

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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March 2024

Meeting: Saturday, March 9, 2024

Francis Branch Library
52655 N. Ironwood Road, South Bend

11–11:30 a.m. Meet and greet social time

11:30 a.m. Announcements and program with speaker

Members are invited to bring an appetizer, fruit, or light brunch item to share. Guests are welcome. **Dee Thornton** would appreciate help in organizing the room and refreshments before the meeting and cleanup afterward. deelthorn@att.net

Program

Pastel Society member **Pamela Fozo** will discuss the art and career of Alan Flattmann and show his original pastel painting she recently purchased.

Over a career of more than 40 years, **Alan Flattmann** is recognized as one of the most influential and respected pastel artists in the country. He is a Pastel Society of America's Hall of Fame

honoree and is an Eminent Pastelist in the International Association of Pastel Societies.

Although accomplished in oil and watercolor, Flattmann, age 77 of New Orleans, is best known for his work in pastel. He is the author of the influential book, *The Art of Pastel Painting*.

Many members recall the excellent workshop Alan Flattmann gave for our pastel society in 2008. We are eager to view his new pastel painting that Pam will display at the meeting.



Annual Potluck luncheon Saturday, May 4

**Sacred Heart Parish Center,
Notre Dame, IN 46556**

Arrive at 11:30, luncheon at noon.

Please bring a dish to pass.

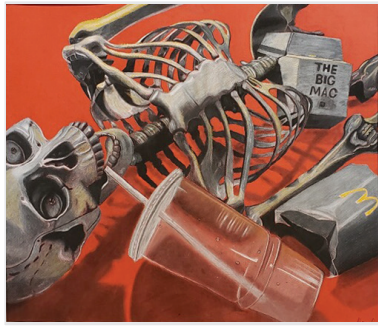
Northern Indiana Artists, Inc. again hosts the event and invites our society and the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society to join in a potluck with NIA members. NIA will provide chicken, service ware, water, coffee, iced tea, tablecloths, and raffle prizes. Artists may bring a guest and an artwork on an easel to show.

The historic Sacred Heart Parish Center is located on St. Joseph's Lake, the north side of Notre Dame campus, west of the Douglas roundabout, south off Moreau Drive. The location offers opportunities for painting, photographing, and walking along the lake before or after our luncheon. Handicap parking is available by the front doors of the Parish Center. There is a ramp for those who cannot navigate stairs.

Please contact **Mary Firtl** at maryfirtl@gmail.com by April 27 and give her your name and your guest's name if you plan to attend.

More details and map to come in our next newsletter.

Scholastics Pastel Award



Northern Indiana Pastel Society will present a \$100 award to **Elizabeth Cunningham**, grade 11 of Fairfield Senior High School, Goshen, for her pastel artwork, "Gluttony," a silver key winner in the annual Scholastics Art Competition, which is on

view March 2 to April 14 at South Bend Museum of Art. The awards ceremony will be March 19 in the Bendix Theater. Open house is March 23.

Dues

Membership renewals are due in **March 2024**. 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*. Dues cover the cost of exhibits, website, hospitality supplies, speaker fees and membership in International Association of Pastel Societies.

Member news

Avon Waters will be the speaker for the Art League luncheon 11:30 a.m. April 16 at Blue Heron at Blackthorn, South Bend. **Liz Kuntz** will speak at the luncheon May 21 at the Morris Park Country Club, South Bend. Call the South Bend Museum of Art or see the SBMA web site to make reservations. Cost is \$30. Luncheons are open to the public.

Sandy Williams, Robert Williams, Janice Harpole and **Sue Coultas** had paintings accepted into the Cass County Regional Gallery exhibit in Cassopolis, MI. The show continues to May 4 in the Cass County Administration Building and is sponsored by Cass Area Artists.

Artists with pastel art in the Northern Indiana Artists exhibit at First Unitarian Church, South Bend, through March 18 are **Mary Firtl, Cathy McCormick, Tami McNally, Susan Pelka, Jude Phillips**, and **Dee Thornton**. **Mary Firtl** won a merit award.



Golf Course View by Mary Firtl

Mary Ann Pals received an Honorable Mention in the Pastel 100 competition sponsored by Pastel Journal magazine for her pastel, "The Shy One." It is included in the Animal/Wildlife category of the Spring 2024 issue of the magazine.



Mary Ann Pals will teach a weekend pastel workshop at the Chesterton Art Center April 27–28.

The theme is "Creating Contrast with Pastels." Follow this link for details and to register: <https://www.chestertonart.org/adult-classes-and-workshops/p/pastel-workshop>



Duneland Ascent by Peg Luecke

Peg Luecke's "Duneland Ascent" won first prize at the seventh annual Juried Landscape Exhibition, Nov. 10–Dec. 31, 2023 at Fernwood Botanical Gardens, Niles, Mich.

Cathy McCormick will lead a pastel landscapes workshop April 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Heartland Art Center, Plymouth. A supply list is available. Bring pastel paper, drawing board, pastels, vine charcoal and an easel. Bring a lunch or order from one from a nearby restaurant.

The fee is \$55 and does not include lunch. Call 574-936-9515 or 574-316-0264 or email heartlandartistsgallery@gmail.com to register.

Several members will be painting in the gardens for the annual Arts in Bloom Garden Walk June 27, hosted by the Art League.

The event benefits the South Bend Museum of Art. To be an artist in a garden, contact **Lea Goldman** at goldmanlea7@gmail.com.

Pastels at CircaArts Gallery

Members of pastel classes taught by **Cathy McCormick** and **Mary Firtl** will have a show and sale April 5 to May 4 at CircaArts Gallery, 528 E. Colfax Ave., South Bend.

The hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. **Reception** is 5 to 8 p.m. April 5.



In Memoriam

Terry Ludwig, 82, the creator of Terry Ludwig Pastels, passed away Feb. 20 in Colorado leaving an incredible artistic legacy and a profound impact on pastel art.

Future Exhibits

- > **Heartland Art Center**
NEW LOCATION:
214 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN
JULY 2024
- > **Box Factory for the Arts, Riverwalk Gallery**
1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI 49085
SEPT. 13–OCT. 27
RECEPTION, SEPT. 13, 5:30–7 P.M.
- > **Colfax Cultural Center, South Bend, IN**
SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2025

Heartland Art Center, formerly Heartland Artists Gallery, has moved to a larger building at 214 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. It is a block north and across the street from their previous location.

Our July Members' Show will be one of the first shows in this new space.

