



THE INDIANA ART ASSOCIATION

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LOTS TO REPORT

First and foremost, after holding on, and getting through 2020, we are finally at a place to begin resuming our activities.

Next item of importance is that beginning June 1, 2021 we will have a new slate of officers. We welcome our new

officers.

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There is no question that

these ladies will do a dynamite job and build on the strength we have developed through the past years.

Spring is the season of new birth, hope and excitement for the upcoming year. Whatever your medium is, all that we see and feel is a source of art.

Words to my dear IAA members.

As the old saying goes, "All good things must come to an end" and so it is now time for me to pass the gavel to another. It is indeed bittersweet and I promise not to cry at every meeting. (smile).

I just wanted all of you to know that I've enjoyed each and every one of you who have supported me and stuck by me when I got so worried about doing everything the right way. And as you also all know, doing things the right way wasn't exactly my way. But I hope I've made you laugh and made you excited about the meetings and shows. I had a wonderful, wonderful time...I hope you all did too....with much love. Darlene

ABOUT
The Indiana Art Association (IAA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting the visual arts in Indiana. We provide a variety of programs and services for artists, including exhibitions, workshops, and grants. Our mission is to foster a vibrant and inclusive art community in the state.

YOUTH ARTS CAMP
The IAA offers a Youth Arts Camp for children and teenagers, providing a fun and educational experience. The camp includes art projects, field trips, and a chance to learn from professional artists.

SHOWS
The IAA hosts a variety of art shows and exhibitions throughout the year. These shows provide a platform for artists to showcase their work and connect with the public.

GRANTS
The IAA offers grants to support artists in their creative endeavors. These grants can be used for materials, travel, and other expenses related to their art practice.

MEMBERSHIP
The IAA has a membership program that provides members with access to exclusive events, discounts, and other benefits. Membership is open to artists, collectors, and art enthusiasts alike.

CONTACT
For more information about the IAA and its programs, please contact us at www.indianapaartassociation.org.



Introducing our new president

Janie Leck-Grela will be taking the helm June 1, 2021 for the Indiana Art Association. Janie has a wealth of experience and leadership to bring to the organization.

Janie has a tremendous amount of experience in many areas that not only include art and leadership but with recruitment and operations surrounding non-profit organizations. She assisted with the development of the arts in Cambria City and help navigating through the challenges. She has knowledge and experience in non-profit management and strategic planning.

Janie is from Johnstown, but lived also in Arizona for several years. She is an artist herself and has exhibited her work in many galleries and was represented by Blue Willow Gallery in Phoenix. She received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Education from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and worked as a certified teacher in both the metro Phoenix area and in rural Maricopa, AZ.

Closer to home, Janie has been active with several area arts non-profit organizations including The Bottle Works Ethnic Arts Center, Art WORKS! In Johnstown, the Community Arts Center of Cambria County, Laurel Arts, and the Indiana Arts Association.



Introducing our new secretary

Pam Sagely will be our new secretary, and will do a great job. Pam has been keeping up with the publicity over the Covid-19 year and has been on top of everything and has been involved with the IAA for many years, so many of you already know her. Pam has provided a very nice bio and introduction here:

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as IAA secretary beginning in June. IAA has a long history of providing Indiana County area artists and residents with a variety of visual arts opportunities. Approximately 20 years ago, I was privileged to serve as IAA president and I'm happy to again serve on its board of directors.

Over the years, my artistic interests have included drawing, watercolor and most recently landscape oil painting done en plein air. En plein air is a French painting term meaning "in the open air." Admittedly, I have much to learn, and frankly, it can be a real struggle but, I love it.

Prior to covid-19, I organized plein air outings for our members. We're hoping to restart as soon as it's safe. When we do, all painters, sketchers and photographers are welcome as we visit county parks and other public sites in Indiana County.

When the time is right, I can't think of a better way for an artist to emerge from a pandemic state-of-being than to get outside, enjoy nature and create with friends.

As we look to brighter days ahead, IAA is fortunate that our incoming president, Janie Leck-Grela, will bring extensive experience, skills and new ideas to our organization. We have much to be excited about as we move into 2021 and beyond. I'm also grateful to our current president, Darlene Palmer, for her years of leadership and her concern for keeping our members safe during this difficult time.



MARK YOUR CALENDERS

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION: \$25 INDIVIDUAL, \$40 FAMILY

You can pay your membership fee when you drop your work off for the Spring Show or mail it in prior to IAA, PO Box 488 Indiana, PA 15701

SPRING SHOW: LOCATION; ARTISTS HAND GALLERY

June 22nd - July 10th with a reception scheduled for June 25th from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Drop-off time and date:

- Saturday, June 19th 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON
- Monday, June 21st 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

*****REMEMBER, YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE PAID BEFORE YOU CAN ENTER THE SHOW*****

ARTS CAMP 21

July 19-23 Elementary (grades 1-6) &
July 26-30 Jr/Sr. High (grades 7-12)

This year we are planning to hold camp at the Indiana Senior High School (450 N. 5th Street, Indiana, PA 15701)

After a disappointing turn of events (Coronavirus) Our 20th year had to be cancelled. This year we are back and ready to go with a new host school -Indiana Senior High School We are busy planning and excited to be back this year! We will have limited enrollment (15 per group) to limit contact and encourage social distancing. CDC guidelines will be followed.

Flyers will be sent out in April
Check for updates on our Arts Camp, Indiana PA Facebook page

As we begin to move back to some sense of normalcy, I hope that each day will provide inspiration and opportunity for everyone to continue to create and share their artistic gifts and talents with others. The work that each of you create shows a gift of beauty and makes our world a better place



Supporting IAA members and fellow artists and their endeavors

IAA member, **Joy Fairbanks** has a photo in the upcoming "Donald M. Robinson Photography Biennial that will be on exhibit at the SAMA Gallery St. Francis, Loretto. The show runs from April 16 to June 16. In addition, Joy is still exhibiting locally with the Artists Hand Gallery.

Pam Sagely has a wealth of information and ideas to share with everyone. It certainly shows that during this very LONG Covid-19 year, Pam has been not only thinking about when she will be able to resume her Plein air outings again, but also providing information that might interest some of our members in the meantime.

- All gardeners know that one way to get through a long winter (or maybe even a pandemic) is to browse seed catalogs while the snow flies and begin planning a summer garden. If you're thinking about joining the plein air movement, everything you'd need is here. judsonsart.com
- I recently received this email from The Cornell Lab of Ornithology regarding a **Watercolor Basics for Birds** online workshop. It occurs to me that this might be a fun and affordable workshop for anyone wanting to do some watercolor bird painting while on one of our plein air outings so thought I'd share it with you.
- Looks like this artist also teaches **Nature Journaling and Field Sketching** workshops online—which would be a great fit for plein air fun.
- **IAA PLANS LANDSCAPE ART/COVERED BRIDGE PROGRAM WITH INDIANA COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE PARKS AND HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIANA COUNTY**
In Indiana County, we're fortunate to have some wonderful parks and a dedicated group of volunteers who plan programming on topics related to the parks, the outdoors and nature. Lots of great offerings! **Indiana County Friends of the Parks 2021 brochure**

The **October 17, 2021** program scheduled at **Trusal Covered Bridge, Landscape Art & History at Trusal Covered Bridge**—Did you know Indiana County has four quaint old covered bridges? Trusal, built in 1870, is the oldest. Come hear the history of Indiana County's covered bridges and learn about PA's historically significant involvement in the "en plein air" movement (painting/sketching outdoors directly from nature).

Attendees are welcome to spend the autumn afternoon engaging in en plein air activities on their own at this picturesque and historic site. Bring your own materials. After our discussion, explore and create independently, if desired.

Pre-registration required by calling 724-463-8636 - space may be limited. Co-sponsored by the Indiana Art Association (IAA) and the Historical & Genealogical Society of Indiana County.

During the program, we'll discuss the **PENNSYLVANIA IMPRESSIONISTS** of New Hope, PA and the **SCALP LEVEL SCHOOL** of painters in the Johnstown area. We'll also learn about **local artist Jacob Sweitzer**, who was so poor he made his brushes from twigs, dried grasses and horsehair. His paints were often made from crushed berries and clay. His canvases? Cut up shredded wheat cereal boxes!

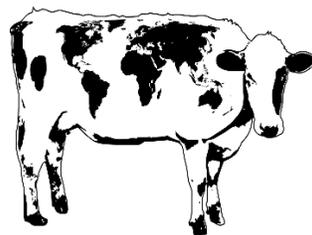
Past reflections and future visions

Every journey and every creation begins with a thought and vision and then we begin to take the necessary steps to arrive at our desired point. Close to a century ago, a group of people who shared a common interest, which was ART. In the 1930's, those people and perhaps others, decided to create an organization where they could share their interests with others who has similar interests and look to a common goal. The Indiana Art Association was conceived and thus started the journey to where we are today. The organization has had its share of struggles, but with the determination and cooperation of all of the members, the IAA continues to stand strong in 2021.

When you look around your room, outside your door and along a path through the woods, everything is art. Art is a very diverse matter, it is the use of a medium of the person's choice; it is perception as seen through the artist's eyes and felt in the being. As diverse as art is, artists are just as diverse and in their personal lives all have different strengths. It is this diversity that started the IAA and has continued to build on the initial foundation. Everyone encourages each other when viewing or critiquing the work of another artist, and does not criticize the work that is being displayed.

As some of you continue to show your work at one of venues that the IAA has, and to enter our shows, you also show and display in other areas. This is absolutely awesome and as I look at a future vision, that would be to continue nurturing the Indiana Art Association and watch it continue to grow. This can be in part to continue with things we already have in place and that have worked and also looking at new things such as what Pam has shared with us.

To summarize, I wish to give credit to a fellow Vermonter, -D.J Barry, the creator of WORLD COW. He painted the picture of the Holstein cow, seeing the art that cow possessed and the message that art could share. In 2015 the World Cow movement started and today World Cow has grown to over 20 countries around the globe as a global brand and art movement.



We're all spots on the same cow