

Northern Indiana Pastel Society

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April/May 2025

NIPS Reception & Awards

2-4 p.m., Sunday, April 27

Northern Indiana Pastel Society
Members' Exhibit: *Inspirations*

Fernwood Botanical Garden, 13988
Range Line Road, Niles, Michigan

Donations of appetizers and desserts will be appreciated.

The show features 46 works by 27 artists and is on display until June 1.

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

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

Thank you to members who received the art and prepared it for hanging: **Mary Firtl, Kay Londergan, Bob Williams, Susie Piper, Sue Coultas, and Fredda Zeiter.** The show was hung by **Peg Luecke, Diann Nelson, Denise Kuehner, Janice Harpole, and Cathy McCormick.**

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

Annual Potluck May 3

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

A native plant sale will take place in Pinhook Park 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day. *See pg. 2 for more info.*

Pastel Show at CircaArts

Pastel Wonders, a show by class members taught by **Mary Firtl** and **Cathy McCormick**, will have a reception **5-8 p.m. Friday, May 2**, at CircaArts Gallery, 528 East Colfax Ave., South Bend. The show continues through June 18. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday.

Future Exhibits: 2025

> **Colfax Cultural Center, South Bend, IN**
SEPTEMBER 5-OCTOBER 17, 2025

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**

Award Winners



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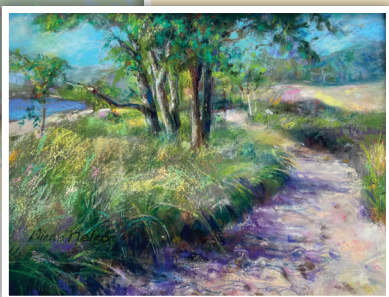
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1. **Greg Lorch**
The Beach Shed

2. **Diann Nelson**
Rhythm of the Beach Path

3. **Beth Hamilton**
Rejoice of the Birds

4. **Elizabeth Kuntz**
Meditation

5. **Jude Phillips**
Gnarly Tree



Previous Meeting March 15

NIPS member **Elizabeth Kuntz**, an intuitive fine artist working mainly in pastel, told about her inspiration, the journey behind it, and the healing power of art.

More info: Kuntzstudio.com

Member News

Jude Phillips, Dee Thornton

and **Cathy McCormick** won awards in the Northern Indiana Artists Inc. Spring Exhibit through April 26 at Heartland Art Center, 214 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.



Dee Thornton's pastel "Omnicast"

The reception and awards will be 1-3 p.m. April 26. Also in the show are members **Tami McNally, Susan Pelka, Dan Slattery, and Mary Meehan Firtl.**

Bob Williams and 15 other artists will paint or draw from live models 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 2, at the Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets are \$5, (free for youth under age 18).

Those attending can watch the artists work, listen to live music, have a craft beverage, and bid on the final artwork. Three levels of art will be on view in the galleries. The event benefits the Box Factory.

Mary Meehan Firtl will teach an advanced pastels class for six Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m., starting May 13 at South Bend Museum of Art. Visit southbendart.org to register.

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.

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 Emmammarsh98@gmail.com or [southbend_artist_community](https://www.instagram.com/southbend_artist_community) on Instagram.

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 the International Association of Pastel Societies.

Native Plant Sale Info:



NATIVE PLANT SALE!

Saturday, May 3
9 am - 2 pm

Pinhook Park: 2801 Riverside Drive, South Bend

Plant Vendors

Bernacchi's Oak Valley Greenhouses
(pre-order pickup only)
Blue Fox Farms
(pre-order and available on-site)
Botany Shop (pre-order pickup only)
Chapman Lake Nursery
Garden Guru Kzoo
Naiad Native Plants
Naturally Native Nursery

Community Partners

Audubon Society/Bird Alliance
GoZero Services
Healthy Soils Information Table
Indigo Gardens and Design
Izaak Walton League
The Ragamuffin Bakery
Spaulding Restoration Services
Wild Birds Unlimited
Wild Ones South Bend

Go to southbend.wildones.org for pre-ordering details



Free Native Tree Saplings

Representative Ryan Dvorak will be giving away free native tree saplings while supplies last! Limit three per family, please.

