

Dear Artist:

Thank you for sharing your work with us. Info about you and your work will be hung in both the upper and lower gallery at Neland.

Please provide us the following:

1. A headshot embedded with the Artist Statement: You want an artist statement that makes a connection with the viewer.
2. Brief bio
3. **NOTE ON SPECIFICATIONS: Please provide us with 2 copies of the above information printed on cardstock in 14 pt. font.**

See an example below:

Mary Jane Pories: Artist Statement



I try to capture the elusive; the mystery behind what people don't say or don't do, the feelings evoked by glimpsing an object, experience, or emotion. If an image or event sticks with me, rather than try to represent it realistically, I paint to understand how I feel, explore why I can't forget the moment, and uncover the meaning inherent in the memory.

About the Artist

[Mary Jane Pories](#), MAT, AEA, is an award-winning, Equity actor, improviser, writer, visual artist, and former mainstage cast member of the Second City. Mary Jane holds a BA in Art and English and was Art Director/Graphic Designer for a small magazine before earning a M.A. in Teaching. She taught art in high school and design thinking at Kendall College of Art and Design, studied painting at Bennington College and Savannah College of Art and Design.

Mary Jane recently published *Color Me Happy: A Memoir in Poetry, Painting, and Prose*. Her work is in private collections, has been exhibited in juried shows throughout the region, and was included in the first edition of *Salann Magazine* and in *The Hopper* magazine.

Following with this exhibit at Neland, Mary Jane has three additional solo exhibitions scheduled through 2024. She lives in Grand Rapids, MI with her wife, Rhonda. You can also view more work at: www.maryjanepories.net

If you're interested in any of the pieces, please contact Mary Jane at: mjpories@fishladder.net