

# Curriculum Vitae

## Juried Group Shows/Exhibitions

2025

*Pastels Chicago 2025*, Chicago Pastel Painers Biennial National Show, Highland Park IL  
 Union Street Gallery Annual Members Exhibit, Chicago Heights IL  
 The Whole Kit and Kaboodle, Tall Grass Arts Annual Members Exhibit, Park Forest IL  
 Annual Juried Community Art Exhibition, Robert F. DiCaprio Gallery, Palos Hills IL

2024

*Winter*, Crete Creative, Crete IL  
*Strokin' 10*, Chicago Pastel Painters Juried Biennial Members Exhibit, Park Forest IL  
*81st Annual Salon Show*, South Shore Arts, Munster IN  
*Kaleidescope* — Tall Grass Arts Annual Members Exhibit, Park Forest IL  
 Great Lakes Pastel Society — 2024 National Exhibition, online  
 2024 Juried Community Art Exhibition, Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery, Palos Hills IL  
*Voices of the Midwest*, Kavangh Gallery, Fine Line Creative Arts Center, St. Charles IL  
*Wandering in Nature*, Overt Space, Stoughton WI  
 30th Annual Juried Art Exhibit, Art Barn, Valparaiso IN  
*Natural Inclinations*, Gallery & Guild Artists Annual Exhibition, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights IL  
*Small Works, Big Impressions*, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights IL

2023

*Pastels Chicago 2023*, Chicago Pastel Painters Biennial, online  
*Anthology*, Tall Grass Arts Annual Members Show, Park Forest IL  
*Monochrome, Direct Observation, The Power of Light*, Frankfort Arts Association Member shows, Frankfort IL  
 2023 Juried Community Art Exhibition, MVCC Robert DiCaprio Gallery, Palos Hills IL  
*Summer Small Works*, National Association of Women Artists, Online show  
*Biophilia*, Juried show, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights IL  
 Union Street Gallery Spring Invitational, Chicago Heights IL

2022

*Strokin' 9*, Chicago Pastel Painters 8th Biennial Members Juried Exhibition  
*Multiplicity*, Tall Grass Arts, Park Forest IL  
*Verdant*, Frankfort Arts Association, Frankfort IL  
*Recently*, Frankfort Arts Association Members Show, Frankfort IL  
*In Full Bloom*, McCord Gallery & Cultural Center, Palos Park IL

2021

IAPS, International Association of Pastel Societies Juried Exhibition, Zhou B, Chicago IL  
*Emerging Perspectives*, Frankfort Arts Association Group Exhibition, Park Forest IL  
 USG Invitational, Union Street Gallery Annual Show, Chicago Heights IL

2020

*Strokin' 8*, Chicago Pastel Painters 8th Biennial Members Juried Exhibition (Virtual Exhibit)  
 Tall Grass Arts School Show, Images from the Life Drawing Workshops, Park Forest IL  
*2020 Visions*, Tall Grass Gallery Artists Annual Exhibit, Park Forest IL  
*Drawn To Water*, McCord Gallery, Palos Park IL

2019

*Pastels Chicago 2019*, 7th Biennial National Juried Exhibition, The Arts Center, Highland Park IL  
 Union Street Gallery Invitational, Chicago Heights IL  
 The Sky's the Limit, Annual Gallery Artist Exhibition, Tall Grass Arts Association, Park Forest IL

2018

*Strokin' 7*, 7th Biennial Member Juried Exhibition, Chicago Pastel Painters, McCord Gallery, Palos Heights IL  
*Art of Illinois: A Bicentennial Celebration*, Gallery Seven, Lockport IL  
*Local Perspective*, Yellow Elephant Gallery, Kankakee IL  
 Chesterton Art Comp, Annual Juried Exhibition, Chesterton IN  
 25th Annual Juried Exhibition, Art Barn School of Art, Valpraiso IN  
*Heartland*, Tall Grass Arts, Park Forest IL  
*Dune Birds in Art*, Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, Chesterton IN

2017

*Pastels Chicago 2017*, 6th Biennial National Open Exhibition, Mayslake Peabody Estate, Oak Brook IL  
*Peace on Earth*, Tall Grass Arts, Park Forest IL  
*Plein Air 17*, Illinois State Museum Lockport Gallery, Lockport, IL  
*74th Annual Salon Show*, South Shore Arts, Munster IN  
*Creative Imaginations*, Annual Gallery Artists' Exhibition, Tall Grass Arts, Park Forest IL  
*Through the Lens of Wright*, Oak Park Art League, Oak Park IL  
 24th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, Art Barn, Valpraiso IN

2016

*The Art of Illinois*, Juried Exhibition, Gallery Seven, Joliet Illinois  
*Strokin VI*, Chicago Pastel Painters Biennial Juried Members Exhibition  
 Gallery 2016, Juried Exhibition, Robert DeCaprio Gallery MVCC, Palos Hills IL  
*New Explorations, Old Traditions*, Vogt Visual Art Center, Tinley Park IL  
*Festival of Art*, Annual Gallery Artist Exhibition, Tall Grass Arts Association, Park Forest IL  
*Insider Art*, Union Street Gallery & Guild Artists Annual show, Chicago Heights IL

2015

*Landscapes*, The Next Picture Show, Dixon IL  
 The 72nd Annual Salon Show Exhibition, South Shore Arts, Munster IN  
*From Nature*, The Art Center-Highland Park IL  
*Outlooks and Insights*, Tall Grass Arts, Park Forest IL  
*Spark 2*, Lemont Center for the Arts, Lemont IL

2014

The 71st Annual Salon Show, South Shore Arts, Munster IN  
*Strokin' V*, Chicago Pastel Painters Fifth Biennial Member Juried Exhibition, Chicago IL  
*Explosive Expressions*, Annual Gallery Artists Exhibition, Tall Grass Arts Association, Park Forest IL  
*Natural Associations*, select works by USG Artists, White Ripple Gallery, Hammond, IN  
*Neighbors*, Union Street Guild members, Gretchen Charlton Gallery, Kankakee IL  
*Minute Musings*, Regional juried exhibit, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights IL  
 Southern Illinois Art & Artisans Center, Rend Lake, Whittington, IL

2013

Southern Illinois Art & Artisans Center, Rend Lake, Whittington, IL  
*Expressions*, Union Street Guild, Pop-up Gallery, Homewood, IL  
*Insider Art*, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights IL

2012

*Passages*, Monkey Mind Art Gallery, Frankfort IL

2011

*Naked*, Tall Grass Arts Association, Park Forest IL

2010

*Pairs*, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights IL  
*Fabulously Focused*, Tall Grass Arts Association, Park Forest IL

2009-2015

*Twelfth Month*, Annual Guild and Gallery Artist Exhibit, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights IL

2008

*Winter Solstice*, Tall Grass Arts Association, Park Forest IL

## Invitational and Solo Shows

2025

*Three Women Artist, Three Engaging Visions*, Apollo Gallery, Frankfort IL

*Sunlight in the Trees*, Gallery Seven Featured Artist, Lockport IL

2024

Solo Exhibit at Indian Prairie Public Library, Darien IL

2021

*Local Color—Paintings by Mary Ann Trzyna*, Crete Creative, Crete IL

*JOY: Color, Light, Essence, Energy, 5 Pastel Artists*, Tall Grass Arts, Park Forest IL

*Landscape Show*, Water Street Studios, Batavia IL

2020

Prestwick Country Club, solo show, Frankfort IL

*Journey Into Pastels*, Frankfort Arts Association, Frankfort IL

2019

*Path to the Beach, Paintings of the Indiana Dunes*, Solo show, South Shore Arts Atrium Gallery, Munster IN

*Landscape Encounters*, Gallery 201, Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont IL

2018

Solo Show, Napleton Gallery, Merriville IN

2017

*Nourishing Passion*, Solo Show, South Shore Arts, Crown Point IN

Artist of the Month—December, Orland Park Library, Orland Park IL

2016

*A Winter's Tale, 6 Regional Artists Interpret the Season*, Tall Grass Arts, Park Forest IL

South Gallery, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights IL

Solo Show, Midlothian Library, Midlothian, Illinois

2015

*Stillness, Six Contemporary Artists of Still Life*, Tall Grass Arts Gallery, Park Forest IL

## Awards

2nd Place, Winter Show, Crete Creative, Crete IL, 2024

3rd Place NAWA Small Works, 2023

2nd Place, Annual Juried Community Exhibition, MVCC Robert DiCaprio Gallery 2023

Merit Award, Art Barn 25th Annual Juried Exhibition, 2018

Jurors Award, Most Innovative Interpretation of the Midwest Landscape, Oak Park Art League

Merit Award, Art Barn 24th Annual Juried Exhibition, 2017

Honorable Mention, Art of Illinois, Gallery Seven, 2016

Mike and Kathie Newman Award, Chicago Pastel Painters Annual Juried Members Exhibition 2016

Honorable Mention, Gallery 2016 Juried Community Exhibition, Robert DiCaprio Art Gallery, Palos Hills IL, 2016

Merit Award, From Earth, Tall Grass Arts, Park Forest IL

3rd Place Award, Landscapes, The Next Picture Show, Dixon IL 2015

Merit Award, Salon Show, South Shore Arts, Munster IN 2015

Purchase Award, Park Forest Art Fair 2012 (Juried Fair)

4th Place, Park Forest Art Fair 2010 (Juried Fair)

## Collections

Work is in private and public collections

## Other

Exhibitions Committee Union Street Gallery 2022 to present  
Signature Status—Chicago Pastel Painters  
Curator, Contemporary Artists and Digital Tools, Union Street Gallery 2023  
Curator, Artistic Explorations—Maureen Cribbs solo show, Union Street Gallery 2023  
Coordinator, Life Drawing Workshop, Tall Grass Arts 2016-present  
Owner/Designer Trzyna Graphics, Inc. 2009-2023  
Pastel Instructor, McCord Gallery and Cultural Center 1/22–12/22  
Still Life in Pastels, Zoom Demo for Wheaton Library/Dupage Art League 2022  
Pastel Basics Workshop Instructor, Chesterton Art Center, 2019  
Artist In Residence, Indiana Dunes Lakeshore 2017  
Plein Air Painting Demo as "Artist in the Garden" Union Street Annual Garden Walk 2010-2017  
15th Annual Fields Project, Artist in Residence Program, Oregon IL, 2013  
Pastel Basics Instructor, Tall Grass Arts 2013  
Design Software Trainer for Seneca Design and Training, Chicago IL 2005–2012

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