

## Art Adventure | Sam Dalkilic-Miestowski



# Kathleen Newman: Oil and pastel landscape paintings

Just as many North west

Indiana art lovers go to Chicago to embrace art, now many Chicago land artists are finding many art patrons in Northwest Indiana. A case in point, Kathleen Newman will be exhibiting her Chicago Lakefront paintings, pastels, and giclees in the upcoming months at The Steeple Gallery in St. John.

### About the artist

Living in the Chicago area, Kathleen continues to be inspired by sailing on Lake Michigan, walking through the city to her studio, and enjoying

nature close to home and nearby at the beautiful Indiana dunes.

She has earned signature status in the Pastel Society of America, American Society of Marine Artists and American Transparent Watercolor Society, and is a member of the historic Palette & Chisel Academy of Fine Arts, Chicago Pastel Painters, and Oil Painters of America.

Her noted awards include: International Association of Pastel Artists, Gold Medal 2007, Best of Show, American Impressionist Society, Taos, NM 2005, International Artist, 2003,

Pastel Artist International, 2002, Pastel Journal 2001, 2002, Artists Magazine, 2000, 2003.

Her publications include: Best of Portraits, Northlight Books and The Chicago Art Scene, Crow Woods Publishing. Kathleen is represented by the Fountains Fine Art Gallery, Wilmington, NC and the Fine Arts Building Studios, Chicago.

Her work is held in many private collections throughout the country as well as the Ritz Carlton Orlando and Jupiter, Fla., Ameritech, IBM, MCI, Disney, Deloitte, American Dental

Association and recent additions to the new Prentiss Hall, Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

According to Newman:

“Whether painting landscapes, cityscapes or water scenes, I am intrigued by the quality of light in Nature and inspired to express its effect on color and atmosphere. Using oil or pastel, my paintings are both a representation of the outside world and a reflection of my inner response to its beauty. I am particularly drawn to water and how it mirrors the day, in particular late afternoon and evening

light. I love the calm mood of tranquility on a motionless day, the colorful chop created by wind and current, and the lyrical reflections of a magnificent sky. Even the hectic spirit of city life is somehow soothed by a meditative reflection on water.

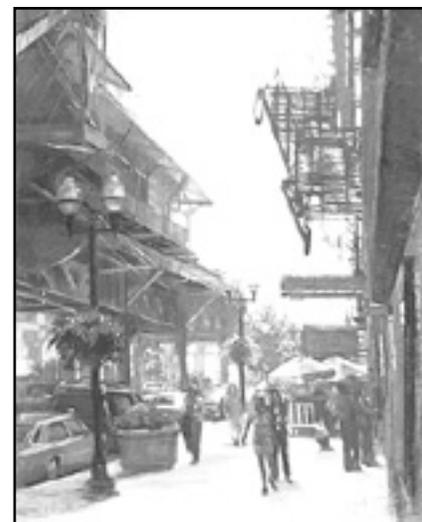
“My passion for seeing the beauty in everyday life, allows me an opportunity to appreciate nature and my place in it. As an artist, I am trying to experience and express this emotional response in my work and hopefully invoke a spark of passion in the viewer as well.

### The process

“I often paint small pieces on location and larger works in the studio. As a studio painter, I have found that there is nothing more exciting and frustrating than painting outdoors. The overwhelming amount of information encountered in the field, the changes in weather and atmosphere, visits by bugs and other pests, and the movement of the primary light source – the sun – can be intimidating. However, there is nothing so satisfying as the adventure, being out there in the moment, and trying to create a personal expression of the experience.

“As in meditation, practice and focus are the keys to understanding. Painting from life in Nature has taught me to see. The ability to see and simplify, to organize the value patterns, shapes, edges and color and hope to recreate this humbling experience through paint and brush on canvas is a never ending course of study. “

To view some of Kathleen's work in the very near future, visit The Steeple Gallery, 11107 Thiel St. or call 365-1014.



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