

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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October 2019

Meeting

1:30 p.m. Sunday, October 20

Upstairs studio

South Bend Museum of Art

120 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

South Bend

Located in the Century Center, downtown South Bend

Your contribution of appetizers and desserts will be welcome.

Program: Better Compositions by Avon Waters

NIPs member
Avon Waters'
presentation on
composition
features a brief
overview of his
two-year study
of composition
from some of the
foremost experts
on the subject.



He has presented this topic in a three-hour workshop featuring demonstrations of 20 different composition designs. His 30-minute discussion cannot cover all the designs, but he will give members a taste of how good composition can position artist to be in the running for sales and awards.

Avon began painting before he started school. He studied art at Indiana U and is a regular workshop attendee. He started out painting in oils but switched to pastel three years ago. He has won awards this year at the New Harmony Hoosier Salon, Heartland Artists Gallery, the Honeywell Clark Gallery, Decatur printout, and the TC Steele Memorial art contest in Brown County. His work is

on exhibit at the Minneterista Center, Heartland Artist Gallery in Plymouth, in the Senate offices in the Capitol Building, Washington, DC, and a solo show at the Kokomo Art Center.

Past meeting

More than a dozen members plus guests enjoyed elegant refreshments while drawing, painting and photographing the gardens at the Carriage House Dining Room, South Bend, during our annual midsummer garden party on July 26.

Member News

Members showing art in the Elkhart Juried Regional at Midwest Museum of American Art to Dec. 21 include **James Cooke, Kay**

Londergan, Peg Luecke, Gerrie Govert, Cathy McCormick, Tami McNally, Mary Meehan Firtl, Phil Monteith, Ron Monsma (oil) and Mona Witt (oil and cold wax). 147 works are on view. Gerrie, Ron and Mona won prizes.



Gerrie Govert

Pastel artists in the 31st annual Fall Regional Juried Art Exhibit at Heartland Artists Gallery in Plymouth include **Avon Waters, Gerrie Govert, John Streeter, Tana Bondar, Rosie Mireles, Lylanne Musselman, and Cathy McCormick.** Avon, Gerrie, John and Tana won prizes. More than 160 works are on view to Nov. 1.

The annual juried landscape exhibit through Nov. 17 at Fernwood Botanical Gardens features pastels by **Mary Szabo, Dee Thornton, Dan Slattry, Michelle Warrell, Greg Lorch, Tami McNally, Jude Phillips, Linda DeCelles, Mary Meehan Firtl, Cathy McCormick and Kay Londergan** with a photograph. 46 works are on view.

Northern Indiana Artists members' exhibit at Buchanan Art Center, Buchanan, MI, through Nov. 2 includes pastel society members



Dee Thornton, James Cooke, Jude Phillips, Barbara Gentner Stephenson, Marie Arch (photograph) and Cathy McCormick.

36 works are on display.

Lylanne Musselman had two pastels in Ventures in Creativity, Fort Wayne Artists Guild's 42nd annual juried exhibit, in July. "Three Poets" won a certificate of merit, and "Contemplating Gauguin," was selected for the traveling exhibit. It appeared at Taste of Arts in August and is currently at Three Rivers Luxury Apartments Gallery. Musselman's pastel, "Cat Lover," won first place in open media at the Fort Wayne Artists Guild member show in September. Her pastel, "Cooped Up," was juried into the Figures of Speech Exhibition at the Anderson Museum of Art. That exhibit is open to anyone who has lived in the Midwest.

Mary Ann Pals will have two pastel paintings, *Wall Walker* and *Wetland Stunner*, in the Pastels Chicago 2019 juried exhibit, sponsored by Chicago Pastel Painters at The Art Center, Highland Park, IL Nov. 5 – Dec. 4. Mary Ann will also have pastel artwork in an invitational exhibit sponsored by the Prairie Arts Council called PAC Northern Region Artists Show, Nov. 24 to Jan. 2, 2020 in the Lilian Fendig Gallery, Carnegie Center, Rensselaer, IN.

Cathy McCormick has pastels in two shows by Indiana Women's Caucus for Art: Colfax Cultural Center, South Bend, to Oct. 25 and Penn High School Kingsmen Gallery, Mishawaka, to Oct. 30.

Worth a Try

Member **Phil Monteith**, PSA, suggests painting in short bits of time, 30–60 minutes, and then waiting half a day or more before working again. Phil says, "my work is more concentrated, with fewer mistakes and better results. This probably won't work for everyone, but for me it gets around some of my physical problems and I get something done. It takes less time to finish than it used to, and I'm getting better pictures out of it."

Education

Drawing from the model will take place 6:30–8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Buchanan Art Center, Buchanan, MI, through Nov. 20. After that, meetings resume in March. Clothed models, men and women, are featured in different poses for 15 to 30 minutes at a time. Drop in for \$5. For info, contact **Sue Coultas** at suecoultas@comcast.net.

Membership dues

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. Members who are current with their dues may participate in shows. Be sure to update your email address, phone number and mailing address when renewing.

Classes

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. Cathy resumes her regular pastels class 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at South Bend Museum of Art in January. See southbendart.org

Future NIPS Shows

> Notre Dame Center for Civic Innovation Crossroads Gallery

formerly the ND Center for Art and Culture
1045 W. Washington St., South Bend
Jan. 24 to Feb. 27, 2020.

> Buchanan Art Center, Buchanan MI, Showcase Gallery

Wednesday May 20 to Saturday June 27, 2020.
Deliver: 1–4 p.m. May 17. **Install:** May 18.
Reception: 2–4 p.m. May 31.
Releasing: 11a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28.
These are new dates.

> Colfax Cultural Center, South Bend

Sept. 11 to Oct. 23, 2020. All three galleries.

> Kroc Center, South Bend

March–May 2021

> MoonTree 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

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