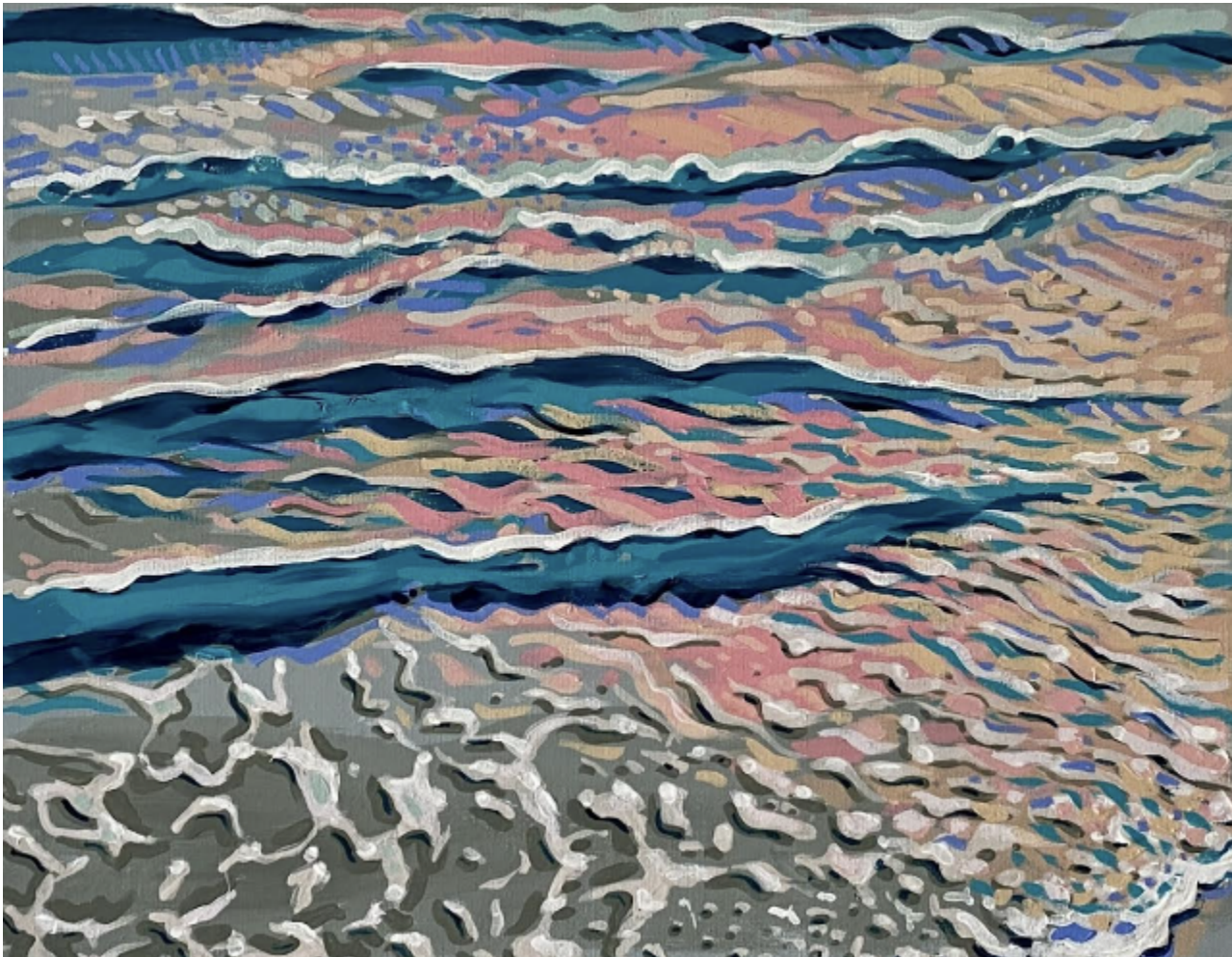


# Edwardsville's Wallace, Hillsboro's Nihira, and St. Louis's Plurad Work Showcased At Art Fair

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EDWARDSVILLE - These are three additional Edwardsville Arts Fair participant profiles, today featuring work from Edwardsville's own Tana Wallace. The Edwardsville Art Fair is Sept. 22-Sept. 24.

## **Artist #1**

**Name:** Tana Wallace

**Location:** Edwardsville

**Medium:** Emerging Artist

Artist's Statement: "As an art educator, I see many moments of success and failure, pride, dedication, conflict, honesty, and joy, to name a few. These moments inspire my communication through art as a teacher and creator. Creating my own art has been more present in my life recently as an outlet, and as a means to appreciate all the beauty around me, however ordinary it may be."



**Artist #2**

**Name:** Nick Nihira

**Location:** Hillsboro, MO

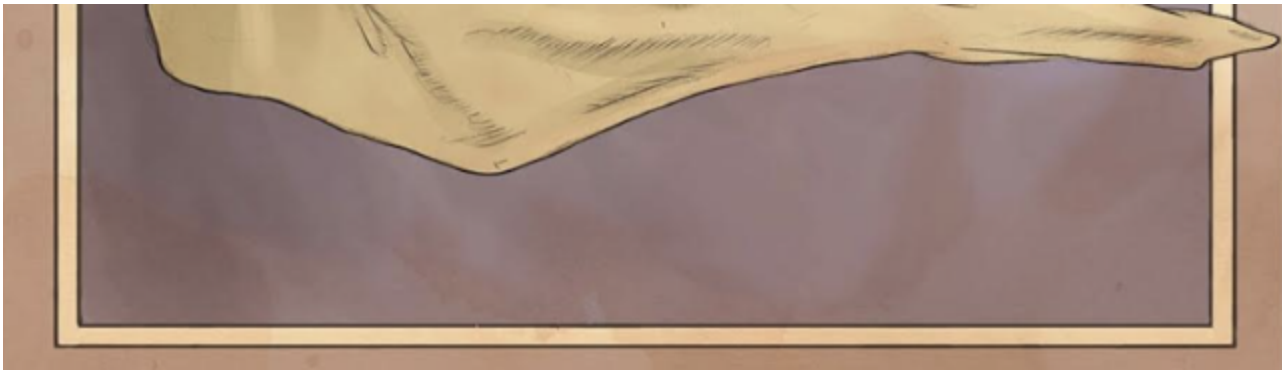
**Medium:** Works on Paper

Artist's Statement: "All of my work is hand drawn and then hand pulled as screen prints. My images usually have a little of a dark, comedic twist and deal with themes of rural vs. urban living, solitude, and technology."



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### **Artist #3**

**Name:** Michael Plurad

**Location:** Saint Louis, MO

**Medium:** Digital Artworks

Artist's Statement: "Inspired by great masters such as Arthur Rackham, the father of modern fantasy, and Alphonse Mucha, a primary figure in the art nouveau movement, the goal in all my work is to convey the sense of nostalgia when reading an old fairy tale or looking through a vintage magazine."