



Fine Lines

Now that we have broken into triple digits in membership I challenge all of you to stay engaged and partake in the opportunities of the Guild. Whether a rookie or a seasoned member, you can grow as an artist through this organization. If you haven't exhibited at the venues exclusive to the Guild, ask another member to partner with you. We can show you the ropes and share the space if you don't have enough framed work. If you have never entered the Ventures show and need some tips, ask a Ventures Committee member for advice. If you have always wanted to try plein air painting but don't know where to start, ask any of the plein air group. And if you don't know who these people are, ask ME!

We are a large and growing group of art enthusiasts with varying levels of experience and abilities from the professional to the beginner. I challenge you to reach out and connect with the resources within our membership. Find someone to mentor. Share your passion. ~John



"Symbiotic Relationship" by Jon Detweiler

The April FWAG meeting will be held APRIL 12! Concordia High

School @ 6:30pm

Fort Wayne Artist Guild will host **Ejenobo "Jenna" Oke** for the April meeting. As a previous judge of the Aldersgate FWAG Members Art Exhibit, she will be presenting her views regarding what a judge considers as both judge of acceptance and judge of awards. She currently is an Associate Professor of Art at Manchester University. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Manchester and Master of Fine Arts from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA.

April Challenge:

This month's challenge is deceptively simple. Paint an abstract in your favorite media. Be mindful of the principles and elements of composition and design. **Give it a try!** Members not wishing to participate in the challenge may bring in a work of their choice to share.

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Treasurer's Report

2/1/2017 through 2/28/17

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| Beginning Balance | \$5,317.71 |
| Income | \$380.00 |
| Expenses | \$234.26 |
| Ending Balance | \$5,463.45 |

*Includes Sult/Patterson Fund

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| CD's | \$10,373.17 |
| Total Assets | \$15,836.62 |

Linda Galloway, Treasurer

SUGGESTIONS FOR CREATING AN ABSTRACT

Offered by Linda Binek with excerpts from the book,
"Creative Composition and Design" by Pat Drew

HOW TO START AND PLAN AN ABSTRACT: DON'T LET FEAR GET IN THE WAY OF CREATIVITY

For your assistance in painting an abstract, below are lists of elements and principles of design and suggested design formats. Pick a few elements and a limited palette. Choose a preferred format, if in doubt, the cruciform works well. Consider a few sketches first, even sketching with colored shapes. Add your personal stamp. This can be painting with found tools such as a sponge roller, natural sponge, saran wrap, or finger painting to name a few, using your favorite medium. Check out the hardware collection used for house cleaning your home. Then finish with your personal flourish by adding oil pastel, charcoal marks, commercial or handmade stamps, or even dripping, splattering, pouring, patting your canvas with paint on crunched paper towel. Finish by stepping back and studying your painting the next day with a critical eye after reviewing the elements of design.

Good luck, have fun! Let your creativity run loose. Please share with the other members at the next meeting on April 12. As Nazar said, during his demonstration, "If everyone painted the same painting, we would have still 40 different paintings." We are all creative.

ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN

| <u>Elements</u> | <u>Principles</u> | <u>Design Format</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Line | 1. Proportion/Scale | 1. Strata (linear sections) |
| 2. Shape | 2. Unity/Variety | 2. Diagonals |
| 3. Form | 3. Contrast | 3. Cruciform |
| 4. Color | 4. Rhythm/Repetition | 4. Low or High Horizon |
| 5. Value | 5. Balance | 5. S, Z, C, or H "curve" |
| 6. Texture | 6. Focal Area | 6. Overall Patterns |

MAKING AN ABSTRACT UNDER STRUCTURE

1. Create a good design on which to build a painting
2. Learn the importance of color dominance and contrast
3. Practice glazing, (transparent) and layering, (opaque)
4. See the beauty of working with neutrals
5. Create depth
6. Get creative

Educational Opportunities by our members

DONI ADAM - Art classes in home,
260-478-9666, doni.adam@frontier.com

WILETTA BLEVINS - Art classes at Grace
Presbyterian Church, 1811 Fairhill Road. Tuesdays
260-424-6394

EUNICE SCULLY - Fiber art and quilting.
260-333-0813 or eunice@thescullys.net

DIANA FAIR will be teaching colored pencil at
Lane Middle School from April 18 - May 23.
Contact FWCS Neighborhood Connection for
details.

And don't forget this wonderful opportunity in our
community...

FIGURE DRAWING AT ARTLINK

- Non-instructional, just come and sharpen your
skills Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30-9:30
pm. And be sure to tip the model! 300 East Main
St., Ft. Wayne, IN. (260) 424-7195

The Ventures in Creativity
committee is gratefully
accepting donations for awards
and other expenses.

If individuals or organizations
wish to contribute, please
contact John Kelty at
jckwatercolors@gmail.com

The Fort Wayne Artists Guild Website now has a
separate email address. To contact, use
FWAGwebsite@gmail.com

Welcome New Members!

Brenda Stichter

Heather Graham

Linda DePrisco

Jan Krist-Finkbeiner


and welcome back to

Lisa Rutledge

Andrea Bojrab

We would like to encourage members to exhibit your artwork at the
FWAG exhibit venues, found on the last page. If concerns about having
too few pieces to show are holding you back, contact exhibition
coordinator Nancy Longmate at nlongmate@gmail.com to pair you with
a board member or another seasoned exhibitor to share the space. Take
advantage of this great opportunity!

FIVE venues are still available for May/June.



First Brush of Spring

19th Annual New Harmony Paint-out

Sponsored by IPAPA • New Harmony Artist Guild • Hoosier Salon

PAINT!!!
Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, Saturday

April 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2017

Check In - 7 - 9 am, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7 - 8 am Saturday, at the
Hoosier Salon Gallery, 507 Church Street. Pick up paint out information and
name badge. Canvas **MUST** be stamped in order to be entered in competition.

Wednesday - Field to Finish Opening and Awards, 5 - 7pm, Hoosier Salon Gallery

Thursday - Quick Draw - Register stamp and set-up to paint for Quick Draw at Holy Angels
Community Center. Cost is \$10 to participate and the **Winners take ALL!**

Friday - Dinner 7:00 - 8:00pm, Music 8:30-7:30pm Ribeye Gym, Downtown

Saturday - 9am - Noon Art Sale Ribeye Gym, contact the Hoosier Salon to register.
1pm Show & Tell and **FREE PIZZA** at Holy Angels Community Center.
2:30 p.m. - Awards


Our 2017 Juror is Bob Beck of Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Register by April 1, 2017.
Register online at www.INPainters.org or mail to IPAPA, P.O. Box 551075, Indianapolis, IN 46205
Questions? E-mail: inpleinai@yahoo.com or call 317-508-0667

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| Members of IPAPA or Hoosier Salon (Friday dinner included) | _____ at \$60 ea. | enclosed \$ _____ |
| Non-members of IPAPA or Hoosier Salon (Friday dinner included) | _____ at \$80 ea. | enclosed \$ _____ |
| Full time College Student (Friday dinner included) | _____ at \$20 ea. | enclosed \$ _____ |
| | | Grand Total \$ _____ |

After April 1, 2017 - Additional \$5 fee for Late Registrations
There will be \$5 service fee for cancellations before April 1. No Refunds after April 1.

Additional Friday Night Dinner Tickets Available at Check-in for \$10



Name of Artist attending: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

See IPAPA's website for a list of places to stay and a detail schedule.
www.INPainters.org

New Harmony websites: www.newharmony.biz or www.newharmony.org
and www.newharmonyinfo.com

New Harmony does not allow street vending. Booths, tents or displays of work is not permitted.

Fort Wayne Artists Guild

Members' Meeting Minutes – Concordia High School 6:30 p.m., March 15, 2017

Nazar Harran gave a demonstration of abstract painting with acrylics. "The first application of paint on a blank canvas presents a problem. Every application after that is meant to fix it." – And many other words of wisdom he said as he painted. Gratuity was donated to the Patterson fund.

BUSINESS: President John Kelty called the business meeting to order at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes were accepted as printed in February 2017 Fine Lines.

Treasurer's Report was accepted as printed in February 2017 Fine Lines.

Membership We have a total membership of 101. Six new members joined since last month. Forty-two people were present for the demo.

Ventures Prospectus was in February newsletter, will be in future newsletters, and online. The workshop allows for any medium's use, but participant needs to be proficient in their own medium. Donation form is online. We'd like to continue the Sult and Patterson awards.

Exhibitions Nancy Longmate said to sign up that night to ensure having your name in the newspaper. Works need to be family acceptable. These places take no commissions for sales.

Publicity Susan Wenger said information would go out the next day, and Ventures info will go out in one week, including workshop being offered to the public.

Programs April challenge is to bring an abstract. April (2nd Wednesday instead of 3rd Wednesday) meeting will be presented by Jenna Oke, "Criteria judges look for." May meeting will be Matt from Artlink and will also be election of officers for the board. June is the social, a place is needed.

Newsletter Terri wants to know of our accomplishments. Newsletter is emailed and will also be on the FWAG website (for a year).

Old Business 1) Member Show at ACPL People's Choice award went to Anita Trick for "Serenity." Over 130 people at the opening reception, and *stayed* for the entertainment. Show ends April 7, Pickup is April 8 (Saturday) 11am-3pm.

2) New Harmony paint out is 3rd week of April. Most of the board attends, so April meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday (April 12) instead of the 3rd Wednesday.

New Business 1) FWAG will host the 1st annual Kekionga Paint Out August 25-26, using stamped canvases at the arts campus TBD, to be judged and eligible for sale, \$30 entry. We are lining up sponsors. IPAPA will be notified. Questions can be answered by Dave Broerman or John Kelty. 2) Those running for office for the May business meeting – Barb Yoder for president, John Kelty for treasurer. We need someone to run for vice president, secretary, and newsletter editor. You may also run for president or treasurer. 3) Watch for information to come regarding "Trash to Treasure." Prizes awarded.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Annette Colgrove, FWAG Secretary, 2016-2017.

APPLAUSE!

Tom Nuss sold a painting at the FWAG Library Show!

John Kelty also sold his Library Show painting!

Diane Groenert sold five Gicleés to Towne House Retirement for the Ewing Lobby!

Valerie McBride sold a painting and an antique painted chair at "Molly Rose & Co." in New Haven!

Toni McAlhany sold two paintings during the Atrium Artists one year anniversary Open House celebration last month! They were happy to see lots of visitors including a few fellow FWAG members. The Atrium Artists is located at 106 West 6th Street, Auburn, IN.

Randy Roberts sold his painting, Lupins, at Will Jewelers last month!

Karen Bixler sold two paintings at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art's fundraiser!

Jan Krist-Finkbeiner - Sold a painting!

Janak Narayan - sold 2 paintings this month and is renovating a small carnival horse for a private client!

Heather Graham sold two paintings last month!

Joel Alwine sold a painting last month from Will Jewelers!

Emily Butler taught her first art class to a group of seniors at a nursing home!

Terri Buchholz sold a painting!

FWAG would like to extend our gratitude to **Nazar Harran** for his fantastic demo and lecture at last month's meeting and the generous donation of his gratuity to the Marcia Patterson fund.

Nazar has requested that photos taken during his demonstration be sent to him via Linda Binek at LmBinekart@gmail.com

ART CALENDAR

University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts 41st Annual Student Exhibition

will be displayed from April 1-April 30, 2017 at the Mimi & Ian Rolland Art & Visual Communication Center, 2701 Spring Street, Ft. Wayne. Opening reception will be on April 1, 6-9 pm.

Diane Groenert currently has an exhibit at the West Central MicroCreamery and Cafe, located at 725 Union St., Ft. Wayne, IN 46802.

Ventures in Creativity Carolyn E. Lewis

Workshop. The Carolyn E. Lewis Workshop on June 29-30, 2017, is open to artists of all levels and we encourage FWAG members to invite non-member artists to register. (Or, better yet, join the Guild with registration!) If you have an artist friend who might want to participate, please pass along the information. Include this link in your invitation: www.fortwayneartistsguild.org/calls-for-entry

The Castle Gallery Fine Art will host the artist's reception for their spring show, "Spring Palette" on Friday, May 5, 2017. The gallery location is 1202 West Wayne St., Fort Wayne, IN. 46802. <http://www.castlegallery.com/>

COMING SOON!

Doug Runyan Pastel Workshop will be offered on Aug. 12-13, 2017. Fee for FWAG members will be \$150. Location will be Heritage Pointe, 8229 Covenant Ln., Ft. Wayne, IN. Details and registration coming soon.

The FWAG Summer Social will be hosted at the home of Eunice Scully in June! Details coming soon.

Call for Entry



The 2017 Hoosier Women Artists Competition

will be announced for online submissions, on March 20. The deadline for submission is April 19. The annual competition celebrates a wide variety of graphic arts by Indiana women which includes paintings, drawings, and photography. Winners will have their work displayed in the Lt. Governor's office at the Indiana Statehouse for one year. For details and online submission link, click on <http://www.in.gov/lg/2528.htm>

The Gallery Warsaw is calling for artists to submit work for The Second Annual Juried Exhibit until March 29, 2017. The opening reception will be held April 7. Online registration forms are found here, <https://www.thegallerywarsaw.com/juried-exhibits> For questions or other arrangements, call 574-253-2021. The Gallery Warsaw is located at 123 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN.

The 40th Annual Ventures in Creativity prospectus was sent out last month and is available on the Fort Wayne Artists Guild website at <https://www.fortwayneartistsguild.org/calls-for-entry>

Trash to Treasure Art Contest The 19th Annual Trash-To-Treasure Art Contest on Sat. April 22, 2017 is sponsored by the Allen County Public Library and OmniSource Corporation. It's a community wide event open to all Allen County residents of all ages. Prizes will be awarded in five age categories: 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$50, 3rd prize \$25. Participants must pre-register by April 3, 2017. Contact hgraham@omnisource.com for details. **Check your email for flyers and registration for this event. The deadline for registration is April 3, 2017.**

The 61st Annual June Art Exhibit at the Wassenberg Art Center to be held June 10-July 2, 2017. Watch for the call for entry at <http://www.wassenbergartcenter.org/announcements/61st-annual-june-art-exhibit-call-for-entries>

The Three Rivers Festival's ART IN THE PARK is calling for applications for artists. The deadline is April 1, 2017. The 49th annual Art in the Park is a two day juried fine art show that takes place in Freimann Square in downtown Fort Wayne during the opening weekend of the Three Rivers Festival. To apply, click here <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=5276>

Small Wonders Art Show, May 2 - June 2, 2017 in Plymouth, IN is calling for entries by April 15, 2017. The size requirements of 2D work, including frame, is no greater than 12"x12" and for 3D work is no greater than 12"x12" including the base and/or pedestal. Entry fee is \$8.50 per piece entered; no limit. Entry fees are non-refundable. For details and information, click on <http://heartlandartgallery.com/calling-all-artists/>

SAVE THE DATE for **The First Annual Kekionga Paint Out!** August 25 - 26

FWAG and The Fort Wayne Museum of Art will present the FIRST ANNUAL KEKIONGA PAINT OUT! This will coincide with The Taste of the Arts and The Post Miami's Reenactment at the Old Fort. Artists may choose to paint scenes of the festival, the Fort, or anywhere within Allen County. Participants who wish to compete for judging and prizes will need to register and have their canvases stamped. The cost of registration is \$30. More details coming soon!

CLAYWORX: New Workshop Area at TekVenture Offers

POTTERY FREE THROW

CLAYWORX is a new ceramics workshop featured in TekVenture's new location at 1550 Griffin Street in the area of River City. Ceramicist Tom Sherbondy is working to build on his legacy in establishing at TekVenture, a fully functional ceramics workshop accessible to the public. ClayWorx is being equipped with electric and manual pottery wheels, kilns, wedging table, slab roller, glazing area, work tables, and other tools for use by all who wish to create with clay. An adjacent gallery is planned for display of ClayWorx artworks.

TekVenture members will be able to use the ClayWorx facilities almost daily. Those wanting instruction will be able to choose from a number of introductory and advanced workshop sessions currently being planned. Artists and other geeks are encouraged to join TekVenture for repeated use of ClayWorx and other facilities.

To introduce the public to ClayWorx during the month of April, Tom is inviting all who are interested to sign up for a three session Pottery Free Throw at TekVenture. For no charge or membership requirement, folks can make a clay object either by hand-building or using the wheel before firing their objects in the kiln. At the second session participants will glaze their object for re-firing. At the third session, they may collect their piece and receive constructive criticism and inspiration for further commitment. Participants are encouraged to wear old clothing and bring a towel for cleaning their workspace and tools.

Pottery Free Throw sessions may include up to four people in each series of three sessions. Friends and family members are encouraged to sign up. Home schoolers, veterans, clubs, artists, and past members of TekVenture are also invited to sign up. All ages are welcome.

Pottery Free Throw sessions of two hours can be scheduled Monday-Friday, 10am-noon, 2pm-4pm, and 6pm-8pm, and Saturday mornings, 10am-noon.

For reservations call Tom Sherbondy at 260-580-1964. Free parking is available. For directions to TekVenture, visit the website: www.tekventure.org

ACPL MEMBERS SHOW

The Members Show at the downtown library is coming to an end. The show committee and gallery director would like to thank all who participated. The last day of the show is Friday, April 7, 2017. There is still time to check it out if you haven't yet had a chance.

Please pick up your artwork on Saturday, April 8 from 11am-3pm. If other arrangements need to be made, contact Darlene Selzer Miller, John Kelty, or Nancy Longmate.

Also, an umbrella was left at the show. If it is yours, please notify one of the above members.

The 2017 Plein Air Schedule

2017 Plein Air

Painting & Sketching Schedule



| Date | Place | Location |
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| Th. May 11 | Foster Park | 3900 Old Mill Rd., Fort Wayne |
| Th. May 18 | * Wells Street Bridge & Depot | West Superior & Wells St. – North side of roundabout. Street parking near the depot. |
| Th. May 25 | Foster Park | 3900 Old Mill Rd., Fort Wayne |
| Th. June 1 | Zoo Day (entrance fee will be required) | 3411 Sherman Blvd., Fort Wayne |
| Th. June 8 | Freimann Square | 200 East Main St., Fort Wayne |
| Th. June 15 | Lakeside Park | 1401 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne |
| Sat. June 17 | Grabill, IN (Paint and Lunch) | Paint together then lunch at the Grabill Inn at 1 pm |
| Th. June 22 | Salomon Farms | 817 W. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne |
| Th. June 29 | * Brookside (Bass) Mansion | 2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne (Take out what you brought in!!) |
| Th. July 6 | * Engine House #3 | 226 W. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne |
| Th. July 13 | Eagle Marsh | Boy scout parking lot, Take Olde Place Rd, opposite Lutheran Hospital on W. Jefferson. |
| Th. July 20 | Purdue Extension Office (garden area) | 4001 Crescent Ave., Fort Wayne / IPFW campus |
| Th. July 27 | Lakeside Park | 1401 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne |
| Th. Aug. 3 | * McColloch - Weatherhogg House or History Center | 334-336 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne |
| Th. Aug. 10 | Shoaff Park | 6401 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne / Back by the pond |
| Th. Aug. 17 | * Swinney House and/or cabin | 1424 W. Jefferson St., Fort Wayne |
| Th. Aug. 24 | Columbia Street, Fort Wayne | Close parking is metered or paid lots |
| Fri/Sat. Aug. 25, 26 | Fort Wayne Paint Out | Watch for info on the Guild site: www.fortwayneartistsguild.org |
| Th. Aug. 31 | West Central Neighborhood | Castle Gallery area / 1202 W Wayne St., Fort Wayne |
| Th. Sept. 7 | * Trinity Episcopal church | 611 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne |
| Th. Sept. 14 | Headwaters Park West | 333 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne. Free parking: W. on Superior to Harrison, turn rt.. Parking on right just before bridge. |
| Th. Sept. 21 | * John Claus Peters House | 832 W. Wayne St, Fort Wayne |

Note: * Designated Historical places in Fort Wayne

FWAG Exhibition Locations for March & April

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| Aldersgate Church | Alice Siefert |
| Allen County Retinal Surgeons | Jennifer Caudill |
| Citizens' Square | Anita Trick |
| 2nd Floor | Anita Trick |
| 3rd Floor | Darlene Selzer Miller |
| Einhaus Group for Women's Health | Patricia Weiss |
| Heritage of Fort Wayne | Emily Jane Butler |
| Ophthalmology Consultants SW (Engle Road) | Linda Binek |
| Ophthalmology Consultants N (Dupont Road) | Carolyn Stachera |
| Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne | John Keltz |
| ResCare Adult Day Care Service | Willetta Blevins |
| Townhouse Retirement Center | Karen Bixler |
| Visiting Nurse Hospice | Barb Yoder and Karen Harvey |
| Will Jewelers | |

