

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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February/March 2024

Next Meeting Saturday, March 15

Francis Branch Library
52655 N. Ironwood Road, South Bend
10–10:30 a.m. Meet & greet social time
10:30–11:45 a.m. News and program

Program

South Bend native, **Elizabeth Kuntz**, an intuitive fine artist working mainly in pastel, will discuss her inspiration, her process and the journey behind it, and the healing power of art. Liz's pastel, "Five Medicine Beings" won an award in our NIPS exhibit at the Box Factory for the Arts in St. Joseph, Michigan, September-October 2024.

She has three works in the exhibit "Journey of the Mind through Artistic Visual Expression" presented by Mental Health Awareness of Michiana, Feb. 22 to March 15 at the Elkhart Public Library. More info: Kuntzstudio.com

Members are invited to bring an appetizer, fruit, or light brunch item. Guests are welcome. We would appreciate help in organizing the room and refreshments before the meeting and clearing up afterward.



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Kuntz's work:

1. Five Medicine Beings
2. Rooting the Heart
3. Finding Harmony



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May Potluck

Mark your calendar for **May 3, 11:30 a.m.**, Pinhook Park Community Center, South Bend. Northern Indiana Artists Inc. invites members of the NIA, Northern Indiana Pastel Society and St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society to meet for a potluck social. Please bring a dish to pass. Details to be announced.

Future Exhibits: 2025

- > **Fernwood Botanical Garden Buchanan, MI**
MARCH 21 THROUGH JUNE 1
- > **Colfax Cultural Center South Bend, IN**
SEPTEMBER 5–OCTOBER 17

Future Exhibit: 2026

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

Future Exhibit: 2028

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

Member News

Dan Slattery will have an exhibit of his watercolors and pastels at the Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan, Michigan, February 19 to March 29. A reception will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 2.



Dan will again offer a six-week class, "Watercolor Landscapes," at the South Bend Museum of Art, Mondays 1-4 p.m. See the SBMA website for information and registration at southbendart.org



NIPS members with art in the Northern Indiana Artists exhibit at First Unitarian Church, South Bend, to March 8, are **Dee Thornton, Barbara Gentner Stephenson, Dan Slattery, Jude Phillips, Tami McNally, Cathy McCormick, Mary Meehan Firtl.**

Elizabeth Kuntz will have three works in the exhibit, "Journey of the Mind through Artistic Visual Expression" presented by Mental Health Awareness of Michiana (MHAM) February 22 to March 15 at the Elkhart Public Library. The opening reception is **Saturday, February 22, 6:30-8 p.m.**

Cathy McCormick will teach a beginning and intermediate pastels class and **Mary Meehan Firtl** will teach the advanced pastels class for six weeks, Tuesdays starting March 18 at South Bend Museum of Art.

Cathy has three works in the Indiana Women's Caucus for Art exhibit, "Collective Impressions," at Moreau Gallery, Saint Mary's College, through February 28.

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 p.m. at LangLab.

The fee is \$10. Bring your own drawing supplies. Contact Emmamarsh98@gmail.com or southbend_artist_community on Instagram.

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.

Entry form for our Member's Exhibit March 20 at Fernwood Botanical Garden in Buchanan, MI, is on the next page.

Assistance is needed in accepting artwork from **2-4:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, March 19.**

Additional help will be needed for the labeling and hanging of the show March 20. If you're able to assist please reach out to Cathy McCormick at CAMcCorm@aol.com



2025 Scholastic Art Award

Magdalene Hunsberger's piece titled *The Great Game* was selected for The Northern Indiana Pastel Society Award of \$100. Hunsberger is a 10th grader from Fairfield Junior/Senior High School. The exhibition will be open to the public at the South Bend Museum of Art from Feb 8 – April 13 and features silver and gold award winners.

Hunsberger's pastel was chosen for its mastery of the various surfaces in the medium and attention to detail.

Dues

Membership renewals are 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.

It is with great sadness we note the passing of one of our longtime NIPS members, James Cooke, 94, on February 17 at his home surrounded by family. A visitation will take place on March 1, 10-11 a.m. at Evangelical Heights Methodist Church in South Bend, followed by a celebration of life service 11 a.m. to Noon. Burial will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Osceola.

Jim was a remarkable and talented artist, art supporter, and friend. He will be missed.



Inspirations: Northern Indiana Pastel Society Members' Exhibit

Fernwood Botanical Gardens

13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Michigan

March 21 to June 1, 2025

Deliver art 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19

Reception and awards 2-4 p.m., Sunday, April 27

Art released back to artists 2 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 3.

Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Prize judge: **Katie Neece**, curator of education and studio programs, South Bend Museum of Art.

Please enter one or two works. Larger works are welcome. Diptychs and triptychs will count as single entries.

Fee: \$10 for the first entry, **\$5** for the second entry. Fernwood retains a commission of 30 percent on sales.

The art must be at least 80 percent pastel. The art must be framed under glass and installed with hooks and wire. Frames and mats must be in good condition and free of pastel dust. Content must be appropriate for a family gallery space.

The art should not have been shown in a previous NIPS exhibit or at Fernwood. Northern Indiana Pastel Society will not accept financial liability for accidents or loss.

Participants must be NIPS members. Membership renewals are due in March. Dues of \$25 can be sent to treasurer **Sue Coultas**, 519 Woodruff, Niles MI 49120. Write checks to Northern Indiana Pastel Society or NIPS.

Help will be needed to receive and hang the art. To volunteer, or for questions about the show or help transporting art to the show, contact Cathy McCormick at camccorm@aol.com. Donations of appetizers and desserts will be appreciated for the reception.

Please fill out two forms for EACH artwork. Attach one to the lower right back of each work and hand in the duplicate form during receiving. Please print.

Name _____ NIPS Fernwood 2025

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Title of Work _____

Price _____ If not for sale, write NFS and state value _____

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