

# Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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December 2018

## Reception and Art Releasing

4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16  
South Bend Civic Theatre, 403 N. Main St.  
South Bend, IN 46601

This event replaces the releasing that was scheduled for Jan. 9.  
*Art will not be released Jan. 9.*

- View 52 works in pastel by 30 members of NIPS
- Visit expanded gallery spaces
- Enjoy refreshments and tours of the theater by Dan Slattery

Participating artists may take home their art at 5:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, art is available for viewing during theater productions and when the box office is open: noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call the box office to check on hours if you plan to come during holiday week: **574-234-1112**. On stage though Dec. 23 is the play *The Christmas Schooner*.

Most of this artwork was shown at the members exhibit at MoonTree Studios, Donaldson, in October and November. Works from that show traveled to South Bend Civic Theatre and 12 new works were added. Winners in the MoonTree exhibit included **Greg Lorch, Avon Waters, Tim Swagerle, Lylanne Musselman** and **Evie Schwenk**. Their works will be on view at the theater.



## Member News

**Mary Ann Pals** received the fourth-place award for her pastel, "Wall Walker," in the animal/wildlife category of the 2018 Pastel 100 Competition sponsored by Pastel Journal magazine. There were over 2,000 entries. The winning art will be published in the April 2019 issue of *Pastel Journal*.

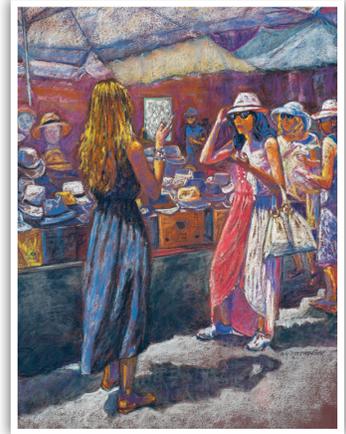
"Wall Walker" also was accepted as a finalist in the Richeson 75: Animals,



Wall Walker

Birds, & Wildlife Online Exhibit. It will be one of 75 pieces to get a full page in the show's exhibit book and will be considered for an award. View the work on the Richeson web site: [richesonart.com](http://richesonart.com).

**Barbara Gentner Stephenson's** pastel, "Open Market-France" won an award in the student/faculty exhibit at South Bend Museum of Art that is on view through Jan. 6. Others showing pastels in the exhibit include



Barbara Gentner Stephenson, *Smokin'*

**Dee Thornton, Michele Warrell, Zara Osterman, Mary Szabo, Paul Wieber, Mary Jo Morey, Daniel Tom, Ti Lavers, Dan Slattery, Paul Thornton, Diann Nelson, Mary McDermott, Tami McNally, Greg Lorch, Mary Meehan Firtl, Peg Luecke,** instructor **Cathy McCormick** and **Jim Cooke** with an oil painting.

**Lylanne Musselman's** pastel paintings, "Cat Lover," and "Content Cat," were included in the Art Association of Madison County's annual juried exhibit. "Content Cat" was awarded an honorable mention in the dry media category. Lylanne also had a pastel painting, "Contemplating Gauguin," in the Elkhart Art League's annual juried show at Arts on Main Gallery in Elkhart. Both shows were held in November.

"First Snow," an acrylic painting by **Rosie Mireles**, is on view through December in the members show at Heartland Artists Gallery, Plymouth. The theme of the show is winter's beauty.

**Alan Larkin** won the Best Still Life Award at the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society online international fall 2018 exhibition: [noaps.org/2018-fall-online](http://noaps.org/2018-fall-online)

**Mary Meehan Firtl** had a pastel painting juried into the Elkhart Art League's show at Arts on Main in Elkhart, and two works in the Midwest Museum of American Art Regional Show.

**Rex Edwards** and **Barbara Gentner Stephenson** won awards in the Northern Indiana Artists show Sept. 14 to Oct. 26, at Colfax Cultural Center, 914 Lincoln Way West, South Bend. Also in the show were **Marie Arch, Jim Cooke, Mary Meehan Firtl, Jude Phillips, Dee Thornton** and **Cathy McCormick**. Rex Edwards sold his winning pastel painting.

### **New Blog**

Want to learn how to design your paintings using

a variety of compositions proven to be winners?

Member **Avon Waters** started a blog dedicated to sharing, not teaching, what he learns about 20 composition designs.

"I started it to help people not make the same mistakes I did. I never realized until this year that there are hundreds of ways to combine designs that make a bad painting better." Edgar Payne's book on landscape composition, Carlson's book on landscape, and many more readings are the basis of his posts. See the blog at **avonwaters.com**.

### **Tips from Art Prof**

**Avon Waters** has been exploring *Art Prof* hosted by the Rhode Island School of Design. He says the free site is dedicated to helping artists improve their skills. It has articles and videos, including student critiques and tips on using social media for marketing. If your goal is to improve your composition, the critiques will help you. See: **artprof.org**.

### **Future Shows**

#### **Salvation Army Kroc Center, South Bend, Ind.**

March 15 to May 18, 2019.

*Deliver art:* Monday, March 11 3-5:30 p.m.

*Releasing of Art:* 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18.

*Reception to be announced.*

#### **Heartland Artists Gallery, Plymouth, Ind.**

July 23 to Aug. 24, 2019.

*Deliver:* noon to 3 p.m. July 21, hang at 3 p.m.

*Reception:* 1-4 p.m. Aug. 4.

*Release:* 3-5 p.m. Aug. 24

#### **Buchanan Art Center, Buchanan, Mich.**

Spring 2020

#### **Colfax Cultural Center, South Bend, Ind.**

September to October 2020

Moon Tree Studios, Donaldson, IN, May 8 to June 20, 2021. Set up May 4-7. Take down June 21. Reception 1-3 p.m. May 15

### **To Enter**

92 County Art Show at Honeywell Center, Wabash, Ind., will be on view Jan. 10 to Feb. 18. It is open to artists residing in all 92 counties in Indiana. Entries will be accepted Monday, Jan. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry forms: **Honeywellcenter.org** or **260-274-1457**.

Art will be received 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 2-7 for the regional juried arts competition at the Carnegie Center for the Arts, Three Rivers, Mich. Entry fee is \$15 each. Three works can be entered. Reception 7 p.m. Feb. 18. The show closes Feb. 20. Info: **269-273-8882**.

### **Calling All Plein Air Painters**

Indiana Plein Air Painter's Association, IPAPA, has a membership discount if you join or renew before Jan. 31. Membership includes free events in northern Indiana as well as access to member shows in the Hoosier Salon, other venues, and member-only events such as painting master works in museums in February. See the "Join" tab at **inpainters.org**. For info, contact IPAPA president Avon Waters at **avonwaters@yahoo.com**.

### **Garden Artists Invited**

Artists are invited to participate in the 30<sup>th</sup> annual **Arts in Bloom Garden Walk** to benefit South Bend Museum of Art. Mark your calendar for 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 in the Erskine Manor, Ridgedale, and Kensington Lake neighborhoods.

Hosted by the Art League, patrons buy tickets to view the gardens and meet artists as they paint outdoors in the gardens. Featured artists are needed to paint for shifts lasting all day or portions of the day. Friends who wish to paint together can be assigned to the same garden. Artist names, medium and contact info will be listed in the souvenir booklet. Artists are invited to create works that range from house portraits and views of the lawns, gardens and trees to details of flowers, yard ornaments and plants.

To be a garden artist, please contact Lea Goldman at **leagoldman@comcast.net**.



Image from Avon Water's website

## Education

Classes in pastels, drawing, watercolor, painting, ceramics and other media will begin the week of Jan. 7 and run eight weeks at South Bend Museum of Art. See [southbendart.org/make](http://southbendart.org/make). Members pay a lower fee for classes, and new memberships are 25 percent off in December.

“Drawing from the Model” will resume in spring Wednesdays at Buchanan Art Center, Buchanan, Mich.

**Cathy McCormick** offers a drop-in pastels class Fridays at 10 a.m. at Battell Community Center, 904 N. Main St., Mishawaka. Fee is \$15. Info: [camccorm@aol.com](mailto:camccorm@aol.com). Cathy offers her regular pastels class 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at South Bend Museum of Art. See [southbendart.org](http://southbendart.org).

## Memberships

New and renewing members can pay dues of **\$25** by mailing a check payable to *Northern Indiana Pastel Society* to treasurer **Sue Coultas**, 519 Woodruff, Niles, MI 49120, **269-683-6415**, [suecoultas@comcast.net](mailto:suecoultas@comcast.net). Members who are current with their dues may participate in shows.

## Facebook

Please search Facebook for *Northern Indiana Pastel Society* and **like** the page. You can also share the posted info to your own page and note that you are a member of NIPS. Also remember to post a photo of your art when you participate in shows and invite your friends to visit the show. This effort helps us get the word out about our art.



*To all the members of the Northern Indiana Pastel Society and their families, Happy Holidays and here's to the new year ahead of joyful pastel painting!*