

Dear Indiana Art Association member or friend,

Inside the new IAA newsletter you'll find the Spring Show entry form that you've been waiting for, plus a great lineup of workshops, lots of exhibits, exhibit opportunities, and information on our famous yearly Arts Camp.

Spring Show deadline adjusted

Because this newsletter is coming out so close to the deadline for the IAA Spring Show Entry Forms, we adjusted the deadline in a couple of ways. First of all, we moved it forward to April 28, and second, you don't have to mail in your form – you can email it. See instructions on the Entry Form in newsletter, page 5.

Your important IAA membership

Besides the Spring Show, this is also the time of year to renew your membership in the Indiana Art Association, or to become a member for the first time. Isn't it a tremendous value, that you can support so much creative activity in Indiana for just \$15 per year?

Memberships are IAA's number one source of operating funds. Please join IAA whether you are an active artist, an inactive one (you never know) or simply a good-hearted supporter. We operate extremely efficiently, and every one of your dollars goes to work for the continuation of an active art community in Indiana.

Your caring Patron Donations

The Spring Show is also the time of our yearly fund drive for Patron donations. Please give generously, in your name or that of a loved one, and you'll be listed in our Spring Show program (unless you wish to remain anonymous). Just use the Spring Show entry form (whether you're entering artwork or not) and mail to the address listed there. Include any note about a memorial contribution.

Opening & Closing Receptions – You're invited

Please join us for the **Opening Reception** of our *67th Annual IAA Spring Show*, **Saturday, May 10, 2008, 7-9 PM** at the Indiana County Historical Museum. More details on page 8 of the newsletter.

And we hope to see you at the **Closing Reception** of *Pot Luck*, an exhibit by IAA artists,

Monday, May 19, 2008, 2:30-4:30 PM at The Copper Gallery of the Indiana County Technology Center. Details and directions on page 8 of the newsletter.

These receptions are free and open to the public.

New exhibits

Before we get to the new exhibits, Dick Vitale's show of watercolors at the Calvary Church is not to be missed before it comes down on April 30. He has a lifetime of discipline in creating these clean, masterful scenes of boats and beaches, boardwalks, Amish scenes and more. Schedule a stop there this week. M-F 9-5.

The next show at the Calvary is *Artists of the Calvary Church*, through the month of May, with Jimmy Stewart -sketches or photo of Harvey, Elonire Blaire, Kelly Moore, Bill Double, Trish Dodson... as well as many others.

A new show of photographs is going up at Sunflower Yoga Studio, *Pittscape: Pittsburgh Landscapes by Kaoru Tohara*, with a big **Opening Reception on Saturday, May 3, 5-7 PM**. The IUP Alumni Association is putting that on, with live music by Robin Hastings Band and marimba by IUP percussion students. They ask a donation of \$5.

Check out the new IAA exhibit, *Artistic Vision*, at the Commonplace Coffeehouse in Indiana.

For details on all exhibits, please see page 8 in the attached newsletter.

Classes coming up

Don't forget to send in your registration for Judith Finkelstein's **Assemblage/Collage Art** class being held on May 3.

Our June classes include:

Melted Wax / Crayon Art with Beverly Botsford – June 16

PhotoShop for Artists with Dr. James Richey – June 21

Plein Air for a day, with Beverly Botsford – June 25

And later in the summer:

Abstract Painting in Acrylic with Julie Bernstein Engelmann – July 26 & August 2

See newsletter for details and to register for classes, pages 1-3.

Arts Camp

For kids K-12 who love art and theater, IAA's Arts Camp is the highlight of their summer. You can find the brochure on the IAA website, www.indianaartassociation.org, or see the information on the last page of the newsletter. Arts Camp fills up each year and some kids get turned away, so sign up early.

Also, we need volunteers to contribute snacks – and to help with passing them out. Please call Cookie Coordinator Beverly Botsford at 724-465-2070. Eighty kids twice a day for two weeks is a lot of snacks! The treats help to make the program fun and successful, and your efforts are much appreciated.

Enthusiasm for the Youth Arts Celebration

What a fantastic event the Indiana Arts Council team put together with the cooperation of art teachers all over Indiana County. At the Youth Arts Celebration on April 5, the exciting, creative artwork of 234 students inspired one another and vied for awards. Delightful music and theater performances graced the stage all day long, along with artist demonstrations and youth art activities for a fantastic day at the S&T Arena in Indiana.

This event may well become an annual tradition that Indiana families treasure for decades to come. The IAC team is already planning how to make next year's Arts Celebration even better. Just wanted to keep you in the loop so you can join the fun next year.

If elephants can do it... So can you!

Finally, I just want to pass along a couple of amazing YouTube videos of elephants in Thailand making actual paintings. My jaw just dropped the whole time watching them. Copy and paste the following URL into your browser. This first one is an elephant painting a picture of an elephant. It's 8 ½ minutes:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=He7Ge7Sogrk>

If you want to see more, then check out this 4-minute video where the elephants are painting various things, including flowers and trees.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTBmgxDZIVE&NR=1>

Thank you for your spark of interest in art, which helps build the fire of creative activity in our town. It's wonderful!

All the best,

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