



Wild Art News

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Newsletter update

We had hoped to publish a quarterly IWA newsletter, but it seems that may have been a little too optimistic. So...for the time being, at least, we'll be on a Spring-Summer and Fall-Winter schedule. Email me with your accomplishments, events, etc. no matter how big or small. shari@wolfmountainimages.com Don't be shy! I know most people don't like to "toot their own horn" but I'll be happy to toot it for you. No one will know where I got the information.

Beginning next year, we would also like to start a new feature.... Member Spotlight! I would like to feature one new member and one "not-so- new-member" in each issue. If anyone would like to volunteer, I will need a photo of yourself and a short bio. The photo doesn't have to be a portrait. In fact, I would prefer a photo of you doing what you do best. If I don't get a volunteer, I will choose someone at random and contact you to discuss your interest. Sound fun?

Remember....

IWA has a Facebook page!! We've almost doubled our likes since the last newsletter. We're up to 48 now. If you're active on Facebook and you haven't checked out our page yet...check it out! And don't forget to share the page on your Facebook page or other social media account.

www.facebook.com/indianawildlifeartists

I'm also the administrator of our Facebook page, so whatever you send me for the newsletter, I will also share on Facebook. And don't forget to send your news to our webmaster, Marian Betts, also.

As mentioned in the last issue, I would like to change the cover photo every month to feature one of our artist members. If you would like your work featured as the cover photo on IWA's Facebook page, just email a photo of your work to me. Don't worry about the size or resolution. Just give me a little background information on your work and I will post it along with the proper credit.



"Heron's Repose" by Patrick Kluesner, sold at the Indianapolis Airport Exhibit.



Congratulations to our members for their accomplishments in 2015!

Chapter News

The Central Chapter is working hard preparing for next year's Annual Exhibit. **More details coming soon.** They have also been working on securing locations for other exhibit opportunities for 2016. One of which has come to fruition. This will be discussed later in the newsletter.

Member news

Patrick Kluesner won a first place award at the Art Association of Madison County Exhibit for an airbrush portrait entitled "Rilee Layne".

Deborah Anderson won 2nd Best of Show, and 1st and 2nd place in the wood category at the National Competition "Artistry in Wood" in Dayton Ohio.

Bev Garner had two pieces of her artwork hung in the juried Honeywell 92 County Art Show in January and was on the Ford Meter Box calendar for 2015. There were 137 entries and only 13 were chosen. In February, Bev also had 12 pieces hanging in the North Webster Public Library.

Jenny Smith's work has been on display at both Minnetrista in Muncie and at The Anderson Center for Arts in Anderson this year. She has been invited to display at Willowbrook Interiors in downtown Muncie, and at ORS, INC, a corporate office, in Fishers, Indiana.

Trudy Calvert jumped back into the art scene this year! Her biggest show was a solo show in one of the galleries at the Ivy Tech John Waldron Art Center in Bloomington. Her work was on display through the month of August and there were a lot of people at the opening. Biggest surprise of all was that her high school art teacher came to see the show (about 200 miles).

Trudy also exhibited at the Cool Creek Nature Art Exhibit in Carmel, Shawnee Theater in Bloomfield, two shows in the Martinsville area (won a third prize ribbon there at the Artesian Art Show) and most recently at the Celebration of Nature at Eagle Creek Park in Indy.

Roseanne Crowell was the Featured Artist for the month of November, 2015 at ArtSplash Gallery in Carmel, Indiana. An Open House was held during the Second Saturday Art Walk.

Several of our artists participated in the annual **Celebration of Nature** exhibit at Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis in December. Participating members included Trudy Calvert, Bob Myers, Shari Jardina, and Elaine Wolfe.

Congratulations to our members for their achievements in 2015.

2015 Wrap-Up

IWA 32st Annual Exhibit

This year's Annual Exhibit was sponsored by the Southern Chapter and took place at its usual location, Angel Mounds State Park in Evansville, September 12th thru October 8th.

Congratulations to the first place award winning members!

Carol Hemdal – Drawing - “Babe” (Cougar Cub)

Jeff Klinefelter – Painting - “Don’t Anger Him” (Wolverine)

Bob Marlin – Photography - “But Dad I Don’t Know How to Fly” (Downy Woodpecker)

Allen Salhoff - Three Dimensional - “Rainbow Trout”

Martha Wagoner - Mixed Media - “Owl”

To see all the beautiful award winning artwork, visit the IWA website:

<http://www.indianawildlifeartists.org/2015.html>

I was very surprised and honored to learn that I was presented with a Signature Membership this year. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Exhibit Awards as I was doing an art show in Columbus, Indiana that weekend. Thank you IWA for this honor!

2015 Annual Meeting

At this year's annual meeting, held at Angel Mounds State Park, 3 offices needed to be filled. Members were nominated and the positions filled are as follows:

Martha Wagoner Secretary; Shari Jardina – Assistant Secretary; and Kris Bontrager – Membership Chairman.

Indianapolis International Airport Exhibit

The IWA exhibit at the Indianapolis International Airport turned out beautifully. The exhibit was on display in the secured area of the airport from August 31st through December 14th and consisted, by the request of the airport art coordinator, of award winning artwork. Participating members were: Bob Marlin, Patrick Kluesner, Jenny Smith, Shari Jardina, Trudy Calvert, Bob Meyers, Robin Myers, Martha Wagoner, Marvin Groves, Carol Spicuzza, Jennifer (Caudill) Smith, Roseanne, Crowell, Marian Betts, and Lois Berg. Congratulations to Patrick Kluesner who sold his painting "Heron's Repose".



Every artist dips
his brush in his
own soul, and
paints his own
nature into his
pictures.

Henry Ward Beecher

*The 33rd Annual
Exhibit will be
held at the Second
Presbyterian
Church in
Indianapolis.
Details coming
soon!*

Indiana Wildlife Artists, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization which promotes the advancement of wildlife art as a fine art, providing wildlife artists an opportunity to meet, to learn and to exhibit. With our artwork we encourage the appreciation and understanding of wildlife among the general public, and assist conservation groups with education for the benefit of wildlife.

Looking forward to 2016...

Opportunities

Anderson, Indiana (Madison County) - Call for entries at The Anderson Center for the Arts "In-Focus", a competitive exhibition open to all Indiana photographers. February 14-March 20, 2016. Entries accepted February 4, 5, and 6 from 12:00 - 5:00 pm. More information can be found at www.andersonart.org.

Martinsville, Indiana (Morgan County) - The Art Sanctuary has many events and juried exhibits throughout the year. They occasionally have studio rental space available and facility rental space. There are also opportunities for guest artists to display their work throughout the year. For more information check out their website at <http://artsanctuaryindiana.net>

Are you in the Indy Arts Guide database yet? Have you heard of it? If you are a resident of Marion, Boone, Hamilton, Hendricks, Hancock, Johnson, Morgan, or Shelby County, you can put your profile in the Indy Arts Guide database for FREE. The Indy Arts Guide is run by the Arts Council of Indianapolis. This is Central Indiana's most comprehensive, searchable and constantly evolving database of professional artists as a free service to the community. The database includes performing, visual, and literary artists working in all styles and at every level from emerging to well-established. There is also a section listing artist opportunities not only for Indiana but all over the country.

Take a look at their website and see if this might be beneficial to you. <http://www.indyartsguide.org/>

For student artists, you might want to pass along this call for entries from the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge. They are accepting entries for their annual Indiana Junior Duck Stamp Contest until March 15, 2016. The Junior Duck Stamp program promotes learning about wetland habitat and waterfowl biology appropriate for students in kindergarten through high school. This is an easy to enter "Conservation Through Art" program. All details can be found [here](#). What a great opportunity for young wildlife artists!

Hartford Exhibit

The Central Chapter is sponsoring an exhibit in Hartford, Indiana entitled "Indiana Flora and Fauna." The exhibit will run from June 20 - July 15, 2016. Artwork must be delivered by June 18th. All members are welcome. Cost per piece is \$3.00, with a maximum of 2 pieces per artist. Further details can be found online at <http://www.indianawildlifeartists.org/assets/blackford-county->

Merry Christmas to all...and to all a
Happy and Creative New Year!