

# Mary Ann Trzyna, Artist

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## Proposal

Seeking solo exhibition of artworks that explore color, light, and composition through still life arrangements of organic materials and fabrics.

The proposed exhibition consists of a core body of work, minimum of 15 to 25 pastel and oil paintings. Framed artwork ranges in size from 12 x 14 to 21 x 28. All work is framed or framed and matted with archival materials.

Experienced in public speaking I would be pleased to augment my exhibition with an artist's talk or painting demonstration.



## Artist's Statement

My still life work is about visual seduction. I can think of no other way to describe it. I chose to paint objects that have a strong visual appeal, with color and texture that interest me. I usually prefer organic forms for my subjects—mostly fruits and vegetables. I will also use patterned fabric as a further source of visual interest in my paintings.

I begin my still life works with an arrangement of objects in the studio. I always paint from life. I will take anywhere from an hour to a day to compose and light my subject and critique the layout using a viewfinder. I am a realist painter but I often work from non-traditional viewpoints. I may raise or completely lose the “horizon line” in the picture causing a flattening of the picture space making a work that is less a “window” and less about the objects and more about the painting. At some point in every successful work I start to look much less at the actual objects and much more at the painting. This is when I make changes based on what I need to do to make the final painting work—what I need to visually pull the viewer into and around the artwork.

Ultimately my work is about the visual play of color and form on the finished canvas.



*Positive, Negative 3*

SIZE: 16.0 x 10.0 in

FRAMED SIZE: 23.0 x 17.0 in

MEDIUM: Pastel

# Paintings—Still Life



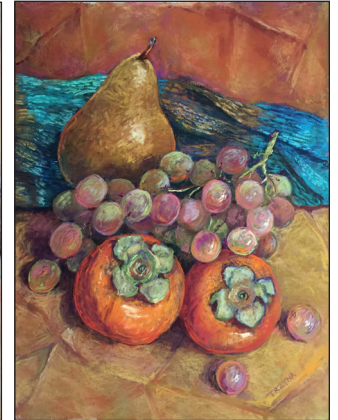
*Red and Green Harvest*  
IMAGE: 10.0 x 14.0 in  
FRAMED: 17.0 x 21.0 in  
MEDIUM: Pastel



*Tomatillos and Peppers*  
IMAGE: 8.0 x 12.0 in  
FRAMED: 16.0 x 20.0 in  
MEDIUM: Pastel



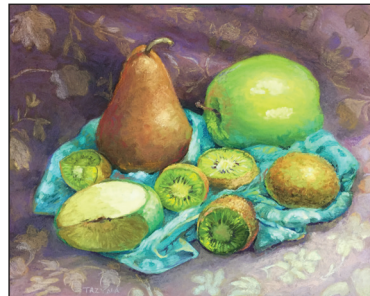
*Positive, Negative 2*  
IMAGE: 16 X 10 IN  
FRAMED: 23 X 17 IN  
MEDIUM: PASTEL



*Persimmons*  
IMAGE: 16 x 12 in  
FRAMED: 23 x 20 in  
MEDIUM: Pastel



*Apples in Sunlight*  
IMAGE: 8.0 x 10.0 in  
FRAMED: 16.0 x 18.0 in  
MEDIUM: Pastel



*Kiwifruit*  
IMAGE: 8.0 x 10.0  
FRAMED: 16.0 x 18.0  
MEDIUM: Pastel



*3 Pears*  
IMAGE: 8 x 10 in  
FRAMED: 12 x 14 in  
MEDIUM: Oil on Panel



*Pomegranate & Grey Scarf*  
IMAGE: 10 X 10  
FRAMED: 13X13  
MEDIUM: OIL ON PANEL



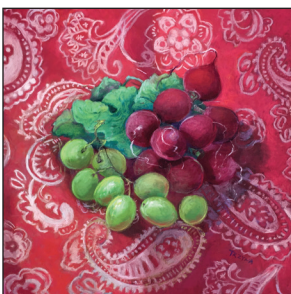
*Bluegreen and Light*  
IMAGE: 12 x 18 in  
FRAMED: 19.75 x 24.5 in  
MEDIUM: Pastel



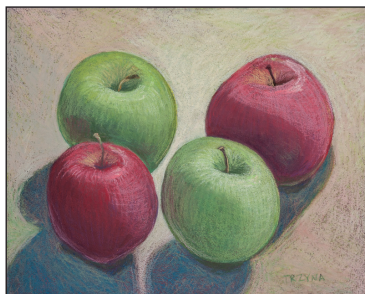
*Seeds*  
IMAGE: 8.0 x 16.0 in  
FRAMED: 16.0 x 23.0 in  
MEDIUM: Pastel



*Pairs*  
IMAGE: 12 x 16 in  
FRAMED: 16 x 20 in  
MEDIUM: Oil on Panel



*Radishes and Grapes*  
IMAGE: 10.0 x 10.0 in  
FRAMED: 18.0 x 18.0 in  
MEDIUM: Pastel



*Color Field 5*  
IMAGE: 8 x 10 in  
FRAMED: 12.5 x 14.5 in  
MEDIUM: Pastel



*Red, Green and Orange*  
IMAGE: 11 x 17 in  
FRAMED SIZE (H W D): 19.5 x 25.5 in  
MEDIUM: Pastel



*12 Violet*  
IMAGE: 8 x 8 in  
FRAMED: 12 x 12 in  
MEDIUM: Oil on Panel

## Curriculum Vitae



### Invitational and Solo Shows

2017

*Nourishing Passion, Still Life Paintings by Mary Ann Trzyna*, 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

### Group Shows/Exhibitions

2018

*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

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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

## Awards

Merit Award, Art Barn 25th Annual Juried Exhibition  
Jurors Award, Most Innovative Interpretation of the Midwest Landscape, Oak Park Art League  
Merit Award, Art Barn 24th Annual Juried Exhibition  
Honorable Mention, Art of Illinois, Gallery Seven  
Mike and Kathie Newman Award, Chicago Pastel Painters Annual Juried Members Exhibition  
Honorable Mention, Gallery 2016, 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

Signature Status—Chicago Pastel Painters  
Artist In Residence, Indiana Dunes Lakeshore 2017  
Coordinator, Life Drawing Workshop, Tall Grass Arts 2016-Present  
Owner/Designer Trzyna Graphics, Inc. 2009-Present  
15th Annual Fields Project, Artist in Residence Program (2013), Oregon IL  
Design Software Trainer for Seneca Design and Training, Chicago IL 2005–2012  
Pastel Basics Instructor, Tall Grass Arts 2013  
Plein Air Painting Demo as “Artist in the Garden” Union Street Annual Garden Walk 2010-2017

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