

Art Gallery & Education Center

The Antioch Fine Arts Foundation serves the community by providing education, resources and a forum for the creation and expression of visual arts for members and residents in Antioch & surrounding areas.

CALENDAR:

April Featured Artists Exhibit, Dennis Boehm Gallery –

Daisy C. Perez and her Art Students.
Come meet the artists and see a wide variety of art!

**Daisy will be hosting two Artist
Receptions – Both open to the public!**

April 2nd, 6-8pm - 5th grade student artists and the 3rd graders/Ecology Club

April 22nd, 5:30-7:30pm – Daisy and her AFAF Art Students

Sunday April 5th – The Gallery will be closed for the Easter Holiday

Tuesday April 14th –

AFAF Board Meeting – 6pm

AFAF Membership Meeting – 7pm

Get a jump on your art for the December's Small Works Exhibit! This year the theme is "Breaking the Rules" Come develop your ideas and bring supplies to work on your 12x12 (or smaller) art piece.

Sunday, April 19th – Open Studio and Art Education Expo. 12-4pm

Enjoy refreshments with us in a casual Open Studio environment. Tour the gallery, studios and classrooms... meet our instructors, watch live demos by local artists and make some art!

Free and open to the public!

May Featured Artists –

Kristine Plum and Melissa Pierson

Gallery Changeover –

Artists, bring in new art on April 26, 27 and 28.

New art exhibit hanging on Wed, April 29.

Tips for a seamless Gallery Changeover

Artists, please place your new artwork to be hung in the main gallery (not the storage rack) with all pertinent information. You will find your artwork from the previous exhibit to bring home in the storage rack. Thank you.

Featured Artists of the Month – Daisy C. Perez

Art is something that has always been a part of me. It helps me to focus and also to escape. Art is there for me when I am angry, happy, excited, etc. It is always available.

I think I started drawing with my dad and it just grew from there. I started tracing the cartoon characters on the books that I used to read and then taught myself to draw them freehand. Then my Dad bought me paints and I painted my furniture to match my bed sheets and made artwork to go along with the set. He helped me to grow with my art, giving me advice on what I could improve on and telling me when I was succeeding.



My Husband and Son are also very supportive of my art. It's not easy dealing with someone who has a brain that always has something going on in it. What's worse is when I have an idea it sticks and then I have to create that idea. It may not be right away, so the "stuff" may sit there for a while until it clicks. Then there it is, what I said I had in my brain, suddenly it kind of makes sense. My family is very patient and loving. They are so wonderful, I just can't say enough about them.

I started making my art public four years ago. I was at the Antioch Chamber of Commerce Summer Arts & Crafts Fair with a friend that makes quilts. We shared a booth. I then submitted designs to the Antioch Chamber of Commerce for the "Chairs on The Chain" and made five chairs for the auction. Around the same time I joined the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation. It was the first time I ever joined a group for artists.

Now I am the Education Coordinator at the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation. I teach a number of classes at the AFAF. I also teach at the Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center and will start teaching Cheer and Dance classes at The Village of Antioch Parks & Recreation Department Gym starting April, 2015.

There are so many ways to convey and express yourself such as visual arts, dance and movement, music and so many more. My goal is to participate in one form of art per day, every weekday. I think we all have so much to gain from the arts. There is so much to learn from each other when we are in classes, whether we are the teacher or the student. It's like I say... Never underestimate the true value of art.



Come support all of these enthusiastic artists!

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Congratulations on a successful and special show!

Dennis Downes celebrated his 15th year Art Show at the beautiful Grove Redfield Estate in March. As always, Dennis' Artwork made for a beautiful show and his educational Trail Marker Tree Exhibit was the largest and most inclusive exhibit to date.

The advanced Art Students from Glenbrook North High School were able to come and see Dennis' artwork first hand and they also got a private lecture about the Trail Marker Trees.

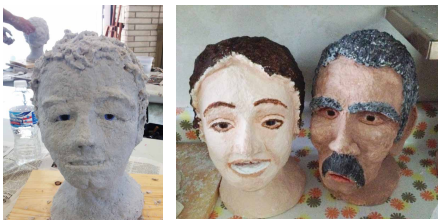
Dennis was joined by special guests: Gary Donatelli, director and producer, GBN Alum, Andrew Johnson, Executive Director of the American Indian Center; Hilda "Little Fawn" Williams, and Lee Block, Head of Glenbrook North High School Art Department.



Dickens Holiday Village

Olde England came alive in Historic Downtown Antioch with lifelike figures representing scenes from the Dickens Era. The Antioch Chamber Volunteer Public Art Exhibit was well received in its first year – Holiday Season 2014. All Dickens Characters are made from the ground up by Dickens Volunteers. In 2015, volunteers plan on featuring 48 Dickens Characters and need to start now to have them ready by November. Many of our AFAF members had a hand in creating the heads of these characters.

If you would like to be a part of this fun and charming project, please email Markus – markus524@comcast.net.



Join us on Sunday, April 19 from 12-4pm for our AFAF Open Studio & Art Education Expo!

Meet the artists! Tour the studios, gallery and education rooms.

Come try out a few different art forms, such as oil, acrylic and watercolor painting, woodburning, crochet, visual journaling, collage and tranquil doodling. This event is **FREE** and we welcome you to stop by!

See the variety of AFAF class offerings listed in our separate Classes publication!

Because of the tremendous interest in art, the AFAF Education Center continues to expand so we can offer a variety of desired classes. We now have a separate **Classes** publication, along with the Classes section on our AFAF website - www.antiochfinearts.org, highlighting the comprehensive list of class offerings.

AFAF News

Many thanks to Pauline Server who, with some detailed instructions, inspired the group to create their own special doodle at our March members meeting. Shamrocks on bookmarks and coasters were just right for this activity.

[Doodle a series of circles, then lines, add some hearts in your pattern....then add a series of dots...any size you want! 5, then 4, then 3, 2, and 1. It is all about how you want your design to look!]

It was definitely one of our more quiet meetings... simply, Tranquil Doodling ART!



AFAF Call for Art Supplies The AFAF Art Education Center is in need of two, 6 foot long tables to accommodate these growing class sizes. We have the space, and with your generous donation could provide students with the needed platforms for them to learn and produce new art.

One person's garbage is another person's art -

AFAF is looking for large appliance, and other, size boxes to bring to the Antioch Arts and Crafts Faire in June. This community themed project invites visitors at the faire to paint buildings and township scenes on the boxes at our AFAF booth, then we turn them into a community "Home Town" scene that we display on our 4th of July float.

Ask Arty...



Dear Arty,
I am a little hazy by how watercolor artists do not paint with white... can you please shed some light on this phenomenon?
Yours truly, Misty

Dear Misty,

There are a few tricks for saving white space on the paper for the white portions in a watercolor painting. One such practice is the use of wax or crayon on the paper. The wax is applied in specific areas then the paint color(s) is laid down around those areas. Though this makes the darker paint resist adhering to the paper, wax has a way of leaving... well, wax on the paper. Now you don't have the pure white paper. The crayon method is good for those having fun, and kids really enjoy the magic of this technique – where suddenly their drawing appears! But Misty, the preferred method of most watercolor purists is to use frisket - a masking fluid that can be removed when the painting has dried. Artists apply the mask before beginning the painting. It leaves a pure white. In some cases the artist may want to soften the edges with a damp brush after they remove the frisket. Of course, mask can also be applied to light washes if additional washes are going to be used to build up the color. Signed, Arty

ATC Club:

Saturday, April 11, the AFAC ATC Club invites you to make a King, Queen or Jack for the trade. They can be serious or whimsical, you decide! Play is from 10 am to noon. As always, Sue Hahl will deal you some supplies, but of course, if you have a lucky card up your sleeve and want to bring in some of your own items...go all in!

This activity is FREE to anyone who is interested in creating these mini art cards!



Local Art Opportunities:

Art on the Wall Bring joy and inspiration to others by displaying your Art on the Wall! Sign up at the Gallery or contact Ken by email: kenlutgen@sbcglobal.net

| | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Jack Benny Center, Waukegan | 20-44 | spring show | | 20-44 | 20-44 | - |
| Lake Villa Library Display and Demo | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Mirror Images, Antioch | 12 | | 12 | | 12 | |
| State Bank of the Lakes, Antioch | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| American Midwest Bank, Antioch | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Antioch Dental Center | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Antioch Township Office | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Undercroft Gallery, Waukegan | 20-30 | | 20-30 | | 20-31 | |

White boxes mean that location is available for that month, the number inside the box indicates the average number of paintings that can be hung depending on the size of the paintings.



Show your artwork at the classical horsemanship performances of the Tempel Lipizzans –The beautiful rolling hills of Tempel Farms, located at 17000 Wadsworth Rd., Old Mill Creek, IL, have been home to the beautiful Tempel Lipizzans horses for more than 50 years. The farm setting is the backdrop for the 90-minute performances in the tradition of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna and chronicles the horses' training as they perform to musical accompaniment.

Tempel Lipizzans Corp is now in search of Artists to show their artwork at the 2015 summer performances starting June 14th. Artwork does not need to be horse themed, but that might tie into what they are doing better than other works might. Artists may sell their artwork when displaying and will also be in charge of setting up and tearing down their own tent or display unit after each performance.

Please go to website: <http://www.tempelfarms.com/2015%20performance%20schedule.php> for the 2015 performance schedule.

Please submit your interest and/or questions to Emily Riccio-Robbins, Program Coordinator - emily@tempellipizzans.com, (847-244-5330).

The Lake Villa Library is quickly booking artists to do demos and show their artwork! Space is filling up fast! Artists are compensated \$200 for the demos! Photos of your work may be used in the newsletter! Artists will also display art work in the computer room at the Library. If you want to learn about showing your artwork this fall at the Lake Villa Library please contact Marjie Krutsch at marjie1@comcast.net.



Come see the artwork of these fine artists:

April - Larry Lemm (Oil Painting) –

Demo, Thursday, April 9th, 4-9pm.

May – Johnel Fox Dargen (Oil Painting) –

Demo, May 2, 12-4pm

June - John Contois ("Pyrography" aka, Woodburning) –

Demo date TBD

July - Linda Fabry – Demo date TBD.

August – Jackie Hagi – Demo date TBD.

PACE Postcard Art Competition - Open To All Artists!



The Lake County Discovery Museum is pleased to announce the 10th Biennial Postcard Art Competition and Exhibition (PACE). The Curt Teich Postcard Archives is North America's largest public collection of postcards and related materials. This exhibition is dedicated to celebrating the picture postcard as art and as a visual document.

Entries must be received by July 15, 2015.

Detailed information, prospectus and entry instructions can be found at: <http://www.lcfpd.org/pace/>

There are many cash rewards, an art sale to Museum members and the general public, and an opportunity for artworks to be displayed at the Lake County Discovery Museum and travel to various galleries and cultural institutions throughout 2016.

Contact: Nancy Schumm, Postcard Competition Coordinator - (847)975-8391

Mother's Day Art Show!

Blick Art Materials stores will be hosting an in-store promo and Mother's Day Art Show Weekend. Artwork must be 2-D only. Art must be framed, ready to hang, and no larger than 15x20 framed size. Submit your artwork to your nearest store by May 2. (Contact the store nearest you for complete details.)

Member News:

Roger Shule is showing a significant collection of his matchbook art and watercolors, as the featured artist at Julie's Coffee, 216 N Milwaukee Ave, Suite 1 Lake Villa.

Roger also had three pieces accepted at the first annual juried exhibition to celebrate the fourth anniversary of Dandelion Gallery. His 2 Matchbook art pieces – *Lucky Strike* and *Indian Motorcycle* and a watercolor painting *Bend in the Road* were all selected. The exhibition runs through April 11. The Dandelion Gallery is located at: 109 S. Genesee St., Waukegan IL 60085,

Congratulations Roger on a very busy spring season!



EcoFair View unique art pieces created from recycled materials at the 4th annual EcoFair on Saturday, April 18th at Antioch Elementary School (817 N. Main St.) in honor of Earth Day.

Visit Daisy Perez along with her student artists as they will be displaying their unique masterpieces of re-useable salvaged items. The event will be held at the AES gym from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. This is a fun outing with many vendors and is a great way to learn about ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

The Foss Guys Spring was definitely in the air as the stream of visitors stopped by throughout the day to view the exhibit and share in Ted and Doug's (The Foss Guys) reception on March 14th.



"Christine's Other World" MJC



Draw upon your imagination

Thank you Larry... never a dull moment!



New Member Profile: Melissa Pierson

I paint vibrantly colored scenes from nature, using acrylic on canvas. My work is inspired by many hours spent in the field, studying the ecosystems where I live and participating in restoration work. Painting the beauty I see allows me to share the joy and peace I find out in nature. I believe that people need nature to thrive, and nature needs the dedication of people in order to survive. With my art, I bring people and nature together.

Melissa has just learned that she has a piece accepted at the Racine Art Museum! Congratulations Melissa!

Please welcome our newest Antioch Fine Arts Member:

Melissa Groza.

Artists, please continue to send in information on what you are up to so we can let everyone know, news@antiochfinearts.org. As we point everyone to your work, please remember to send those you meet back to the AFAF gallery to see all the work here!

Like us on Facebook, and share our wonderful organization with others!

<https://www.facebook.com/AntiochFineArts>

AFAF Board & Committee Heads:

President - Gayle Mondie

Vice President/Events - John Contois

Secretary - Barbara Kossel

Treasurer - Rich Ellinghusen

Building Maintenance Manager - Roger Shule

Chamber Liaison - Markus Clavadetscher

Education Coordinator - Daisy Perez

Gallery Director - Bernita Schutte

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Newsletter - Jana Weigel, Debbie Morgan

Promotions - Bev Walczak

Website Administrator - Josh Mondie

Membership - Jana Weigel

Serving Our Community for over 13 Years!

In addition to providing educational experiences and support for local artists we are honored to support or be part of;

- Sponsoring an award at CLC's Recent Works Exhibit
- Donating to Antioch and Lakes High School
- Donating time/talent and a sponsor for Antioch Chamber of Commerce Fundraisers (ie. Dogs/Bears/Chillin'/Treasures/Reflections on the Chain and Dickens Village)
- Juror the Women's Club Spring Art Show
- Donating to Save-A-Pet
- Donating to Open Arms Mission – Starving Artists Against Hunger program
- Blending Art and History Exhibition
- Exhibit in Local businesses to foster appreciation and drive traffic to those locations
- Supporting Education (District 34 Event at our location)
- Promoting Art in Schools and Community (ie. Art Crawl)
- Reciprocal Support with PM&L
- Art in the Yard & Art on the Lawn

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Gallery Hours:

Thursday - Saturday 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4 pm

A Non-profit Foundation serving our community