

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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October | November
December 2024

Holiday Potluck

Mark your calendar for **Friday, Dec. 13**, 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. Your donations of appetizers, side dishes and desserts will be welcome. Drinks and chicken from Martin's will be provided. Help setting up and cleaning up will be appreciated.

Next Meeting Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024

Francis Branch Library
52655 N. Ironwood Road, South Bend

10 to 10:30 a.m. Meet and greet
social time

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Announcements
and program

Members are invited to bring an appetizer, fruit, or light brunch item. Guests are welcome. Paul Thornton would appreciate help in organizing the room and refreshments before the meeting and cleanup afterward. Pt1953@att.net

Program: New Techniques and Tips

Members are invited to share their ideas. **Mary Firtl** will tell about her abstract pastel paintings, one of which won an award from the Great Lakes Pastel Society 2024 National Exhibition. To view the entire online show, visit

<https://showsubmit.com/gallery/glps-2024-national-exhibition>. She also will show the set of pastels she won as a prize.

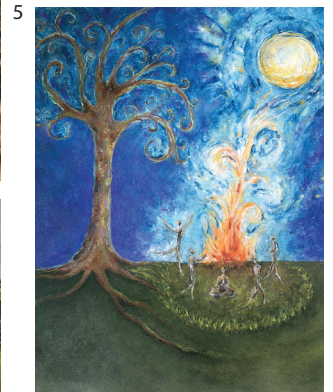
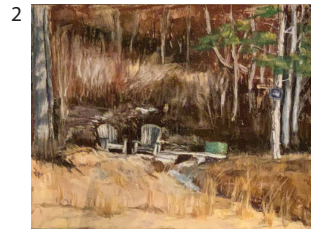
If **YOU** have techniques and tips to share, all are welcome.

Our Current Show

Artists, **please pick up your art** 3-6 p.m. Oct. 28 Riverwalk Gallery at the Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Michigan 269-983-3688
Gallery hours through Oct. 27: Thursdays noon to 6 p.m. Fridays-Sundays noon to 4 p.m.

Awards honoring our late member **Walter Gunn**:

1. **Mary Meehan Firtl**, Old Mission Point.
2. **Greg Lorch**, Winter at the Beach
3. **Susan Piper**, Hay There.
4. **Daniel Slattery**, Irish Farmhouse.
5. **Elizabeth Kuntz**, Five Medicine Beings.



Future Exhibits: 2025

- > **Fernwood Botanical Garden, Buchanan, MI**
MARCH 21 THROUGH JUNE 10
(DATES ARE APPROXIMATE)
- > **Colfax Cultural Center, South Bend, IN**
SEPTEMBER 5-OCTOBER 17, 2025

Future Exhibit: 2026

- > **South Bend Museum of Art**
20th Anniversary Show
MAY 23-JULY 5, 2026

Future Exhibit: 2028

- > **Roti Roti Art Center, Buchanan, MI**

Member News

Cathy McCormick will teach a beginning pastels class and **Mary Meehan Firtl** will teach the advanced pastels class for 6 weeks, Tuesdays Nov. 5 to Dec. 10, at South Bend Museum of Art.

Emma Marsh hosts a critique night the first Thursday of the month 5-7:30 p.m. at LangLab, 1302 High St., South Bend. Artists are invited to share their work. Emma also offers figure drawing classes on the second Wednesday of the month 6:30-9:30 at LangLab. The fee is \$10. Bring your own drawing supplies. Contact Emmamarsh98@gmail.com or southbend_artist_community on Instagram.

Showing pastel art in the annual juried exhibit through Dec. 22 at Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart: **Emma Marsh, Mary Meehan Firtl, Jude Phillips, Susan Henshaw, Cathy McCormick**. Showing art in other media are **William Healy, Gerry Govert, Hilarie Couture, Katharine Schmidt, Stephen Verace**.

In the juried regional show at Heartland Art Center, Plymouth, are **Mary Meehan Firtl, Cathy McCormick, Jude Phillips** with watercolor, **Diane Dillon** and **Judy Davis**. The closing reception is 6-8 p.m. Nov. 1.

Bob Williams will speak at the Art League luncheon on May 20 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.

Shows to enter

"Our 4-Legged Friends" is the theme of a show hosted by Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan MI Nov. 10 to Dec. 3. Deliver art between noon and 3:30 p.m. Nov. 3.

Entries can be delivered from noon to 3 p.m. Nov. 3 or 10-1 Nov. 5 for the annual juried landscape show hosted by Fernwood Botanical Gardens, Niles MI.

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*. Dues cover the cost of exhibits, website, hospitality supplies, speaker fees and membership in International Association of Pastel Societies.

Free YouTube Pastel Tutorials

NIPS member **Avon Waters** began a YouTube channel in February, 2024 offering free tutorials for pastelists. He often was asked repeated questions following workshops that he would teach. His solution was to use the YouTube platform to answer the questions proposed by the students. Each 15–30 minutes episode could be paused, stopped, or played over and over. It started just as a supplement to the classes and workshops as a way of not having to constantly repeat himself. But surprisingly, many more than just his students subscribed. As of this writing, the channel has 1,400 subscribers and he averages roughly 100 more each month as others find the topics or discover by word of mouth. Avon states "Funny thing is, now I'm still answering questions about the topics when people leave comments. But that's OK, I learned what others shared with me for free, so I guess it's a way of paying things forward."

Avon thinks there are several kinds of artists. One of which develops a following of collectors and they sell their art to a great set of buyers. These buyers are moved by what the artists creates. Then there are artists who are "an ARTIST'S artist. Their work is bought by other artists who admire this artist's work and want to learn more from him (or her). Avon states that he is an Artist's artist. He thinks there are more of us than there are those who have a stable of collectors in line for their work.

Avon has always enjoyed teaching. He hopes to do live events several times a year where students can sign up, receive a photo source, and everyone can paint along with him as he creates a painting.

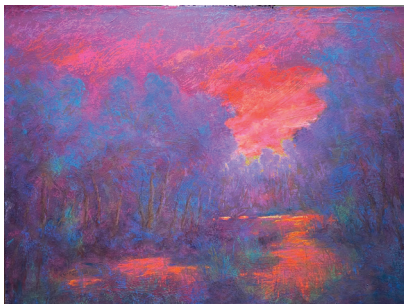
This must be his social media year as he also started a podcast called "2 Guys Talk Art".

It is for those who don't get to sit around with other artists after a day of painting and talk about creating art.

Open Spotify and search "2Guys Talk Art" Episodes from his YouTube channel are located at: <https://www.youtube.com/@PastelWithAvon>

This newsletter includes a list of Avon's current YouTube tutorials on pg 3.

Thank you, Avon, for sharing your time and talent. —Submitted by Dee Thornton



Avon Waters had art accepted into the following recent exhibits:

- 99 Voices Exhibition Brea Gallery, Brea CA; Pastel Society of the West Coast
- Strok'n 10 exhibition Tall Grass Arts Association, Forrest Park IL; Chicago Pastel Painters
- Red Rock Members Exhibition, Masters Division; Red Rock Pastel Society of Nevada,
- Pure Color International, opens online Sept. 1, North Carolina Pastel Society
- 24th Annual Open Juried Exhibition; Pastel Society of Maine

Avon Waters: YouTube Tutorials

Pastel Artist Avon Waters Paints a Picture of His Approach to Landscape Art

Avon Waters - pastel artist - Episode 1 12:39

What Pastel is Right for me???? Hard VS Soft Pastels

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 2 (14:14)

Mixing Pastels....How to Extend the Colors in Your Set

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 3 (13:31)

Reusing Old Pastel Paper #shorts

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 4 (0:46)

Prepping Pastel Paper #shorts

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 5 (0:54)

Understanding Color Wheels -- beginning color theory

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 6 (12:33)

Drawing Hack for Thumbnail Sketches

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 7 (0:35)

The Absolute Best Pastel Paper for You

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 8 (19:33)

Learn Art by Copying...Your First Painting Should be a Copy

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 9 (13:24)

Cleaning Dirty Artist Brushes -- a HACK

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 10 (0:43)

Color wheel Art Hack....analogous colors

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 11 (0:30)

Learn Art by copying others PART 1 and 2

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 12 (23:35)

3 Wet Pastel Techniques...using alcohol or water

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 13 (24:50)

Using Analogous Color to Block in a Pastel

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 14 (18:57)

Color Theory --Value and Gray Scales

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 15 (23:33)

Color Relativity Theory in Action Eps. 10

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 16 (32:46)

Learning to Destroy Your Artwork Helps You Make Better Art

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 17 (21:54)

Color Value Organization of Pastels Speeds Up the Painting Process

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 18 (15:39)

Alcohol And Wet Pastel Can Be Used At Any Stage of The Process

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 19 (10:06)

Use Clear Gesso and Save Big Money On Pastel Paper

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 20 (23:19)

How to Make Grays out of Bright colors, Neutral Color and Tame Down Color

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 21 (18:29)

Neo II Water Soluble Pastel Crayons Make Great Underpainting for soft pastels

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 22 (14:16)

Make Your Paintings Better Using This Little Trick, Paint more, draw less...

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 23 (13:14)

Don't Throw Out A Failed Painting, Fix it by Reconstructing it.

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 24 (16:23)

Making Mini's Helps You Workout What Often Causes Larger Paintings to Fail

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 25 (20:11)

Create Textures and Layers with Advanced Pastel Techniques

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 26 (21:59)

New Ways to Frame Pastels Can Eliminate the Need for Fixatives

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 27 (13:49)

An Easy Painless Way to Learn Color Theory and Decide What Colors to Use

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 28 (6:43)

Let's Paint Along and Make a Mini Pastel

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 29 (41:29)

Making Your Own Pastel Grays Has its Advantages...saving money is one biggie!

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 30 (12:14)

Using Pastel with acrylic underpainting and letting the painting lead you

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 31 (22:27)

Make Old Paintings New with a Few Tweaks

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 32 (18:15)

Pastelist Like it Rough! Wet Pastel Textures add Interest

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 33 (14:34)

Here's How To Follow and Finish a Pastel After the Wet Mediums Dry

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 34 (22:55)

How to Simplify What You See Outside en Plein Air but Paint from Sketches, not Photos

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 35 (21:41)

Take the Guesswork out of Blending Pastels

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 36 (23:10)

Will it Fly? How to Pack Your Art Supplies for a Trip by Air, Sea or Train

Avon Waters - pastel artist Episode 37 (16:12)