



Newsletter

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September, 2024

General Meeting

Sunday September 8
1:00pm
Near Northwest
Neighborhood Community
Center
1007 Portage Ave.
South Bend

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Photographer

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President's Corner

Greetings fellow Artists. As I reflect on the season ahead and the progress we have made already during the first half of our fiscal year, I am thankful to be a part of such a vibrant group. We totaled over 120 works of art with participation by a high percentage of our membership in the group shows.

The professionalism and range of our work is recognized by gallery owners and attendees alike. Which is a testament to our living out our NIA Mission Statement. New members and new opportunities continue to be added to our group through networking and invitation.

Having completed three shows during the spring and early summer, we can now focus on creating new work and planning for 2025. Our dedicated Board Members and Committee Chairpersons who serve NIA with their administrative talents keep our organization running smoothly. Members can show their support through participation in exhibits, general meetings and workshops. As is often said "Participation is the Key" especially in an all-volunteer organization. Your willingness to serve on the Board or Committees completes the Circle of Connection we have as Artists supporting Artists.

May you be inspired by the beautiful colors all around us this Autumn,
Laura Elliott, President



Laura Elliott
Fernwood Art Gallery, Nov. 2019
Title: "Red Menace"

Patty Roberts Cold Wax Workshop September 15

Patty Roberts is offering a second cold wax and oil abstract workshop September 15.

Date/Time: Sunday, September 15, 2024, 11:30am – 4:30pm

Location: Pinhook Park Community Building, 2801 Riverside Dr. South Bend, IN

Workshop Description: You will learn how to use oil paint along with the cold wax medium. Layer upon layer is applied, removed, scratched off or stamped on. Abstract art is about shapes, colors, proportion, symmetry, asymmetry, and surprise. Patty will show you the very basic techniques and your creative imagination will flow. This is a very intuitive style of painting allowing whatever happens to be part of the fun. You should wear clothing you don't mind getting paint on or wear an apron or a large shirt for over your clothes.

What to bring – Two foam core boards (available at Hobby Lobby, Michaels, or United Art and Education Store). These must be cut to 16" x 20" or purchased in that size. These will be used to tape your art paper down and serve as a way to transport your finished work.

All other supplies will be provided. If you wish to bring some of your own items, they could include oil paints, brayers, palette knives, used gift cards, or anything that could make a mark or scratch.

Art Matters

Debbie Potis will be the featured artist exhibiting in the Village Gallery in Valparaiso for the months of September and October.

Kathleen Pettijean will be at the West Central ArtsFest in Fort Wayne, September 7-8 from 11 am - 5 pm. This event is part of the Historic West Central Homes Tour. She will be offering ceramic works, original art note cards and signed copies of her illustrated children's book, "The ABC of Mannerly Me." Stop by her booth and get a "behind-the-pages" preview of her upcoming book "I Wanted to Ask My Dad," due out in 2025.



Mary Meehan Firtl's abstract, Mindful Musings, was accepted into and recently received an Earthberry Award in the Great Lakes Pastel Society 2024 National Exhibition, an online juried show. The show runs August

17–September 28 and can be viewed at: <https://showsubmit.com/gallery/glps-2024-national-exhibition>.

Nancy Turner's painting, "Farm Kitchen," was accepted to the Watercolor Society of Indiana juried show that runs through September 29 at Newfields in Indianapolis. She had 3 paintings accepted to the Mahoning Valley YWCA Women Artists: A Celebration juried show in Youngstown, Ohio. Her painting, "Maine Moment," received the Watercolor Award by Tom & Lindy McMurray. Her watercolor, "Spring Tulips," was exhibited at the Around the Bend show at the South Bend Museum of Art that ran through August 25.

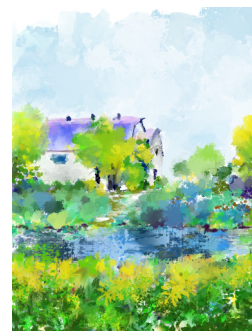
Susan Ward just completed 2 solo exhibitions. One at Fire Arts and one at Fernwood. She will be the guest speaker at the Art League luncheon October 15. (more info on p.4)

Anne Marie Peck's painting "Remains of the Day" was accepted in the Watercolor Society of Indiana's 42nd Annual Juried Exhibition at Newfields Indiana Museum of Art. The show is open until September 29th and is free to the public.



Dan Slattery is the featured artist through September at the First Unitarian Church, 801 E Washington St, South Bend. The exhibit includes 44 watercolors and pastels. They can be viewed at the Church Monday through Friday, 9:00 am until noon by going to the back entrance and ringing the doorbell. The secretary will let you in. You can also view the exhibit on Sundays at the end of services, which end at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Joan Spohrer's digital painting "Summer Afternoon" was accepted to the Art Barn's 30th Annual Juried Art Exhibition April 13-May 23 in Valparaiso. Her digital painting "Alpine Vista" was included in the South Bend Museum of Art's "Around the Bend" exhibit May 25-August 25. She had 3 watercolors on exhibit at the Art Barn with the Area Artists' Association show "Knee High by the 4th of July" July 2- August 1, and will exhibit an acrylic painting in the Area Artists' show "Spirit of Place" at Moontree Gallery, Plymouth, September 16-October 25.



Lisa Kiselevich's triptych "Two Years Later" was in the biannual Around the Bend at South Bend Museum of Art.

NIA members in the South Bend Museum of Art's "Around the Bend" exhibit include Kari Black, Michelle Engle, Mary Firtl, Linda Fritschner, Phil Gleissner, Lea Goldman, Bill Healy, Shandelle Henson, Martha Hollett, Cathi Isza, George Kassal, Connie Kassal, Lisa Kiselevich, Tim Link, Sunday Mahaja, Catherine McCormick, Nektaria Matheos, Susan Pelka, Jude Phillips, Deb Potis, Ramiro Rodriguez, Laurie Rousseau, Ginny Scott, Donna Shoberg, Daniel Slattery, Joan Spohrer, Nancy Turner, and Mark Welch

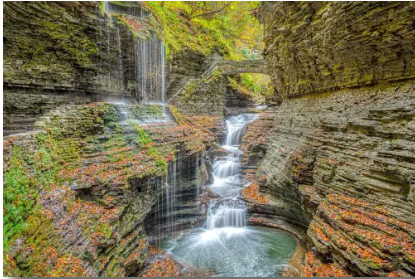
Kristen O'Dell will be participating in the Arts on the Millrace happening September 7 along the Millrace in Goshen, as well as location #7 of the Goshen Pottery Tour happening September 28-29.

Idris Busari's MainStreetAmerica piece in the "MouseHouseUSA" series will be displayed at the upcoming ArtPrize show in Grand Rapids. The work examines how even the most familiar and enduring symbols of small-town America takes on new meaning and resonance when viewed through the lens of age and accumulated life experiences. Idris' artist ID for the event is 31255, the voting link at <https://www.artprize.org/entries#31255>. See more at [artprize.org](https://www.artprize.org/).

Roti Roti Art Center Exhibit



Daniel J Slattery



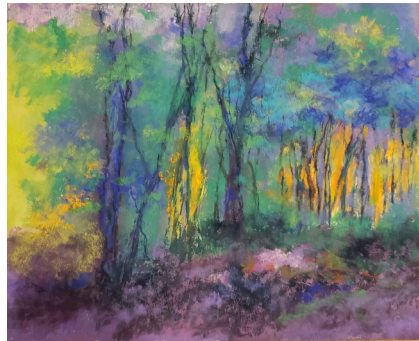
Phil Gleissner



Sunday Mahaja



Mona Witt



Catherine McCormick



Barbara DeLeu

September Speaker Kay Westhues

Our presenter for our September General Meeting will be local, award-winning photographer Kay Westhues. Kay will be talking about her new self-published photo book, "Out of Order". She will share her process of making a book and sharing some work from another series called "Mostly Indiana."

Kay was raised in Indiana and her art practice has been based in the Midwest for most of her life. She studied art at Rhode Island School of Design, and earned an MS in Instructional Systems Technology from Indiana University and an MA in Folk Studies from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY. Her work includes several long-term photography projects that incorporate video, sound, drawing, and ethnography.

Her art explores the ways in which rural tradition and history are understood, acted on, and recreated in everyday life. She approaches her projects with a sociological and narrative lens, and seeks not the most literal content but the most human and personal.

Learn more about Kay and her work at her website <https://kaywesthues.com>



Kay's book *Out of Order* features photographs of text found in various public places in Indiana and surrounding states. The photographs were made between 2004-2024.

Congratulations to the award winners at our Roti Roti Art Center exhibit May 20-June 30

Judge's Awards

Phil Gleissner
"Rainbow Falls," Photography

Barbara DeLeu
"Why God Why,"
Watercolor and Gouache

Daniel J Slattery
"County Kerry," Watercolor

Merit Awards

Mona Witt
"Dancing Trees," Pastel

Catherine McCormick
"Light Through the Trees," Pastel

Sunday Mahaja
"Resting Beauty," Metal

Attend

Women's Caucus Exhibit

"Envisioning Connection," an exhibit by members of the Indiana Women's Caucus for Art, will be held Sept. 6 to Oct. 18, 2024 at Colfax Cultural Center, 914 Lincolnway West, South Bend. The reception will be 6-8 pm October 4 (First Friday). Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 11 am - 3 pm, Friday by appointment.

Pastel Society Exhibit

At the River, an exhibit by members of Northern Indiana Pastel Society, will be held Sept. 13 to Oct. 27 in the Riverwalk Gallery at the Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI, 269-983-3688. The reception and awards will be Friday, Sept. 13, 5:30-7:30 pm. Gallery hours: Thursdays noon to 6 pm, and Fridays-Sundays noon to 4 pm.

Art League Luncheon

Susan Ward, printmaker and sculptor, will speak at the luncheon of the Art League of the South Bend Museum of Art on Oct. 15, at Fanello's 100 Center, Mishawaka, formerly Papa Joe's. Susan was the featured artist in two solo exhibits in 2024 and the For the Love of Art Fair. To make reservations, visit southbendart.org/art-league/.

Penny Cline will be the speaker at the Art League's February 18 event.

Calls for Art

Elkhart Juried Regional

The Midwest Museum of American Art has announced entry details for the 46th annual Elkhart Juried Regional Exhibit October 5 - December 22. Visit their website midwestmuseum.org for a prospectus.

Heartland Art Center

Heartland Art Center, Plymouth, has released a call for its 36th annual Regional Juried Exhibition October 1- November 1. Visit heartlandartgallery.com for a prospectus.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Fernwood's 8th Annual Landscape Exhibition will take place again this fall. A prospectus will be posted soon on their website fernwoodbotanical.org/exhibitions.

Teach

The Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan is seeking instructors for classes and workshops. NIA members interested in teaching a painting class or workshop may contact their Education Director, Samantha Turay, at samjoturay@gmail.com.

Join

Plein Air Group

If you are interested in painting with a local plein air group, please contact Shandelle Henson at henson@andrews.edu.

NIA Calendar

September 8

Near Northwest Neighborhood Center
1007 Portage Ave, South Bend

Speaker: Kay Westhues, Photography

November 10

Location TBD

Speaker: Ellen Brenneman, Mixed Media