylaws, elections will take place at our March 10 General Meeting. The slate of officers for the open board positions are:

President: Laura Elliott  
Secretary: Mark Welch  
Treasurer: Paul Thornton  
Historian: Donna Shoberg  
Hospitality Chair: Dee Thornton  
Representative to SBMA: ?  
Scholarship: N/A

Nominations will also be taken from the floor. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please read the position descriptions in the bylaws, listed in our Membership Directory and on our website, [nia-art.org/](http://nia-art.org/) under the Membership link.



## NIA All Member Show

Heartland Artists Gallery • 214 North Michigan, Plymouth, Indiana

Exhibit Dates: April 2—April 27, 2024  
Drop-Off: Saturday March 30, 10-2 pm  
Reception & Awards: April 27, 1-3 pm  
Pick-Up: April 27, 3 pm

Exhibit judge: Matthew Celmer, Curator of Moontree Studio, Donaldson, Indiana.  
Commission: 30%  
NIA Dues of \$35 must be current

Exhibit entry form has been emailed and will be posted on our website, [nia-art.org](http://nia-art.org)



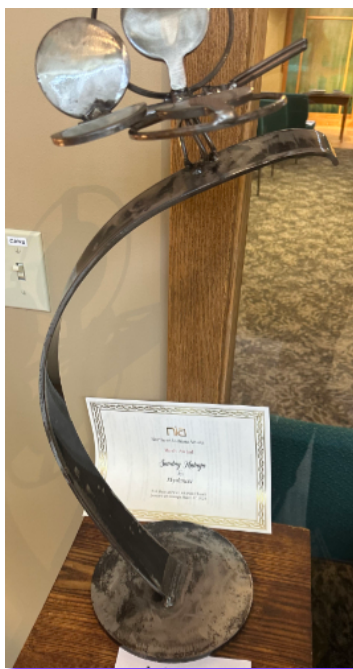
**First Unitarian Church**  
**801 E Washington St, South Bend**  
January 28-March 18

**Pick up: March 18, 2-4pm**

## Congratulations, Award Winners



Laurie Rousseau, *Magdalena*



Sunday Mahaja, *Skydancer*



Mary Meehan Firtl, *Golf Course View*



Linda Fritschner, *Osceola Railroad Crossing*



Daniel J. Slattery, *Lamplight*

### Judge's Awards

Laurie Rousseau, *Magdalena*, Mixed Media

Todd Hoover, *Bird #5*, Photography

Linda Fritschner, *Osceola Railroad Crossing*, Acrylic

### Merit Awards

Mary Meehan Firtl, *Golf Course View*, Pastel

Daniel J. Slattery, *Lamplight*, Watercolor

Sunday Mahaja, *Skydancer*, Metal



## March Speaker Sculptor Mike Slaski

Website: [slaskimikeartwork.com](http://slaskimikeartwork.com)

Bio: born in Michigan, MFA University of Chicago 1983, happily married to Ruth Andrews and live in Cassopolis, Mi.

Recent exhibitions: SBM 2019, Colfax Cultural Center 2020, Buchanan Art Center 2020, Krasl in St Joseph MI 2021, and Patch and Remington Marcellus MI 2023.

The talk will be on my development, mediums, and techniques. I will also bring small finished works for examination.



## 2024 NIA General Meeting Schedule

### May 4

May Social

Sacred Heart Parish Center, Notre Dame

11:30 -2

### 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



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