



Newsletter

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April, 2026

Saturday, May 2

May Social Potluck
Sacred Heart Parish Center
Notre Dame campus
11:30-2:00

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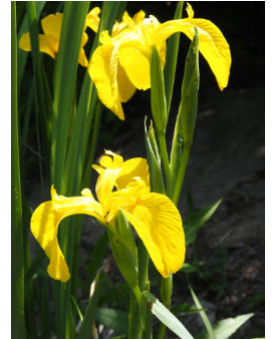
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President's Corner

As April draws to a close and spring is showing signs of returning, Art is also blooming all around us!! Galleries, Art Fairs, Gardens are abounding with vibrant colors and eager shoppers. NIA's coming events bring numerous opportunities to gather, share and eat together!! Starting with our



May Social at Sacred Heart Parish Center, Notre Dame, on the 2nd from 11:30am to 2pm. RSVP by **April 26** to Dee Thornton, Hospitality Chair @ deelthornton@att.net or 574-850-2601. There will be a presentation from our NIA Archives that you won't want to miss!!

May 30th 10am-2pm is the drop off for the "Summer Splendor" show in Plymouth at their temporary gallery location, **The Historic Firehouse, 220 N. Center St.** The **entry form** is included in this newsletter. Several days before the show, the label information – your name, artwork title, and price – are requested **by email**. This will allow us to pre-print labels ahead of time and deliver them to the gallery space ready to hang with the delivered artworks. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will make our delivery more efficient.



I was very impressed by the number of members who came to Lee Bauman's excellent presentation at our **new location** for General Meetings, the Francis Branch Library. Many thanks to Lee and everyone who came and brought a dessert to share.

Laura Elliott, President

Annual May Social with NIPS and SJVWS

Saturday May 2 is our annual potluck luncheon with members of the Northern Indiana Pastel Society and the St Joe Valley Watercolor Society, at Sacred Heart Parish Center, Notre Dame campus, 11:30 - 2:00.

RSVP to Dee Thornton, deelthornton@att.net, by April 26. Members may bring a guest.

Please bring a side dish to share. Main dishes - chicken and tacos - will be provided.

Sacred Heart Parish Center, on St. Joseph's lake, provides a scenic area for walking, painting, or photographing before or after the luncheon.

EAST (Ironwood): Take Douglas Road east turning onto Moreau Drive from the 2nd roundabout. Drive west to the Parish Center parking lot, about a half mile.

WEST (SR 933): Turn east onto Douglas Road. Turn onto Moreau Drive at the 2nd roundabout, continue west about a half mile to the Parish Center parking lot.

NORTH (Juniper): Go south on Juniper. At the second roundabout exit right onto Moreau Drive. Continue west about a half mile to the Parish Center parking lot.



Art Matters

Mary Ann Roach Butkovich's exhibit "You Paint Too Pretty – My Art Journey" at Saint Mary's College Moreau Gallery has been extended through June 6.

Laura Hensley's abstract "Turquoise Forest" was accepted to the Michiana Annual Art Competition (MAAC) at the Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, MI, through July 5.



Forest Abstract

boxfactoryforthearts.org.

Her abstract "Mocha Botanicals" will be on exhibit at the Around the Bend show at the South Bend Museum of Art May 23-August 23. Opening reception June 5, 5-8pm. southbendart.org

Sunday Mahaja's show "Falling Pollinators" will be at The Arts Federation, Robert B & Patricia Peyton Truitt Gallery, May 1-29, with the opening reception 5/1 from 6-8pm. 638 North Street, Lafayette, IN. Gallery hours are 9-5 M-F. theartsfederation.org

Linda Fritschner has two acrylic paintings in the Indiana Women's Caucus exhibit at the Roti Roti Art Center in Buchanan, MI, through May 10. rotirotiartcenter.org



Red Barn

Cara Lawson-Ball will give a gallery talk at the Roti Roti Art Center, Buchanan, MI, April 26 from 12-1pm EDT – "Presence & Place: 30 Years of Artistic Exploration in Sculpture and Paint." The event is free to the public.



Cara will also have work in the Around the Bend exhibit at SBMA and at the MAAC, Box Factory for the Arts.

Northern Indiana Pastel Society's 20th Anniversary Exhibit will be May 23 - July 12 in the Crowley Community Gallery, South Bend Museum of Art. A reception with awards will be the First Friday, June 5, 5-8 pm with the Around the Bend exhibit.

Susan Piper and NIPS member Maureen (Mo) McKinley Light have a pastel exhibit in Benton Harbor at the Space In Between Gallery, 196 Water Street, Benton Harbor, through June 6. thespaceinbetween.art



Sunrise for Arlo

2026 ALUMNA EXHIBITION

Mary Ann Roach Butkovich '64
You Paint Too Pretty - My Art Journey

Moreau Gallery
April 23 - June 6, 2026

Thursday, April 23
4:30-6 PM: Opening Reception, Moreau Gallery
5:00 PM: In-gallery Talk, Moreau Gallery

Saturday, June 6
2:15 PM: In-gallery Talk, Moreau Gallery

The Alumna Exhibition is presented by the Department of Art and Moreau Gallery.

Saint Mary's College
NOTRE DAME, IN



Sunday Mahaja
Falling Pollinators
Brian Hitzelberger
Poems
Kathleen Lee
Art, an Exploration.

THE ARTS FEDERATION GALLERIES
May 1 - 29th, 2026

The artists were featured in the entertainment section of the *Herald Palladium* April 9.

Susan' pastel, "Sunrise for Arlo" was accepted to the MAAC show, Box Factory for the Arts.

Ginny Scott was accepted into Around the Bend and into the MAAC show at the Box Factory. She is also exhibiting with the Area Artists at the LaPorte County Visitors Center, 4073 South Franklin Street, Michigan City. michigancitylaporte.com/

Susan Pelka's pastel "On the Trail to Laural Falls" was accepted to the MAAC, Box Factory for the Arts.

Joan Spohrer's digital work, "The Back Way," will be in the Around the Bend exhibit, SBMA; digital works "Edge of the Pond" and "A Yellow House in Arles" are in the Indiana Women's Caucus exhibit at the Roti Roti gallery, Buchanan, MI; and three acrylics "Dancing by the Fountain," "Lemons," and "Zinnia Splash" will be at Heartland Art Center's Small Wonders exhibit, The Historic Firehouse, 220 N Center St., Plymouth, April 28 to May 29. The reception will be held May 29, 6-8pm. heartlandartgallery.com



Zinnia Splash

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Calls for Art

SBMA Festival of Banners

The South Bend Museum of Art invites local artists and creatives to design original banner artwork the annual Festival of Banners competition. This year's theme is "Our Ecosystem." The museum prospectus states this goal: "With this exhibit the Museum will celebrate creative responses that highlight our shared relationship with the environment and the interconnected systems that sustain our community." For more information visit southbendart.org/opportunities/; to enter visit southbendart.submittable.com/submit.

Chesterton Women's Art Club Annual Art Show

The Chesterton Women's Art Club has a call for art for its 74th Annual Art Show, to be exhibited at the Chesterton Art Center May 5-30. Entries (2 limit) must be brought in to Chesterton Art Center 115 S 4th St., Chesterton Monday, May 4 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 pm. Awards reception May 15, 4-7pm. For complete information contact Chesterton Art Center, 219-926-4711, chestertonart.org

Art Matters, cont'd

Nancy Turner had a painting accepted to the MAAC show at the St. Joe Box Factory, and also will have a painting in the Around the Bend show at the SBMA.

Mona Witt cold wax and oil with collage piece, "Getting My Twirl On," right, has been accepted to Heartland's "Small Wonders" exhibit. Mona also has a cold wax and oil with collage piece named "In Flight" in the "Around the Bend" exhibit at the SBMA.



Thomas Zuber will participate in a number of art fairs this summer: Art Fair on the Square, Noblesville, IN May 9; Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Fair, Kalamazoo, MI, June 5-6; Stone Arch Bridge Festival, Minneapolis, MN, June 20-21; Art in the Park, Plymouth, MI, July 10-12; Art in the Streets, Plymouth, IN, July 25, Milford Memories, Art in the Village, Milford, MI, Aug 7-9. He will also be in Around the Bend.

NIA Calendar

June

1-27

Exhibit

Heartland Art Center
214 N. Michigan
Plymouth

September

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General Meeting

Francis Branch, SJ CPL

October

Exhibit, Fernwood Gallery
13988 Rangeline Road,
Niles, MI

November

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General Meeting

Francis Branch, SJ CPL



WOMEN'S CAUCUS for ART
Indiana Chapter

IWCA Spring Member Exhibit Indiana Women's Caucus for Art

April 1– May 10, 2026

Reception: Sunday, April 12, 2-4PM

Roti Roti Art Center

117 W Front St
Buchanan, Michigan 49107
269-697-4005

Gallery Hours:

Wednesday - Friday Noon-5 pm ET

Saturday - Sunday Noon-4 pm ET

Closed Monday - Tuesday





Heartland Art Center*
 Located at **The Historic Firehouse**
 (A red colored building behind the Post Office)
220 N. Center St., Plymouth, IN
 June 1, 2026 – June 27, 2026

The Deadline for Submitting Online Entry Form Information is
May 28th by Email to: ldhensley68@gmail.com

Drop-Off: Saturday, May 30, 10 AM-2 PM

Reception & Awards: Saturday June 27, 1-3 PM • Pick-Up: Immediately Following

Exhibit judge: Matthew Celmer of Moontree Studios

- Theme for this show is **“Summer Splendor”**. The art should not have been shown in a previous NIA Exhibit and must be your own original art. You may enter two pieces of artwork. Artwork must be appropriate for a family-friendly gallery. No AI work will be accepted. The Gallery retains a 30% Commission.
- Artwork must be ready to hang with wire (see proper hanging method at nia-art.org)
- NIA and Heartland are not responsible for loss or damage
- For questions or help transporting artwork, call or text Laura Hensley: 574-367-0025
- Submit two printed entry forms per artwork
- Attach one form to the lower right back of the artwork. Entry fees: **\$10** for first piece, **\$5** for second payable at Drop-off May 30th
- NIA dues must be current to participate
 If not current as of March 1, 2026, a \$35 dues payment is required before entry
 Pay online at nia-art.org OR mail to NIA Treasurer, PO Box 906, South Bend, IN 46624
- Refreshments will be provided at the reception

Entry (1)

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Title of Work _____
 Medium _____ Price _____ Or, Not for Sale _____

Entry (2)

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Title of Work _____
 Medium _____ Price _____ Or, Not for Sale _____