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Newfields to Host the Watercolor Society of Indiana's 44th Annual Juried Exhibition

Featured in the Bret Waller Gallery beginning August 28



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INDIANAPOLIS, August 28, 2026— [The 44th Annual Juried Exhibition of the Watercolor Society of Indiana](#) will open at Newfields on August 28, featuring watercolor works by artists from around the state. The juried exhibition has been a feature of the Watercolor Society of Indiana for 44 years, serving their mission of educating Indiana residents about the medium of watercolor.

Founded in 1983 by Crawford Donnelly, Stephen Edwards, E. Roger Frey, James Curtin Lentz, Wilbur Meese and Shirley Werner Carr, the organization has long supported artists across the state through exhibitions, workshops, and community engagement.

This year, Juror Kathleen Giles will judge the top award winners. Kathleen is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, Watercolor Society USA and the International Guild of Realism. Her realistic portrayals of everyday life have been featured in national publications and won many awards over the course of her career.

This year's selected works demonstrate the medium's range, from precise detail and transparent washes to bold color, layered surfaces and expressive brushwork. The juried exhibition will be on view in the Bret Waller Gallery on Floor 1 of the Indianapolis Museum of Art until October 25, 2026, and is free to Members and guests.

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About Newfields:

Newfields offers dynamic experiences with art and nature for guests of all ages. The 152-acre cultural campus features art galleries, lush gardens, a historic home, performance spaces, a nature preserve and sculpture park. From inspiring exhibitions in the IMA Galleries, to concerts in The Tobias Theater, to a stroll through The Garden with a glass of something cold, guests are invited to interact with art and nature in exciting new ways. Newfields is home to the Indianapolis Museum of Art, among the ten largest and ten oldest general art museums in the nation; the Lilly House, a National Historic Landmark; The Garden, featuring 40 acres of contemporary and historic gardens, a working greenhouse and an orchard; and The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park, one of the largest art and nature parks in the country. The Newfields campus extends outside of Indianapolis with Miller House and Garden in Columbus, Ind. one of the nation's most highly regarded examples of mid-century Modernist architecture. For more information, visit

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