



Illiana Artists

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your guide to art news, events and opportunities

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May, 2011 Meeting Agenda

Business Meeting: 6:30 - 7 pm

Elections begin for continuance into 2011-2012.

POSITIONS MUST BE FILLED OR WE WILL BE FORCED TO CEASE TO EXIST

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS:

- President – Maria Braun-Perez
- 1st Vice President – **(OPEN)**
- 2nd Vice President – **(OPEN)**
- Secretary – **(OPEN)**
- Treasurer – Pat Hansen
- Exhibits – **(OPEN)**

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS:

- Website – Maria Braun-Perez
- Programs – Richard DePirro
- Social (Hospitality) – **(OPEN)**
- Membership – **(OPEN)**
- Publicity – Larry Brechner

Member attendance and ability to participate in a leadership or committee role is crucial to the continuance of the Illiana Artists, Inc. We have been blessed with a number of enthusiastic and dependable members over the years. Thank you to the following individuals for your labor and love of the arts within the Illiana Artists, Inc:

■ **Rita Berg and Kathy Los Rathburn** – Thank you for your delightful coffee break themes and assortment of yummie treats. You've warmed our hearts with your smiles and more. We are especially thankful for your continuance as active members within our group over a generous number of years.

■ **Mary Kuric** – Thank you for your extensive research and active pursuit for membership exhibit space. We are blessed to have your positive go-getter attitude and generous spirit. You provide our group with opportunities to shine and more.

■ **Ann Noldin and Pat Hansen** – Thank you for your assistance in monthly meeting recording and financial record keeping that steer the wheels of our non-profit mission and vision. Your proficiency and dependability is outstanding. Your presence at every meeting is appreciated.

■ **Richard DePirro** – Thank you to Richard DePirro for bringing to our group a talented host of demonstrators and for your extra efforts in setting up chairs, tables and equipment to make the programs run smoothly. You're a powerhouse of ingenuity for our membership.

■ **Larry Brechner – Welcome Aboard!**

Larry Brechner recently stepped in to replace our long-time publicist Ann Noldin. Larry's career in community arts and education has provided Larry with extensive knowledge on media and promotion for events both online and in print. We are excited to include Larry as a new addition to the Publicity Committee. Ann Noldin's contributions are well noted and we are grateful to have had Ann onboard for a consistent number of years. Thank you both for your timely alerts and promoting awareness about our group.

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).

Artists Helping Artists

Youth-Oriented Mentoring Programs

The Illiana Artists contributed a \$100.00 Award of Excellence during the South Shore Arts 37th Annual Tri-County Junior/Senior High School Art Exhibition. The show was juried by Illiana Artists members Maria Braun-Perez, Richard and Karen DePirro, Pat Hansen, Joanne Rayter and Beverley Topa.



As president of the group I was honored to represent our organization during the opening reception as an awards presenter. I interviewed Dominic Ruffalo on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 on his 2-piece project, *Popsicle Stick Guitars*.

Dominic's interest in guitars and music began at age ten. He has been consistent with his practice over the past 4-5 years and is considering furthering his studies in music and art during college.

Dominic stated, "I became interested in art through music. Lots of musicians are artists."

His winning 2-piece entry is a functional piece made of 100% popsicle sticks. The entire process of assembling both the acoustic and electric guitars took approximately 10 months till completion. The electric guitar required a block of mahogany down the center of the guitar as a support base. It is constructed with 2 halves of popsicle sticks that are 3-4 inches thick.

"The electric guitar was more difficult to construct and required that I brace it so it wouldn't collapse during the stringing. It needs to be strung tighter where as the acoustic guitar is more solid." he said.

Dominic had seen an example of a guitar made purely from popsicle sticks, including the neck, on a website and wanted to try recreating a similar piece. The electric guitar is Dominic's own conception and thought it would make a great winning project.

He has received a Gold Key award during the South Bend Show prior to this exhibit. I

asked Dominic how the award might affect his future goals and his response was, "It's really nice to get recognized for doing something you really love and to know other people value what I have to offer."



**Dominic Ruffalo, Munster High School
12th Grade, *Popsicle Stick Guitars***

Note from Eve Rice:

Dear Illiana Artists,

Thank you very much for the good wishes an prayers.



When my health is restored; I'll be there enjoying the presentations and camaraderie of my artists friends. Miss you all. Thank you for mentioning me in gold in the program. Good attendance at a great reception yesterday.

One of these days you'll see a lady with a turban, long skirt and sandals. That will be me.

Love,

Eve Rice



95 Sheepshank, Mixed Media

J. Stevenson. (2010, December 1). Retrieved from www.12x12x100.blogspot.com. (2011, May 4).

Demonstration by Jeff Stevenson

**Painter / Mixed Media Artists /
Sculptor: 7:15 - 8:30 pm**

We are pleased to round out the year with a presentation by Jeff Stevenson, educator and curator at Governor's State University. Jeff will share his paintings and book sculpture collages. To find out more about Jeff and view his work, please visit his art blog at the following URL:

www.12x12x100.blogspot.com

Opening Reception

at the Indiana Welcome Center

Exhibit removal begins promptly at 8 am on Saturday, May 7. Artists are responsible for repackaging and removing their artwork. **All artwork must be removed from the building by 5 pm on Saturday, May 7.** The SSCVA has no available storage space to hold the artwork after the exhibit ends.

Kathy Los Rathburn volunteered to demonstrate her watercolor painting at the center on Sunday, April 17. The event attracted approximately 12-15 individuals for this particular event.

Thank you Kathy for your time and commitment.

The Post-Tribune ran an informative article with photos on Tuesday, April 19, in addition to The TIMES article mentioned in last month's newsletter.

Artistic Visions Displayed by Sue Ellen Ross, Post-Tribune Correspondent, April 19, 2011, 2:03 am

<http://posttrib.suntimes.com/news/neighbors/4848855-418/artistic-visions-displayed.html>



CONVERGENCE

A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Juried Exhibition Now Accepting Digital Submissions

The South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority is now accepting digital submissions for the exhibit **Convergence**, on display August 4 - October 5, 2011. The Exhibit will be displayed in the 6,500 sq. ft. W.F. Wellman Exhibit Hall located inside of the Indiana Welcome Center.

Exhibit Theme

Submissions must fall under the theme of **Convergence** as defined:

1. meeting, junction, intersection
2. concentration, blending, merging
3. coming together, unity, harmony
4. approaching a common view, a representation of common ground

Eligibility

Subjects of the photo must be geographically within the area of the South Shore, from Chicago to New Buffalo, Michigan.

How to Enter

Please send low resolution digital files to:
Andrea Rivera | Art Director
South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority
andrea@southshorecva.com

Exhibit Notes

If your submission has been selected for display, you must provide the following:

1. Photography ready for display. (mounted, framed and wired for hanging)
2. Artist's Statement describing how your work fits into the theme of the exhibition.

There is no fee for entries.

There is no cap on the number of submissions one photographer can make.

All photography must remain for the duration of the exhibit. Photographer contact information will be listed in the program. Anyone interested in purchasing photography displayed in the exhibit should contact the photographer directly. All sales will be coordinated directly with the photographer. The SSCVA will not facilitate or participate in the sale of any photography exhibited.

The Indiana Welcome Center is located at I-80/94 & Kennedy Ave. south.
7770 Corinne Drive - Hammond, Indiana - 46323
to learn more about the SSCVA visit www.southshorecva.com

Deadline for Entries

Submission Deadline is May 15, 2011.



Solo Exhibit

Member **Betty Delinck** will exhibit her work at the Gerhart Miller Art Museum in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin for their Wildlife Biennial XV Invitational Exhibit.

Exhibit Dates

June 4 - July 19

Opening Reception

June 4 and June 5 • 6:30 pm



Joanne Rayter, oil, Relics of the Hunt

Upcoming Exhibits

18 Artists: Art Springs Eternal

Exhibit Location

Vogt Gallery
17420 S. 67th Court
Tinley Park, IL 60477
708-309-4391

Exhibit Dates

May 3-27

Reception Date

Saturday, May 7 • 2-5 pm

Gallery Hours

Tuesday: 7-9 pm
Wednesday: 4-7 pm
Thursday: 11-2 pm • 7-9 pm
Friday: 11-3 pm

All other times by appointment.

Hobart Arts League Member Honored

by Beverley Topa

The Hobart Arts League is proud to announce that one of their distinguished artist/instructors, Gerrie Govert, has been accepted into the esteemed Indiana Artists Club. Gerrie, an acclaimed artist in her own right, also had artwork accepted into the Indiana Artists Club's 79th Annual Exhibition, at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, in Indianapolis, Indiana, where her pastel painting, "Four Faces," was awarded the "Jury Prize of Distinction."

Gerrie has agreed to curate an exhibition of artwork by her students, at the Hobart Arts League, 3850 Howard Street, Hobart, IN, during the month of May.

Gerrie teaches mixed media at the Hobart Arts League, as well as at the South Shore Arts Association's Crown Point branch, and will be showcasing work done by her students from both arts organizations, in this exhibit, "The Accidental Artist."