

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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July 2021

WELCOME BACK!

Northern Indiana Pastel Society is gradually resuming normal activities and thanks you for your patience during the past year.

While meetings were suspended, we accomplished a virtual exhibit with Buchanan Art Center last summer, and successful in-person exhibits at Colfax Cultural Center and Kroc Community Center in fall and spring.

Our current exhibit at MoonTree Studios went ahead as planned, and we look forward to a reception July 23.

Recently we were invited to have a fall exhibit at Fernwood Botanical Gardens. The theme is **Autumn Brilliance**. There is no need to paint in autumn colors, but we look forward to showing our work amid the spectacular fall scenery at Fernwood. The shows at MoonTree and Fernwood honor our 15th year of operation since our founding in 2006.

Meeting
2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15
Upstairs Studio, South Bend Museum of Art

Program: **Painting Indiana Rivers**

Avon Waters has teamed up with four other artists to paint Indiana's major waterways and rivers over the next two years. The best 100 paintings by the five artists will tour in exhibitions with the help of the Izaak Walton League. The paintings will illustrate the recreational and conservation efforts of Indiana waterways. You

may follow the project's progress by joining the Indiana Waterways Facebook Group page.

Members are invited to bring a work they created during the past year for show and tell.

Plein Air at Carriage House

Join us for plein air painting at Carriage House Dining Room.

24460 Adams Road, South Bend. (West on Adams Road from Portage to Orange Road.)

6-8 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2021. Rain date July 17.

Reservations are due Tuesday, July 12, with Cathy McCormick, camccorm@aol.com

Enjoy complimentary appetizers, wine and lemonade while drawing and painting the beautiful gardens at the Carriage House Dining Room. Be inspired by abundant hydrangea blooms as well as ancient trees in sunny gardens and shady nooks.

Owner Joshua Bishop writes, "The Carriage House cordially invites the Northern Indiana Pastel Society to our Artists in the Garden Series. This event allows artists to create scenes from our flower gardens while dinner guests walk the gardens and view the art in progress. Artists who participate will receive a gift certificate for a future complimentary dinner including an alcoholic beverage of their choosing."

Current Exhibit: MoonTree Studios Pastel Expressions

- > 21 works by 14 artists.
 - > MoonTree Studios, 9638 Union Road, at the Center at Donaldson, Plymouth, Indiana.
 - > June 1-July 23, 2021 (Closed July 5.)
 - > Reception with awards and releasing 2-4 p.m. Friday, July 23.
 - > Hours: 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday and Friday. Tuesday -Thursday by appointment.
- 574-935-1712**, rhansen@poorhandmaids.org

Directions: To avoid construction on Highway 30 north of Plymouth, **Dee Thornton** offers these directions from South Bend. Take US 31 south to US 6 west. Go west on US 6 to N. Tamarack Road. Go south on Tamarack to West 4B Road. Go west on West 4B Road to Union. Turn south on Union to MoonTree. You will cross US 30. Travel takes about an hour.

Future exhibits

> Fernwood Botanical Garden

13988 Range Line Road, Niles, MI

Autumn Brilliance, our second 15th anniversary exhibit will run Sept. 3 to Oct. 31, 2021

Receiving: Tuesday Aug. 31, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Closing reception with awards and releasing: Oct. 31, 1–3 p.m.

(These hours should allow artists to get home in time for trick or treat)

Refreshments served by Fernwood

Fee to enter: \$10 for one, \$15 for two works

Larger works are welcome

Digital images will be needed in advance for publicity so remember to photograph your art.

> Kroc Community Center, South Bend, March to May 2022

> Colfax Cultural Center, South Bend, Sept. 9 to Oct. 14, 2022

Previous exhibit

Visions, March 15 to May 1, 2021

Kroc Community Center, South Bend

39 works by 25 artists

Judge's awards: **Mary Ann Ross, Megan R. Wright, Diann Nelson, Peg Luecke**

Honorable mentions: **Paul Wieber, Hilarie Couture, Tana S. Bondar, Rosie Mireles**

Dues forgiven for 2021

Those who paid dues for 2020 are current for 2021 as well. Dues will not be requested again until spring 2022.

Dues of \$25 can be sent to treasurer

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519 Woodruff, Niles
MI 49120.

Make your check payable to:
Northern Indiana Pastel Society.

Events to attend

> Arts in Bloom Garden Walk

On July 7, tour seven area gardens in Winding Brook and The Forest neighborhoods in Mishawaka. Sponsored by the Art League, tickets are \$15 in advance at the South Bend Museum of Art until July 6 or online at <https://bit.ly/3fKmsv2>.

Tickets will be held for pick-up at the hospitality center, Henry Frank Park, 601 E. Day Road, Mishawaka from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 at the hospitality center the day of the event. All proceeds benefit South Bend Museum of Art. 28 artists will be painting in the gardens. Pastel artists include **Theresa Harrison, Shandelle Henson, Denise Kuehner, Cathy McCormick, Tami McNally, Jude Phillips, Evie Schwenk.**

> Lydick Bog Paint Out

Artists are invited to a paint out 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 at Lydick Bog Nature Preserve, west of South Bend on US 20, just northeast of the town of Lydick.

The preserve is part of the Shirley Heinze Land Trust, and its Nature in the Arts Committee has developed programs in several preserves across northern Indiana in August.

The preserve offers forests, ravines, prairies, and wetlands located an easy walk from the parking lot. A large, covered picnic shelter is available also. Music will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Before the paint out, artists are invited to view the area on their own and do preliminary sketching and painting. These works can be put on view during the paint out.

Following the event, artwork will be showcased on Shirley Heinze Land Trust's website, and promoted in the trust's email newsletter and social media posts.

The preserve's address is 25898 US Highway 20, South Bend, IN 46628. Info is available at: heinzetrust.org/lydick-bog-nature-preserve.

For more information and to register to participate in the paint out, please contact **Cathy McCormick**, camccorm@aol.com.

> Artists are sought for an art walk July 9 in Nappanee. Cost for a booth is \$25. Info: visitnappanee.com

First Brush of Fall

Sept. 23, 24, 25. Converse, Indiana

Hosted by Indiana Plein Air Painters Association and **Avon Waters**.

<https://www.inpainters.org/schedule>

Member news

Hilarie Couture has art in the International Association of Pastel Societies exhibit June 19–July 18 at Zhou B Art Center, 1029 W. 35th St., Chicago, IL 60609. ZhouBartCenter.com. Reception and award ceremony was June 18.

A still life, “Plumb Crazy,” by **Mary Meehan Firtl** was featured in an online ad for Dakota Art Pastels in June.

Mona Witt, Shandelle Henson, Janice Harpole, Jude Phillips, Cathy McCormick have works in the exhibit celebrating the St. Joseph River through July 10 at Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan, Mich. Open noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. buchanartcenter@gmail.com. Cathy won a prize.



Raven by Kari Black

Barbara Gentner Stephenson, Janice Lampos and **Kari Black** had paintings accepted into the Art and Social Justice Show at Colfax Cultural Center July 2–Aug. 13, with reception 7–9 p.m. July 16.

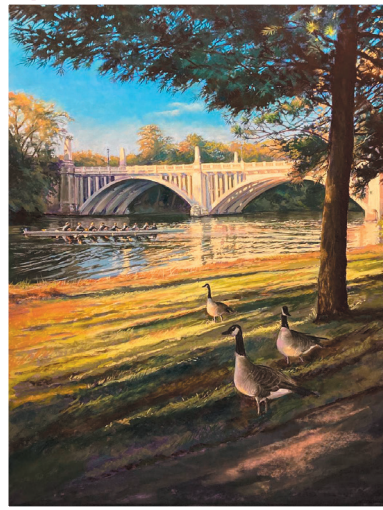
Several members have work in the student/faculty show at South Bend Museum of Art through **July 11. Reception: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 10. Open noon to 5 p.m.** Wednesday through Sunday.

Pastels: **Diann Nelson, Peg Luecke, Sheila Geyer, Mary Szabo, Mary Meehan Firtl, Cathy McCormick.**

Drawing: **Shandelle Henson, Victoria Erdel Garcia.**

Acrylic: **Rose Mireles.**

Ceramics: **Kari Black.**



Peg Luecke was among five finalists in the Charlotte Hunt Art Prize competition. Her pastel, *September Song*, celebrates a September morning alongside the St. Joseph River in South Bend’s River Park

neighborhood. The 2020 competition was sponsored by the Hunt family in honor of their sister Charlotte, who lived with her family in River Park for many decades and especially enjoyed visiting the river. The five finalists’ artworks are permanently installed at the River Park Branch Library.

Winning awards in the Northern Indiana Artists show in April at Heartland Artist Gallery, Plymouth, were pastels by **Dee Thornton, Mary Meehan Firtl, Barbara Gentner Stephenson, Cathy McCormick, Jude Phillips**, and a ceramic piece by **Kari Black**.

Mary Meehan Firtl, and her mother, Norma Lu Meehan, fashion illustrator and nationally known paper doll artist, will give a program for the Art League of South Bend Museum of Art at noon Oct. 19 at Beiger Mansion, 317 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka. The public is welcome. See the Art League page on the SBMA website to make a reservation for lunch and the program.

Kari Black won an honorable mention in the Michiana Annual Art Competition May 14–July 11, Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, Mich. Kari is teaching Tuesday Night Clay College Summer Blast Classes Aug. 10–Sept. 7 at South Bend Museum of Art.

Kari Black and **Cathy McCormick** have paintings in the Indiana Women’s Caucus for Art exhibition “Alone Together,” at South Haven Center for the Arts June 25–Aug. 7.