

Illiana Artists

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your guide to art news, events and opportunities

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MEETING LOCATION

Westminster Presbyterian Church,
 8955 Columbia Avenue
 Room 305, Munster, IN
 (Located on the South-side of the
 church across the street from
 Community Hospital).

New Website Launched for 2010

We are pleased to report the new and improved website is now available at <http://www.illianaartists.org>. On the new site you will find valuable information and timely updates. Some of the new improvements include an Events Calendar on the Home page listing all group activities including dates, times, maps and exhibiting details. Our By-laws and other records are made readily available to the public. A handy online membership sign-up form can be easily printed straight from your browser window – no downloading needed. An interactive exhibits gallery, including video, is readily accessible and will be updated as we continue to increase our exhibiting and community outreach efforts. In addition, all members are invited to participate in our online Artists Directory that will include your name, biography, and (1) image of your work that best represents your style. Required materials for inclusion are:

Photograph: (1) Photograph – preferably shot during one of the studio sessions or meeting photo sessions previously arranged by Kathy Los-Rathburn. Digital or film-based is acceptable. Deliver digital formats on CD's or portable devices.

Media: List your **Media used** in the artwork represented in the photograph provided.

Biography: Short Biography 500 – 1,000 words (shorter the better).

Contact Information: Provide your, email address, website link, phone number (can be all or your choice for viewers to find out more about you).

Please send your Artist Directory materials to Maria Braun-Perez at maria.braun-perez@illianaartists.org. Materials can also be mailed. Please refer to the member directory. Or, bring your materials to the February through May meetings. Do not Delay!

Art Critique Scheduled for February's Meeting

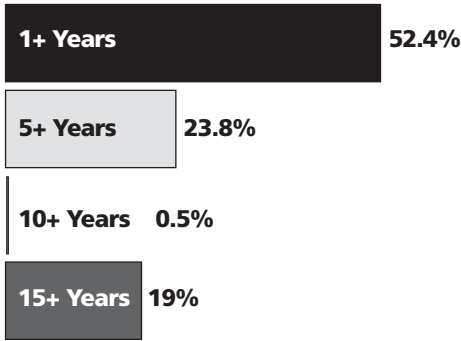
In preparation for the Illiana Artists upcoming exhibit this July, we are generating discussion on art, presentation and style as we critique our members latest creations. Bring your projects into this February's meeting for feedback on all mediums presented.

If you are currently working on a new piece for the member's only show this is a great opportunity to discover whether or not you are headed in the right direction. Completed projects are also welcome. Bring a friend to the critique for greater input and fun. Our meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to join.

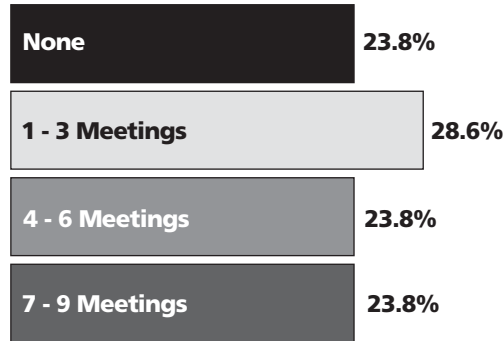
Illiana Artists Survey Responses *Concluded*

The December newsletter included a ten-question survey created to provide feedback from our members on what they felt were the positive aspects of the organization as well as areas in need of improvement. Twenty-one members responded to the survey questions and some provided additional replies.

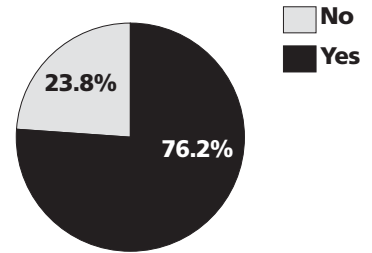
Membership Years Status



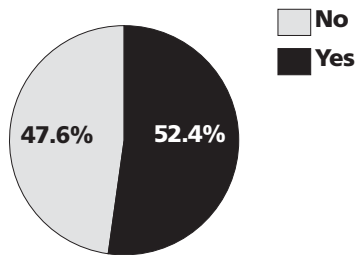
Membership Meeting Attendance



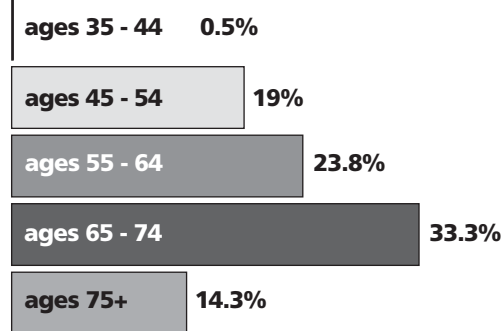
Members Only Show Exhibitors



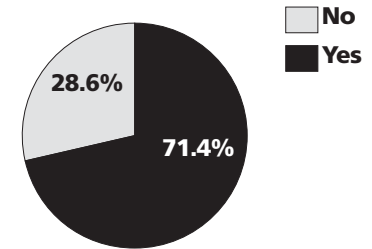
Committee Volunteerism



Membership Age Levels?



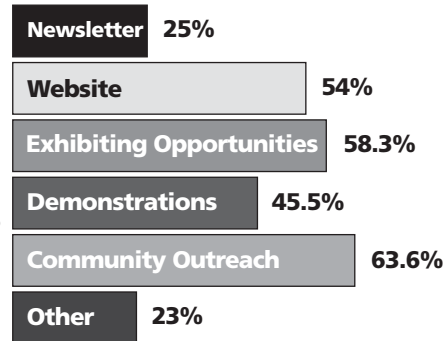
Regional Juried Show Exhibitors



Importance of Benefits Ratings



Areas We Need to Improve



Activities You Would Like to See in the Future

- Open discussion on what motivates artist to paint.
- More shows
- Workshops, on location paint-offs.
- More community outreach. Looking outward rather than just inward to entertain members.
- I would like to see more hands-on type of demonstrations or workshops.
- More opportunities to exhibit.
- Visit studios if possible.

Upcoming Exhibits

Solo Exhibit

Rita Berg is exhibiting in a solo show entitled "Water, Water, Everywhere".



Opening Reception

(RSVP Required)

Saturday, February 6th
9 am - Noon

Exhibit Dates

January 31st - February 20th
Monday – Friday 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday 9 am - Noon

Location

CornerStone Art Gallery
(in the back of Centier Bank)
1500 E 119th Street
Whiting, IN

Photography

Pat Hansen is exhibiting a photo of a Great Blue Heron photographed in Orland Park, Illinois. The photo is on display with approximately 175 photographers in the exhibit Sanctuaries.

For more information about the visitors center visit www.southshorecva.com.

Opening Reception

(open to the public)

Thursday, February 4th
5:30 pm

Exhibit Dates

February 4th - March 4th
8 am - 5 pm

Location

Indiana Welcome Center
Wellman Exhibit Hall
7770 Corinne Drive
Hammond, IN

Art Demonstration at Hobart Arts League

Gold-Leaf Gilding Demonstration

Gold-leaf gilding demonstration by master sign artists, John Sowles, sponsored by 18 Artists. John will present gold-leaf gilding on glass and picture frames, as well as, adding gold leaf into a painting.

John's career as a Master Sign Artist has spanned 45 years and included hand-painted roadside bulletin boards, small-to-large pictorials, exterior wall signs...truck, boat, airplane, ship and railcar signage, as well as, gold leaf and other lettering, from 1/8" to 28', on various surfaces, including gilding a cross at the top of a church spire.

John's resume extends in scope to interior design, trompe l'oeil and murals, one of which adorns a wall at the Chicagoland Christian Village.

However, this multi-talented artist's skill reaches far beyond the commercial field. An accomplished realist, John has already been recognized in area art shows for his exquisite portraits, landscapes and still life's, in oil. View John's work, at: www.18artists.com.

Download a Registration Form, in PDF format, from the Hobart Arts League website, at: <http://hobartarts.net/events.aspx>. Print out the registration form, and mail it, along with your check for the registration fee, (payable to the Hobart Arts League), to:

Hobart Arts League
3850 Howard Street
Hobart, IN 46342

For further information, or if you have any questions, please call **219-942-3834**.

Date

Saturday, February 27th
9 am - 2 pm

Admission

Students: \$5.00
Adults: \$15.00