

**A Two-Artist-Show by Barbara Thomas and Kristen Kloss
At The Southside Art League
March, 2024**

EVENT: A Two-Artist-Show by Indianapolis artists Barbra Thomas and Kristen Kloss at the Southside Art League Off-Broadway Gallery in March 2024. The Guest Artists will each be exhibiting a collection of abstract paintings.

ARTIST: Barbara Thomas became involved in creating art at an early age and continued to do art projects throughout her school years. She proceeded to attend Illinois Wesleyan University as a fine art major. Upon relocating from Illinois to Indianapolis, Barbara joined the Southside Art League in Greenwood. She continued to paint in oil but soon discovered watercolor medium after taking classes with instructor Beverly Mathis. After several years painting very realistic watercolor paintings, primarily portraits, she added abstract painting to her endeavors. She claims abstract painting allows her to loosen up and experiment with color, design and texture. She feels abstract painting helps her keep in touch with her creative self. She primarily paints her abstracts with a foundation of acrylic and enjoys experimenting with various mediums and tools to add texture and interest. Barb has been privileged to be accepted into the National Abstract Exhibition many times over the years.

Barb is a member/gallery artist at the Southside Art League and is currently serving on the Board of Directors. Her memberships include being a Signature Member of the Watercolor Society of Indiana as well as several other well-known affiliations. Her paintings have been displayed in several places of business in Indianapolis IN, Greenwood IN, Franklin IN, Syracuse IN, and an ongoing display at a retail business in Illinois. Many of her paintings have been commissioned and now reside in various states.

ARTIST: Kristen Kloss has always had a desire to create, but unfortunately art classes were not available until she reached highschool, but only in freshman year. Her creativity was paused for many years until she moved to Indianapolis and eventually found the Southside Art League and began taking watercolor lessons with instructor Beverly Mathis. After a lesson on abstract painting a desire to focus only on Mixed Media Abstract began. Kristen feels that creating is about being free and spontaneous and her artwork is not pre-planned. Most of her mixed media art is made from torn decorative/artist papers and other mediums such as string, tissue paper, gesso, paste and acrylic or watercolor paint. Each piece begins with torn paper or fiber which is layered to create & enhance its depth and texture. She uses bright colors to catch your attention or draw the viewer in, to look closer to see what might be subtly hidden underneath, making each person see and feel something different.

Kristen is a member/gallery artist at the Southside Art League and is currently serving on the Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Hoosier Salon. Her paintings have been displayed in several places of business in Indianapolis IN, Irvington IN, a County Courthouse in Youngstown Ohio as well as the Indiana State Capitol building. Many of her paintings also reside in homes within various states. Kristen has won awards from The National Abstract Show and from the SALI Members Show.

Artist's Statement: *"Our goal is to continue to grow as artists... always learning, always expanding. Our desire is to produce artwork that viewers will react to emotionally and even spiritually. We believe artistic talent is a gift from God. We paint for the joy of that gift with the hope to visually communicate that joy to anyone viewing our paintings!"*

DATES: Artwork will be displayed at SALI from March 4-30, 2024.

RECEPTION: Meet the artists at a SALI Open House Saturday March 9, 2024, 6-8 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

LOCATION: The Southside Art League, Inc. (SALI) Off Broadway Gallery is located at 299 E. Broadway Street, Greenwood, IN 46143, 2 blocks north of Main St. and 6 blocks east of Madison Avenue in historic Old Town Greenwood.

EXHIBITION HOURS: Visit the gallery during regular hours Wed. – Sat. 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday. Please call SALI to arrange for viewing by appointment at any other time.

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