



Greetings Fellow Members & Friends



Maria Braun-Perez
President

A brief introduction for those members who were unable

to attend the May elections, I am the 2009 President Elect. I hope to build active participation and open communication within the Illiana Artists.

I received my BSFA in 2001 from Valparaiso University and a 2009 Internet and Web Technologies certification from The Art Institute of Pittsburgh. I am owner and consultant of MBP Graphic Design with over ten years of production and graphic design experience in marketing and communications.

Feel free to visit my website at <http://www.mbpgraphicdesign.com>.

Highland residents may recognize my work in the Town of Highland's Gazebo Express newsletter. I welcome your comments on the newsletter design, timeliness and readability.

Valparaiso residents, we may have crossed paths as I worked in the public relations department at Porter Valparaiso Hospital Campus for 6 years.

I look forward to working with all of you during this membership year. See you at the September meeting.

highlights

Sign Up for the IA Email Newsletter

To receive the Illiana Artists newsletter via email, send your request to m.braunperez@att.net and type **IA EMAIL News** in the subject line of your email request.

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership Dues!

Membership forms are available at www.illianaartists.org, or bring a check for \$20 to the September meeting.

Cast Your Vote for the Proposed Illiana Artists Website and Logo Redesign

Find out more at the September meeting. Your membership entitles you with the right to vote.

Art Technique and Demos

Show us what's new in your toolbox. For more information, contact Maria Braun-Perez at the email address above, or by cell phone at **219-689-0003**.



art events & opportunities

Current Exhibits

Portraits in Pastels by Larry Odell Dillon

Gary Public Library
Barbara Leek Wesson Art Gallery
Du Bois Branch, 2nd Floor
1835 Broadway, Gary IN

July 1 – August 31

Larry Jensen

Larry Jensen will be giving a short presentation at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitors Center (IDNL), along with Michelle Rudnick, photographer. As Artist-in-Residence at the IDNL, Larry is creating a large series of woodturnings using wood from trees found in the IDNL leading up to a 2010 exhibit, July – mid August, at the Chesterton Art Center.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Visitors Center
Indiana Highway 49 & Munson Road
Porter IN

Presentation • August 30 • 2 pm

Kathy Los-Rathburn

Kathy Los-Rathburn participated in Griffith's 35th Annual Park Full of Art during July 18-19. Kathy won 3rd place in watercolor and is one of the 5 remaining artists who continues to exhibit each year.

Upcoming Exhibits

Illiana Artists 12th Regional Juried Exhibition

Download the prospectus through the Illiana Artists website at www.illianaartists.org.

Chesterton Art Center
115 S. 4th Street • Chesterton IN

Entry/Delivery
August 7-14
11 am – 3 pm

August 15
1 – 3 pm

Exhibit Dates
Aug 20 – Sept 28

Opening Reception
August 28
6 – 8 pm

Value Volume Variety – National Juried Exhibit

Seeking artists in 2D and 3D works in acrylic, oil, watercolor, drawing, mixed media and sculpture are eligible. Entry fee for up to three pieces is \$15. Two additional entries may be submitted for an additional fee of \$5. Best of Show and other cash awards. Entry forms are available at <http://www.119streetartists.com>.

Entry Deadline
September 12

Exhibit Dates
October 3 – 31

The Miniature Show and Sale

Create a framed work of art, no larger than 8" x 10" to be featured at the Gala this October. Each piece will be priced at \$100 with \$60 going to the artist, and \$40 toward the fund for Art Center's new roof. For information, call the Chesterton Art Center at **219-926-4711**.