

WILD ART NEWS ~ INDIANA WIELDZE ARTISTS, Inc

Volume 26 - Number 2

April - June 2009

Who's Who and How to Contact Them

President	Sara Wilson	jawsaw87@aol.com
Vice-president		
Secretary	Trudy Calvert	tlcreate@aol.com
Treasurer	Mary Spoor	mdspoor@hotmail.com
Asst Secretary	Judy Van Hoff	vanhoffam@hotmail.com
Asst Treasurer	Judy Hoffman	hoffmanjudyk@aol.cim
Executive Asst	Bob VanHoff	vanhoffam@hotmail.com
V P - North	Beverly Garner	2bg@comcast.net
V P - Central	Diana Hunter	hunter_diana@sbcglobal.net
V P - South		
Webmaster	Diana Hunter	hunter_diana@sbcglobal.net
News Editor	Laura Hill	ljhill@kconline.com

Calendar

APRIL

- 18 Executive Board Meeting
- 25 Photo/Field Trip for all IWA members and guests to Kellogg's Bird Sanctuary Gull Lake - Michigan (see details in item below)

MAY

No events currently scheduled

JUNE

No events currently scheduled

- 16 Newsletter deadline

The Visual Artists Network

On March 6 a group including representatives of art organizations and schools along with a number of individual artists met to explore the concept of a visual artists network. The idea for this project came from the Executive Assistant and Gallery Coordinator of The Honeywell Center's Clark Gallery and a representative from Logansport Art Association. It grew out of the realization that they and others have been sharing arts related information on a limited basis via email for some time and that this could serve us well if it is coordinated into a unified network.

Most of those present at the introductory session were from Indiana's northern counties, it seems apparent that in time the enterprise could (*and probably should*) be carefully expanded. It's likely that individual artists as well as many art centers and guilds could all benefit - truly a win/win situation for those who actively participate. And that is the key - as with any similar project it would require *some* effort to share in the activity by all of the participants. Clearly if only a few are pulling the weight, the endeavor is less likely to succeed.

It is already beginning to work. Watch for Exhibit Opportunities and other activities in our newsletter and in the news publications of your other art organizations. If you can share information about activities in your area, send it to the editor and it will be relayed to the network (VAN) so we can get the word out. Information we receive between newsletters will be sent via email to other groups and artists that are part of the Visual Artists Network.

THE INDIANA ARTISAN PROJECT

We reported on the Indiana Artisan Project in the Oct-Dec newsletter. If you no longer have the information you can refresh your memory at www.in.gov/indianaartisan. The next opportunity for jurying in will be in May 2009 so there is time to get an application ready to submit. Find out more and check back with them to learn the date and to download the guidelines and application.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS ~

Deborah Anderson (Carbon, In) earned a merit award from the Nature's Inspirations show at Cool Creek Nature Center. An impressive inlaid wood tree design titled FALL COLORS was honored in the "other" category.

The work of **Carol Hemdal** (Kouts) will be shown in solo exhibit at the North Webster Public Library during the month of April. Along with her award winning scratchboard drawings, some of her recent oils are also on display.

Shari Jardina (Indianapolis) has had an exhibit in the Crazy Lakes Gallery at Greenfield for the past year. She will be the featured artist at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce where her photographs will be on display from May 1 through July 31. One of the photos will appear in the May/June issue of OUTDOOR INDIANA.

CHAPTER NEWS

IWA North

The Northern Chapter is planning an all-member family outing and photo field trip.

Where: Kellogg's Bird Sanctuary (Gull Lake, Augusta, Michigan)

When: Saturday - April 25, 2009

Bring: camera, film (if necessary), picnic lunch

There have been some changes since our last visit there (picnic area and fee increases) but it's a great photo op and a special experience for families. If you're not familiar with the property, you can check them out at www.kbs.msu.edu/birdsanctuary/. It is a research facility for Michigan State University and is very well cared for.

There is a shop at the entrance with excellent books and other items - maybe they still offer buckets of corn that will have ducks flying in and following you (at least until the bucket's empty).

If you have questions or need directions let us know and we'll get back to you. Contact laurajo382@gmail.com. And remember that all members of IWA are included in the invitation along with family and/or guests.

There have been no reports of plans or activities from IWA Central or IWA South.

THE 2009 ANNUAL IWA EXHIBIT

We're happy to report some of the preliminary plans for the 26th Annual Exhibit Weekend at Evansville. The exhibit facility is located at Angel Mounds Historic Site. You can learn more about the site at www.angelmounds.org. The exhibit will be open to the public from September 13 through October 3. Check back to the IWA web site for more information and to download the non-member prospectus.

Anyone interested in membership can contact via email to ljhill@kconline.com or IWA, P O Box 382, North Webster - IN 46555-0382. A member's prospectus will be mailed to all members and new applicants for membership.