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# View portraits of a lady artist

**D**uring Indiana's warmer six months, Constance Edwards Scopelitis paints portraits in her studio in the Stutz Building, where she's been working for the past 13 years. And during the other half of the year she works from the Orange County, Calif. studio she opened last year.

"I've been established in Indianapolis as a portrait artist and painter for over 20 years," she said. "I love Indianapolis and I love my studio in the Stutz Building. But as we all know, from November to May the weather . . . well, it could be better."

In the past eight years, Scopelitis has earned gallery representation in Hawaii, Santa Fe, N.M. and California. The new-found clientele gave her the impetus to go West.

"This past year I opened a second studio in California to be closer to the gallery action there and the portrait clientele," she said.

The change of venue has shown up in her work. Scopelitis said she's been inspired by the art scene in California, but the balmy environs have had a bigger impact on her paintings.

"They reflect more sunlight," she said. "The subject matter covers two themes. California sunlight and water."

The paintings are inspired by

## Portray: Constance Edwards Scopelitis

**Where:** Stutz Art Gallery, 1005 N. Senate Ave.

**When:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Nov. 18 through Dec. 6.

**Tickets:** free.

**Info:** (317) 833-7000, [www.stutzartgallery.org](http://www.stutzartgallery.org).

nature but are not landscapes, Scopelitis asserted. Her environment was a jumping-off point, something she represents with color — blue and yellow, in particular.

Other new work focuses on religious themes.

"The inspiration probably was my exodus from the institutional form of religion," she said of the paintings that include a series that celebrates Eve in the Garden of Eden "as a queen rather than a bad girl."

It's portraiture that made Scopelitis famous, however, and the Stutz Art Gallery exhibit includes a wealth of her commissioned fine art portraits, as well as a preview of her new work. Scopelitis will be on hand for the exhibit's opening Nov. 18.

Get a sneak peek of her work online at [www.constanceart.com](http://www.constanceart.com).

— Traci Cumbay