

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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October 2023

Northern Indiana Pastel Society Membership Exhibit:

Pastel Kaleidoscope

Reception with awards: 2-4 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 15.

Appetizers and desserts are welcome.

Roti Roti Art Center, formerly Buchanan Art Center,
117 West Front St., Buchanan, Mich.

Gallery hours: noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday,
noon to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

Releasing of art: Noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29.

Awards will be presented to

Mary Firtl, "The View from the Bridge"

Elizabeth Kuntz, "Gatekeeper"

Peg Luecke, "Summer Evening on
the St. Joe"

Emma Marsh, "Push"

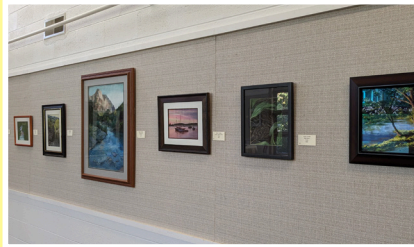
Robert R. Williams, "Layla in White
with Summer Hat"

Awards were selected by **David Baker**,
emeritus art faculty of Southwestern
Michigan College.

The awards for this show will be named
the "**Walter Gunn Awards**" honoring our
longtime member who is ill. The show
features 31 works by 22 artists.

Thank you to members for helping with the exhibit.

Receiving art: **Peg Luecke, Maureen Light, Kay Londergan, Jude Phillips, Dee Thornton**. Hanging the show: **Janice Harpole, Tim Link, Kay Londergan, Cathy McCormick**.



Robert Williams'
"Layla in White with
Summer Hat"

Meeting:

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Francis Branch Library
52655 N. Ironwood Road, South Bend

10:30-11 a.m. Social time

11 a.m. to noon: Meeting and program with
speaker, **Mary Ann Pals** of Chesterton, Indiana,
who will describe her experience as artist in
residence at Indiana Dunes National Park, and
show her art that was inspired by the Dunes.

Members are invited to bring an appetizer,
fruit, or light brunch item to share. Guests are
welcome. Meeting organizer **Dee Thornton**
(deethorn@att.net) would appreciate help in
organizing the room and refreshments before
the meeting and cleaning up afterward.

Mary Ann Pals is a pastel and charcoal artist
living near the southern tip of Lake Michigan
in Chesterton,
IN. She regularly
exhibits her work in
area, national, and
international shows
and art fairs.

In 2008, she
won the Hoosier
Women Artists
Award, and her
pastel painting was
hung in the Indiana
Statehouse for a

year. She is an active member of three national
pastel societies and has attained Master Circle
status with IAPS. She has published articles
in *Pastel Journal* magazine several times. In
2022, she was commissioned by the Indiana
Native Plant Society to create a pastel painting
titled, *Marram Grass*. She regularly gives pastel
classes, workshops, demos, and lectures locally
and across the U.S., in person and via Zoom.
Education: Bachelor's Degree in Humanities
from Northwestern College (IA), with a minor
in Visual Arts.



Mary Ann Pals, Oct. 28 speaker

To view some of the other works, visit the
Northern Indiana Pastel Society events at:
<https://nipastelsociety.org/events/>

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Mary Ann's artwork is her passion. She enjoys creating life-like scenes that depict the natural beauty she sees around her. She has traveled extensively with her family across the U.S., hiking, bird and butterfly watching, and taking reference photos. Her frequent travels provide her with a rich library of visual images. Back in her studio she uses her photos and memories as a springboard to zoom in on individual creatures and plants, creating an intimate look at nature's stories. Mary Ann claims, "Nature says it best. I just embellish the tale."

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Holiday Potluck

Mark your calendar:

Friday, Dec. 8

at Pinhook Community Center,
Pinhook Park, South Bend.

Social time at 11:30, meal at noon.

Announcements follow the meal. Members and guests are welcome. *More info to come!*

Member News

Avon Waters' work has been accepted into four national and international exhibitions this summer. His pastel works have been in the Pastel Society of the West Coast International exhibition "99 Voices"

and its exhibition catalog from the Stockton California Higgin Museum; the Pastel Society of Maine's national exhibition in the Brick Store Museum Kennebunk, ME; the Red Rock Pastel Society of Nevada's National competition, "Orange," at the Patricia Fowler gallery, Las Vegas NV; and he was named an award winner at the Chicago Pastel Painters International exhibition.

Dee Thornton won a merit award for her acrylic painting, "The Eyes Have It," in the 35th juried Regional Art Exhibition at Heartland Artists Gallery in Plymouth through Oct. 27. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Online exhibit: heartlandartgallery.com.



Avon Waters' "Waiting On the Sun"



Dee Thornton's "Time to Go"

Dee won first place in the drawing category with her pastel "Time to Go" in the sixth annual Cass County Juried

Regional Exhibit at Cass County Gallery, 120 N. Broadway, Cassopolis, Mich. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to Nov. 3.

Participating in the paint out at Lydick Bog Nature Preserve Sept. 30 were **Carol Cuthbertson, Karla Davenport, John DeMaegd, Mary Firtl, Marta Francis, Jude Phillips, Joan Spohrer, Cathy McCormick.**

Northern Indiana Pastel Society was a sponsor of this event, which was

one of several Nature in the Arts events organized across the region by the Shirley Heinze Land Trust, which is dedicated to the preservation of natural areas in northwestern Indiana. NIPS was named in an article in the *South Bend Tribune* promoting the Lydick Bog event.

Lydick Bog Nature Preserve is west of South Bend at 25898 U.S. Highway 20, South Bend, IN heinzetrust.org/lydick-bog-nature-preserve.



Mary Firtl's "Lydick Bog Morning"

Future NIPS Exhibits

- > **Heartland Artists Gallery, Plymouth, Ind., JULY 2024**
- > **Colfax Cultural Center, South Bend, Ind., SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2025**

Dues

Membership renewals were due in March. Dues of **\$25** can be sent to treasurer **Sue Coultas**, 519 Woodruff, Niles MI 49120. (suecoultas@comcast.net) Make your check to NIPS or *Northern Indiana Pastel Society*.

