



Bison Sighting!



We have the United Way Bicentennial Bison at the Smith building while we are working on it. We don't have a lot of time to devote to it as they want to start sending it out for display. Hector Perez and Lisa Gettinger are in charge of getting it done and I know that they will do an excellent job for the WVAA.

Thank You Melvin & Sue Dice and The Fayette County Foundation

Congratulations to the Whitewater Valley Arts Association for receiving \$250 from the Melvin and Sue Dice Visual and Performing Arts Endowment with the Fayette County Foundaion. The grant is to support the Association's Regional Art show. Opening night is May 13 from 6 – 8 pm at the 28th St gallery. Art will hang until June 3. For more information about the show and to donate go to www.wvartsa.com. Pictured WVAA President Sharon McQueen and Melvin Dice.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring Has Sprung!

Things are really popping around the WVAA.

March we had an excellent display of High School art and April a wonderful abstract exhibit. Now we are getting ready for our 2nd Annual Regional Art Competition. There are some nice awards in both advanced and amateur categories, some merit awards and purchase awards. Get your art ready to enter it soon.



The Auction Committee is busily working on "An Evening in Paris". This year's auction will have a catered buffet of hors d'oeuvres and desserts and we hope to have craft beers available at our Cash Bar. Auction date is November 5 at Expo so save that date and let your family and friends know. Tickets will go on sale this summer.

Mayor Gordon is looking for artwork to display in his office and in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall. If you are interested in displaying your artwork there, please let me know. If you do want to display, make sure you have all your information on the back of the painting. Also, note if it is for sale. Mayor Gordon has a lot of visitors to his office and this might be a good opportunity to sell your art.



Brenda Kunkel contracted another excellent workshop last weekend with Bruce Neville doing a watercolor landscape. Always great to see Bruce in action. His wife Nancy sat in on the class too and she is a talent too. The final workshop for the year will be instructed by Pam Newell and will

take place in August. It will be an oil class with a still life. Contact Brenda if you wish to attend. There are not many slots left so book soon.

Well I think that about covers it for this time. I leave you with this quote:

"The Artist's World is limitless. It can be found anywhere, far from where he lives or a few feet away. It is always on his doorstep."

Sharon

2016 WHITEWATER VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

Regional Art EXHIBITION

May 13 - June 3, 2016

The 2016 East-Central Indiana regional arts exhibition is open to artists from Fayette, Rush, Henry, Wayne, Union, and Franklin counties. Artists are invited to submit up to three pieces.

DEADLINE: Entries may be hand delivered to the WVAA Gallery on Friday May 6, 2016 from 5:00-8:00 and Saturday May 7, 2016 from noon until 5 pm

FEES: \$15 fee per entry. (\$10 fee per entry with WVAA membership)

AWARDS: Cash awards will include Best in Division, merit awards, and purchase awards. Top advanced award will be \$300 and the top amateur will be \$100. Merit awards to be announced.

Entry form: <http://wvartsa.com/2016-wvaa-regional-form2.pdf>



Lots of activity going on too for the Smith Building renovations. We got approval to move forward with our permits thanks to Bill MacDaniel, Chief Tipton, Chief Gabbard and Dan

Parker. They have been a big help in getting these things sorted out. We are receiving a matching grant from Fayette County Foundation to put a new roof on. Let's give a big ole "THANK YOU" to the Foundation for their support. Then one of our newest members, Vane Lashua, has donated the matching amount. Wow! Thanks, Vane. Then another of our members, Elizabeth Holmes, has donated another \$5000 to help replace the plate glass windows in the front. I am just so overwhelmed and appreciative of the awesome response from our members and our community. We will soon have our ADA plumbing installed and plumbing put in for our kitchenette and our utility sink. The shoring up in the gallery area has been done and it looks great. We have two new doors installed and almost completed. On top of that, The Cabinet Gallery gave us a great deal on the cabinets for the kitchenette that is being put in "In Memory of William Yake" by his widow, Julia Yake. It's Rustic Cherry and is gorgeous! Saved us a bunch on it! Also, we have finally gotten our exemption letters for taxes on our utilities. Yay! It's very exciting that things are falling into place so well. You should see lots of activity now going on at the building.

Artzzy

Cindy Holland and crew have had a couple of Artzzy Parties since last newsletter and another one coming up by the time this newsletter gets distributed. It's definitely a fun way to spend an evening. If you know of any folks that would like to do this, let her know. Parties will slow down the closer we get to auction but will resume after that.



ALLEYS & BACK ROADS OF THE WHITEWATER VALLEY 2016 Traveling Show

The Traveling Show is up at Grandview Elementary and then will move to Frazee Elementary. I believe it then moves to FCN Bank in Brookville. I will try to have a schedule up soon so that you can check it out and let your friends know where they can see it. Doug and Gayle Siebert do such a good job taking care of this show for us. Thanks!



At the MULTI-LAYERED Show, April 8, 2016

Wednesdays

ArtTalk and 1st Wednesday are going well thanks to Hector. Come and check them out. It's a good time to talk ART!

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