

## Proposal

Seeking solo exhibition of landscape paintings.

The proposed exhibition consists of a core body of work, minimum of 15 to 30 pastel painting and relief prints. Artwork ranges in size from 8x8 to 24 x 36 (framed sizes up to 30 x 42). All work is professionally framed or framed and matted with archival materials.

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



## Artist's Statement

My paintings are about form, color & light. My inspiration is the sights and colors of my everyday world.

The subject of a large body of my work is landscapes, especially trees. Some of these are plein air work and the ones that aren't done on-site are from sketches and photos from walks in woods and parks. I've always loved being outdoors exploring the natural world and my landscape paintings are about the sights, sounds and smells of that experience. I have found myself returning often to a familiar site where I know the "bones" of what I intend to paint which frees me to explore the changing that happens at different times of day, seasons and weathers. Lately it seems that one painting will suggest another as a way to further explore a theme of light or composition.

At some point in every successful work I start to look at the painting more than my sources. 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 picture.

I have recently added relief prints to my proposal. Different from my paintings this work explores line and structure. The prints are one color or multiple color. Some are hand colored or collaged (or both). Many are Variable open editions reflecting my tendency to experiment/play when working in the studio.

Ultimately my work is about the visual play of color and form and the mood and moment I am expressing.



*Vancouver Rainforest*

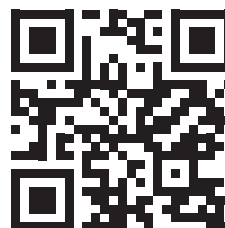
MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 20in x 16in

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## Paintings



*Oak Tree in October Sun*

MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 24in x 18in



*Winter Fog, Wetlands*

MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 20in x 16in



*Anticipating Spring*

MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 20in x 16in



*Summer Shade*

MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 16in x 16in



*Dune Recession*

MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 10in x 12in



*Mown Path*

MEDIUM: Pastel  
IMAGE: 12in x 12in



*Autumn Color*

MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 21in x 9in



*Morning Light*

MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 18in x 12in



*Afternoon Light, Tree*

MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 18in x 12in



*Off the Paved Path*

MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 16in x 20in

## Paintings



*Looking Up*  
MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 11in x 14in



*Walking in Sunlit Woods*  
MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 11in x 14in



*Sunlight and Leaves*  
MEDIUM: pastel  
IMAGE: 11in x 14in

## Relief Prints

Below: 3 prints from “Old Oak Tree” linocut plate — 12x18 one color on tan paper and two additional versions using multiple plates and water color paint (some handcoloring).

Right: “Along the Path”, 10in x 10in two color reduction print and “Summer Garden”, one color linocut.



## Curriculum Vitae

### Invitational and Solo Shows

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 Artist's 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

### Juried Group Shows/Exhibitions

2023

Pastels Chicago 2023, Chicago Pastel Painters Biennial, online  
 Anthology, Tall Grass Arts Annual Members Show, Park Forest IL  
 Frankfort Arts Association Member shows, Monochrome, Direct Observation, The Power of Light, 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

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" VIII, 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

## Curriculum Vitae—continued

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' VII, 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

## Curriculum Vitae—continued

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

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

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

Union Street Gallery Exhibition Committee member 2022–present

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