



Newsletter

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May, 2024

General Meeting

Saturday, May 4

May Social
with
St Joe Valley Watercolor
Society and
Northern Indiana Pastel
Society

**Sacred Heart Parish Center,
Notre Dame
11:30-2:00**

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President's Message

Our NIA calendar year began March 1st... Like a blank canvas waiting for colors and lines to emerge into a new image, with new insights and experiences.

As a member since 2016, I have grown as an artist because of the people and opportunities to connect as fellow artists and with our larger Northern Indiana community.

I joined the NIA board of Directors about a year ago and co-chaired the Exhibits Committee with Jude Phillips. Under her direction, the committee has provided excellent training ground for understanding how our organization works.

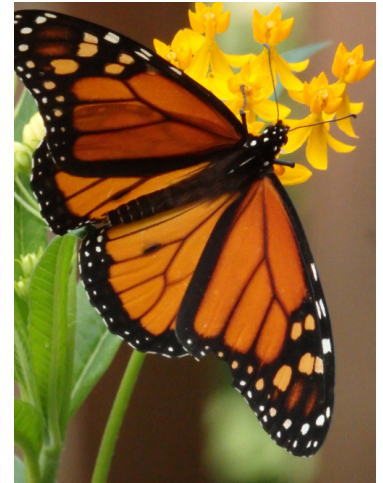
I look forward to building on this foundation, in collaboration with our many dedicated Board Members and general membership. Participation by all is key.

I have much still to learn and will count on your patience and willing support to co-create and ensure the beautiful future and growth of NIA.

It is with deep gratitude to Dee Thornton, and all the past and present Board Members, that I take the reins of NIA for the next 2 years.

"Go In and find out. The future is in your hands." Robert Henri, "The Art Spirit" p. 106

Laura Elliott, President



May Social

Share an afternoon with members of the St Joe Valley Watercolor Society
and Northern Indiana Pastel Society

Saturday, May 4 • 11:30 social time • 12:00-2:00 Potluck

Sacred Heart Parish Center, north side of the Notre Dame Campus, off of Moreau Drive
on St. Joseph's lake. Visit sacredheartparish.nd.edu/ for directions.

Bring a dish to share.

Artists may bring a guest, as well as bring an artwork on an easel to show.
You may spend time painting, photographing or walking along the lake
before or after the luncheon.

Contact Kristen O'Dell, klostudioart@gmail.com, for more information.

Art Matters

Linda Fritschner has two paintings in the St Joe Valley Watercolor Society exhibit at the 1st Unitarian Church, South Bend, through May 19. She has two paintings in the Northern Indiana Artists All Member Show at the Heartland Gallery in Plymouth, IN through April 27, when there is a closing reception at 3 pm. heartlandartgallery.com. Her painting, Century Center in South Bend, Indiana, was accepted for the Around the Bend Exhibit at the South Bend Museum of Art. The exhibition runs May 25 - August 25, with an opening reception Friday June 7. southbendart.org

Joan Spohrer has 2 paintings in the St Joe Valley Watercolor Society show at the 1st Unitarian Church through May 19, a painting in the 30th Annual Juried Art Exhibit at the Art Barn School of Art, Valparaiso, through May 23, and a painting in the Around the Bend exhibit at the South Bend Museum of Art May 25-August 18.

Cathi Isza has an oil painting *Wildness is the preservation Of The World*, in the SBMA Around The Bend exhibit.

Deb Potis has a piece in the Art Barn's 30th annual Juried Exhibition in Valparaiso and another piece in the Around the Bend exhibit at SBMA.

Ginny Scott has work in the Art Barn annual juried exhibit and the SBMA Around the Bend exhibit. She will be at the Courtyard Gallery in New Buffalo exhibiting work during Art Attack weekend, April 26-27, <https://michiganartattack.com>, and has work in Studio Visit magazine a juried art book.

Tim Link's painting, *Solo*, will be exhibited at the SBMA Around the Bend 2024 show from May 25 through August 8.

2024 Scholastic Art Award



NIA presented an award to Ian Hahn, a 12th grader at Penn HS for his mixed media piece, *Inzwischen*, at the annual Scholastic Art Awards March 3 - April 14 at the South Bend Museum of Art.

Guest Speaker Schedule NIA General Meetings, 2024

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 League Luncheon

May 21
Pastel Artist Liz Kuntz will be the speaker
Morris Park Country Club
call SBMA or visit SBMA website to reserve your ticket \$30
The event is open to the public

Arts in Bloom Garden Walk

June 27, hosted by the Art League, benefitting SBMA
This year gardens at the ND Sculpture Garden
If you'd like to participate as an artist, contact Lea Goldman

Youth Art Month Awards

NIA provided 2 awards to the Youth Art Month exhibit at the Midwest Museum of Art, Elkhart, March 10-April 14. The show surveyed art education programs of 4 area high schools, featuring works selected by art educators of their outstanding art students in grades 9-12.



Kyra Klessner, 10th grade,
Cyprinus rubofuscus,
acrylic, concord hs



Endesha Henderson, 12th grade, *The Final Shadow*, photography, Elkhart Area Career Center

All-Member Show Heartland Art Center April 2-27



Susan Pelka



Cara Lawson-Ball



Tim Link

Congratulations to the award winners of our 2024 All Member exhibit at Heartland Art Center. More at our website nia-art.org.

Judges Awards

Cara Lawson-Ball
Mercurial Mood

Phil Gleissner
Red Ranunculus

Barbara DeLeu
In Search of a Better Life

Merit Awards
Anne Marie Peck
Long Way Home

Sunday Mahaja
Fat Idea

Diane Dillon
Light Exists Even in the Dark

Beatrice Hartig Zimmerman Memorial Award
Dan Slattery
Dancer in the Doorway

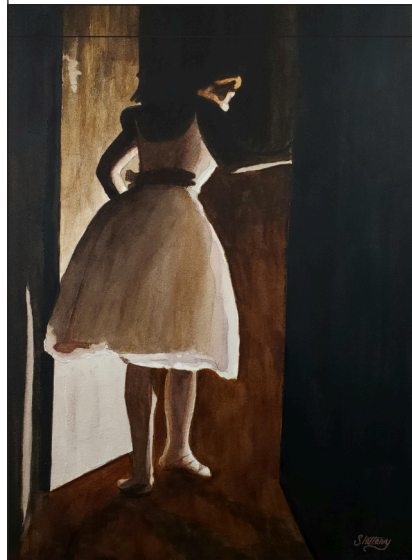
Carolyn Jagodits Memorial Award
Susan Pelka
Cade's Cove

NIA Memorial Award
Ramiro Rodriguez
El Chisme

Glenda Cobb Bixby Award for Expressionistic Work
Tim Link
In the Midst of Stone-Faced Acquaintances



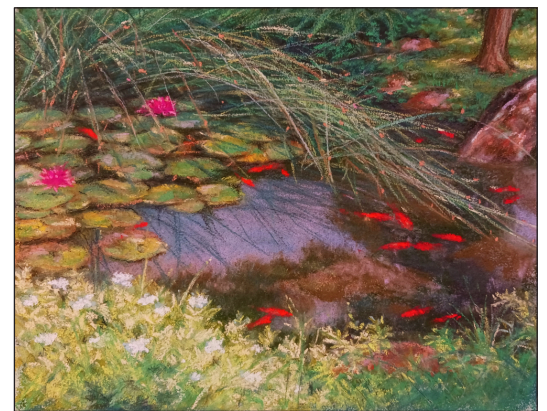
Sunday Mahaja



Dan Slattery



Phil Gleissner



Diane dillon



Anne Marie Peck

NIA Coldwax and Oil Abstract Workshop

Teacher Patty Roberts stated the workshop consisted of a very good group of engaging artists who enthusiastically dove right into learning the process while having fun. She was delighted to see the lovely art at the end of the class. It turned out to be a beautiful, sunny day and Pinhook Community Center was the perfect location. 12 artists participated and I was the only one who had taken Patty's workshop before. But that didn't stop me from learning some new things.



Diane Dorn was curious about this medium as she had seen it on Facebook. She said this was a nice workshop with a good teacher, adequate supplies, friendly fellow artists, and most of all included lunch.

Kim DeNolf's granddaughter, Dylan, was visiting from out of town and fit right in. She did some amazing work for only being 6 ½ years old.



Ann Hummel dabbles in watercolor and designs one-of-a-kind notecards. She was pleased to learn more about abstract painting and about this different medium.

All had fun playing with color and texture while using all sorts of "tools" and commented on how well their first-time pieces turned out. Since this was a limited class, it filled up fast. NIA will be hosting Patty's workshop again next fall.

Submitted by Dee Thornton



Top, l-r: Diane Dorn, Elisabeth Simeri, group photo, Patty Roberts instructing, group photo



Leeper Park Art Fair

Saturday, June 15

10:00 - 6:00

Sunday, June 16

10:00 - 5:00



82 Artists
Festival Food
Music by DJ Jim Renner

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leeeperparkartfair.org

Goshen Painters Guild workshops

Visit the Goshen Painters Guild website
<https://www.goshenpaintersguild.org/>
for more information and registration

May 4

Ellen Ridenour - Silk on Silk Scarf

May 11

Ellen Ridenour - Alcohol Ink on Silk Scarf

June 15

Thomas Zuber - Abstract Expressionism in Acrylics

June 21-22

Mark Daniels - Painting with Style