



Newsletter

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November, 2024

General Meeting

**Sunday November 10
12:30 pm Social Time
1:00pm Presentation**
Ellen Brenneman,
Mixed Media Artist
Northwest Neighborhood
Community Center
1007 Portage Ave.
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President's Corner

As a participant in the Cold Wax Workshop, I found that the process we used provided opportunities for renewed freedom. The environment of creating, in a non-judgmental, open and therefore safe place to try new things, was empowering. Patty encouraged us to let our analytical or judgmental brain rest and focus on our creative and more subconscious brain. Amazing images emerged for everyone along with the joy that goes with new experiences. We let ourselves be transformed by the work. The interaction of the artist with their work and those who viewed it created exciting dialogues and insights.

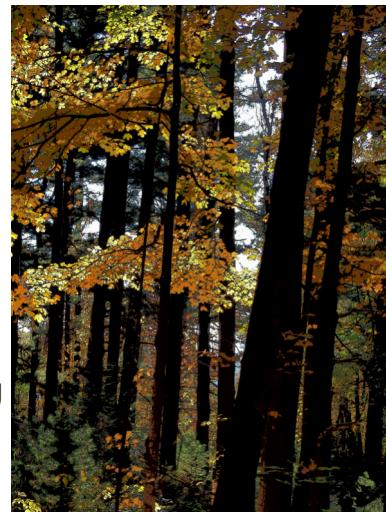
These types of dialogues with each other are at the heart of our gatherings at General Meetings and at Gallery Receptions. As Artists supporting Artists, we create a collective bond that strengthens and grows us.

What our community shares with the public enlarges the connection to a wider audience. It is like brushstrokes that build on one another to create an image. The image moves others' experience and so the transformation continues*.

I am thankful for your dedication and participation in NIA. I look forward to our next gathering.

Laura Elliott, President

*Reference from recent article in "On the Avenue" by Marianne Zarzana



Laura Elliott, "Bendix Woods
County Park, New Carlisle, IN"

General Meeting Time Update

In order to accommodate those artists planning on attending the Fernwood fall exhibit reception, the start time for our November 10 meeting has been moved up by a half hour.

Social time will begin at 12:30, with our speaker, Ellen Brenneman, starting her presentation at 1:00.

Ellen Brenneman is a mixed media artist, who will demonstrate using Brusho paint powders.

Please update your calendars:

Sunday November 10
Near Northwest Community Center
12:30 Social
1:00 Speaker
1:30 meeting

Art Matters

Linda Fritschner's acrylic painting "Indiana Farm" (below) was accepted to the 46th Elkhart Juried Regional Exhibit, through December 22, at the Midwest Museum of American Art in Elkhart.



Mary Firtl had a pastel accepted to the Heartland Art Center's 36th Annual Juried Exhibition, Plymouth, through November 1, heartlandartgallery.com, and another accepted to the Elkhart Juried Regional.

Her pastel work "Old Mission Point" (right) received a Judge's Award in the Northern Indiana Pastel Society Members Show at the Box Factory in St. Joseph, MI. boxfactoryforthearts.org



Sunday Mahaja was presented the Jennifer Abrell & Dr. Gordon Hughes purchase award for his piece "Resting Beauty" (right) at the Elkhart Juried Regional.

His entry, "The Rose Patch," (below) made the top 100 at ArtPrize in Grand Rapids this fall. artprize.org



Susan Pelka's painting "Late Summer at Smith Lake" was accepted to the Annual Juried Exhibition at Heartland Art Center.

Laurie Rousseau's artwork "Water Effigy, Monotype," (right) was accepted to the Elkhart Juried Regional.



Tom Fehlner had two paintings accepted to the Elkhart Juried Regional. Both received Purchase Awards. He has an ongoing show of his art in the classroom of Make South Bend, 2228 Mishawaka Ave, South Bend. makesouthbend.com

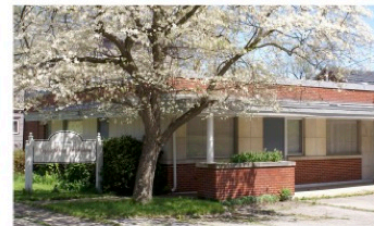
Perry Olshain has a solo show at the LifePlex in Plymouth through November 8. He also has 3 paintings in the Heartland Annual Juried Regional exhibit.



Taylor Street Art Studios

OPEN HOUSE

120 S. Taylor Street, South Bend, Indiana 46601



Drawings, Prints, Paintings, Collages, Photographs

Ramiro Rodriguez, Laurie Rousseau & Mark Welch

Saturday, November 23, 2024 1-5 pm

November Speaker Ellen Brenneman

Mixed Media artist Ellen Brenneman will discuss the ups and downs of being a working artist and how she managed to sustain her art business after making the decision to part with Etsy. She will show examples of her work, and demonstrate how to use Brusho paint powders, her current favorite medium to work with. ellenbrennemanstudio.com

Ellen Brenneman studied Graphic Design at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. After graduation she took a different career path until 2012, when she made the decision to pursue painting full-time.

Ellen's art has been featured on the ESPN Network and in several publications - most notably, "Pigments of Your Imagination - Second Edition," by Cathy Taylor, and "The Colors I Hear," by Carolyn Riker. She is the resident artist member of The Portage Collective and lives in South Bend. theportagecollective.com



Ellen Brenneman, "Between Friends"

Register for Classes

SBMA Classes

Registration for classes at the South Bend Museum of Art is open through November 8 for the Fall 2 session ending December 14. Register at southbendart.org/education/

Roti Roti Art Center Classes

Classes are open for late fall at Roti Roti Art Center, Buchanan. Register at rotirotiartcenter.org.

Calls for Art

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Fernwood's 8th Annual Landscape Exhibition will take place again this fall. Art drop off is Sunday, November 3, 12 pm – 3 pm, or Tuesday, November 5, 10 am – 1 pm. A prospectus is posted on their website fernwoodbotanical.org/exhibitions.

Attend

Art League Luncheon

November 19, 11:30 - 2:00, South Bend Museum of Art. Presenter: Rev. Martin Lam Nguyen, C.S.C., artist and veteran art faculty member of the University of Notre Dame, will talk about his exhibit on view at SBMA. Tickets at southbendart.org/art-league/

Roti Roti Member Show

Members of the Roti Roti Art Center, Buchanan, will have a members exhibit "Our 4-Legged Friends," with an opening Sunday November 10, 2 - 4pm. rotirotiartcenter.org

Heartland Artists Annual Juried Exhibit

Closing reception for Heartland's 36th Annual Juried Exhibit will take place November 1, 6-8pm, with awards announced at 7pm. Heartland Art Center, 214 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth. heartlandartgallery.com

Elkhart Juried Regional

Midwest Museum of American Art, through December 22. midwestmuseum.org

Fernwood Juried Landscape Exhibition

The reception for Fernwood's 8th annual Juried Landscape Exhibition will take place Sunday, November 10, from 2 – 4pm in the Clark Gallery. Awards will be announced at 3pm. fernwoodbotanical.org

NIA Calendar

November 10

Northwest Neighborhood Community Center
Speaker: Ellen Brenneman, Mixed Media
Time change: Social time 12:30/ Presentation 1:00
ellenbrennemanstudio.com

January 12

Merrill Krabill
Multi-media ceramic sculpture, Goshen College
krabill.org

March 9

David Baker, painter and teacher
dbakerart.com

Fun with Cold Wax

Participants in Patty Roberts' 2nd cold wax workshop in September had a great time and learned a lot about this creative medium.



Holiday Artisan Markets

Make South Bend

2105 E. Mishawaka Ave., South Bend
Makers Market
Saturday November 30, 11-4
Urban Artisan Market
Saturday, December 7, 11-4
makesouthbend.com

South Bend Museum of Art

120 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Drive, South Bend
Holiday in the Gallery
December 6, 5-8pm
Holiday Art Market, Student Faculty Exhibition
opening, live music, food & bar
southbendart.org

Box Factory for the Arts

1101 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI
Makers Market
Saturday, November 30, 9-5
\$5 admission
boxfactoryforthearts.com

Roti Roti Art Center

117 W Front St., Buchanan, MI
Artisan Market
Saturday, November 30
noon-4pm
rotirotiartcenter.org

May Social

NIA members enjoyed a potluck meal and connecting with members of the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society and the Northern Indiana Pastel Society at the May Social last spring.

