

"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."

Monthly Newsletter

Gallery Open 10am-4pm Th-Sat & Sundays 12-4pm

January, 2013

AFAF Board:

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CALENDAR:

January 2013 -

AFAF New Location Opening

Tuesday, January 8th -

AFAF Board Meeting – 6pm

AFAF Membership Meeting – 7pm

Artist Demo – 7:15pm -
Jim Michehl woodcarving

Location: 41380 Route 83, AFAF
Art Gallery & Education Center

January 19th & 26th – Jim Michehl
woodcarving classes at the AFAF
Art Gallery & Education Center

January 28th & 29th – Drop off AFAF
People's choice submissions.

February - AFAF People's Choice
Exhibition & awards voting.

Tuesday, February 12th -

AFAF Board Meeting – 6pm

AFAF Membership Meeting – 7pm

Location: 41380 Route 83, AFAF
Art Gallery & Education Center

Thursday, February 28th - AFAF
People's Choice Exhibition &
Presentation of Awards. 7pm.

Happy New Year!!

January is going to be an adventure at our NEW Art Gallery and Education Center. We have much to do to get things ready for this new year!

We are not only preparing our gift shop, but also the classroom and exhibition areas. We want to be ready for our People's Choice Exhibition in February and our White Room Exhibition in March. In March our featured artists will be the Christiansen's. Paul and Linda will be showing their work for the first time - it promises to be a beautiful exhibit! Our February issue will provide more detail on this exhibit. But now, as we prepare for all these good things to come, I'd like to thank the people who have worked so hard to move us into our new location, your dedication and selfless giving of time and talent is so appreciated.

A Big Thank You!

But hold on, don't stop now, we have more work to do!

Are you interested in jumping in as a volunteer? ***We need an Education Chairperson.*** This person will line up demos for our monthly meetings, coordinate with art teachers to increase our class schedule, provide class listings to the Webmaster and Newsletter editor, and other administrative tasks related to classes. We need someone in this role that is a good communicator. If you're interested, please contact me.

We need a Newsletter Editor. This person collects articles and keeps their ears and eyes open for any potential stories. They edit the stories and then send them off to our designer. This person must be computer savvy, and have a good command of the English language.

We need class and workshop Teachers that will work on site. We have dedicated space to better suit your needs. We want to expand the curriculum that we offer. Be part of this exciting time!

As you know, we are a community-based gallery and art center. What that means is we are here to serve, expose, and help educate the public regarding the visual arts. As we share our artwork at our gallery and our knowledge and talent in the classroom, and provide other educational experiences through field trips and the like, we have the potential to make a positive impact.

In our troubled world, when we at times wonder what can be done to help, we can be certain that art heals. Let's be part of the balm our society needs. Come, join the solution, let's work together and create a better tomorrow through our work at our foundation. Wishing you the very best this holiday season, and always,

Gayle Mondie

President - Antioch Fine Arts Foundation

We Remember Diane Bates

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Just two short months ago Diane and her students were featured in the White Room, an annual event we all looked forward to. And again, many of us visited with Diane at the gallery on December 2nd, at our celebratory gathering. It was heartbreaking when we learned just two days later that Diane suddenly passed away the morning of December 4th.

Diane had many roles. A proud grandmother was one of those as many of us were privileged to see her teach her students, including her much loved granddaughter Chelsea. Most of us saw Diane as a fellow member, artist, teacher and friend. Diane Bates was one who made sure that those who had signed up to work the gallery received a reminder call so that the gallery would always have someone sitting it. She was

dedicated and an important part of our art family. She will be sorely missed, as she was well loved and respected.

Our thoughts remain with her family during this most difficult time.



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Diane conversing with her sister at the 2011 auction/raffle.

We are looking for

Top Supporting Area Businesses, and Private Donors!

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Now is the time for our Area Businesses and Private Donors to become the TOP Supporters of Local Art. We are eager to engrave the names of these community leaders on a prominently displayed plaque and will do so for all business and personal donors who donate \$500+ for our upcoming 2013 budget. These individuals and businesses will be published with their name as we recognize and appreciate their generosity in our newsletter, on the website as well as in our new AFAF Art Gallery and Education Center. The plaque will serve to remind our artists, friends, family and patrons of businesses they want to support and community members who care about the arts.

Thanks for helping to keep Arts alive and well in our community, supporting the arts is what makes communities strong while providing a cultural identity! All donations are welcome and appreciated. We are a non-for-profit - your donations are tax deductible.

New 2013 AFAF Board of Directors!

At our members meeting on Tuesday December 13th the following slate of officers was elected to serve in 2013 in the following roles:

President: Gayle Mondie

Vice-President: Daisy Perez

Secretary: Katie DiOrio

Treasurer: Richard A. Ellinghusen

Thank you to those who have served as committee heads in the past year, Bernita, Bev, Daisy, Jude, Katie, Markus, Rich and Roger.

Our Final Open House Was Held at 983 Main Street Antioch!

We had many AFAF members, spouses, friends and patrons who came to celebrate on December 2nd. We were also able to see the work of our student artists who created many different works on their Artist Trading Cards (ATC). This special holiday exhibit was in the process of being installed and, thanks to Sue Hahl, we all got a chance to see the creativity of our local St. Peter's children. So many different approaches to the small trading cards - it was a delight to see the various directions the students took their work.

Thanks to everyone who came out for this event and brought a dish/drink to help us celebrate the holidays and our goods times at 983!

Reminder of our New Location

For those who have been unable to get to our new AFAF Art and Education Center, a reminder that we're less than 1 mile from our former location. We will be open in January at our new home located at 41380 Rte. 83, Antioch, IL 60002. Take Route 83 just south of Route 173, we are on the West (right) side of the road, turn in just past Landolt Securities. Our hours will not change, although we will have more educational opportunities given we have more publicly accessible space. We plan to have paint-in's - Andrea Z. any interest in coordinating? We will look to Ron to continue our poetry readings! We will have workshops



for artists of all levels to create a work of art to treasure. Stay tuned for more information!

Join us for our second annual AFAF People's Choice Exhibition

Let's see your best work in February, and then tell your family and friends to come and vote!

PRIZE: 1st place \$100, 2nd Place \$50, 3rd Place \$25. (1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category, total awards \$350).

IT IS EASY: Bring artwork Jan 28 and 29 - Bernita will coordinate the hanging of the show. You can enter up to 2 pieces in each category. A brief entry form will be provided at the gallery, fill it out and attach it to your work and pay your \$5 entry fee per piece* (be sure to get a receipt for it!).

CATEGORIES:

2 Dimensional (2D), examples include but are not limited to; Paintings, Photography, sketches, flat stained glass.

3 Dimensional (3D), examples include but are not limited to sculptures, jewelry, pottery, scarves.

Ballots must be signed by the voter and deposited into the locked ballot box. Ballots will be counted by two members of the board and one general member. All members can enter, including the board.

Tell your friends to come and vote! One vote per visitor/member. Voting ends at 12 noon on February 28th.

Reception will be Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 pm where all 6 awards will be presented (1st through 3rd place for each category).

NOTE: Artwork which sells will bring the owner 85% of the sale (the gallery will only receive 15% of sales for all works entered and sold during the contest). Price your work to sell if you'd like! Or make it "NFS" (not for sale) - mark option on the entry form.

*Artists can submit maximum of two entries in each category.



Art & Member News:

White Room Exhibits in 2013

February – People's Choice Competition
March – Paul and Linda Christiansen
April – Laurel Fredericks
May – Daisy Perez
June – Open <—This Could Be You!
July – <—This Could Be You!
August – Open <—This Could Be You!
September – Aruna Sarode
October – Ted Foss, Doug Foss
November – Jim MacAyeal, Markus
December – Sue Hahl

Want to get your work online?

Members - contact Jude at

web@antiochfinearts.org

to coordinate getting your Bio and images up on our website. We get hundreds of hits each month - the more artists we have with images the more hits we'll get!

All systems are GO!

The final step through the county permit process has been completed. As of today, December 20, 2012, we have gotten clearance from the county to occupy our building, this means we could open our doors to the public today, if we were ready to. We still have a lot of work to do! Thanks to all who are pitching in and getting everything from the hanging system to the display racks and everything in between moved from our 983 location to our new 41380 location!

What a GREAT TEAM EFFORT!!!

It's a Good Sign!

Dennis Boehm reported that our old "Gallery" sign, which was moved from our old address to our new address (until we can afford another sign) was up less than 10 minutes when we had our first interested passerby stop in! Is this going to be a good location or what? Based on the flow of traffic coming from the south, only 33.3% kept going north, the other went either west or east on route 173. We will get more traffic past this location than our previous one. We will undoubtedly have new patrons, let's continue to work together to make sure that the first impressions are good impressions. *The best marketing is always...Word Of Mouth!*

Artists, please continue to send us information on what you are up to so we can let everyone know. 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!

BEGINNER WOOD CARVERS!



Learn to carve and paint a country bear with Jim Michehl. This beginners project will be completed in two 4 hours sessions. Saturday's January 19th and 26th from 1 to 4pm. You'll use simple hand tools such as a knife, gouge, and sand paper to complete this bear.

Come for a relaxing day of carving. Open to all ages. Tools will be available for purchase. There is a \$6 charge for the bear blank. A donation to the gallery would be appreciated for this free course.

Studio Space Available!

AFAF Art Gallery & Education Center

Second floor studio space available. All studios have use of 2nd floor Kitchen and Bathroom. Individual spaces range from \$75/mo. for open space in great room (4 spaces available), to the 2 private studios at \$175/each per month and 1 studio with it's own bathroom and walk in closet for \$250/month. Each of the 3 private studios can be keyed separately. Rent it for yourself, or split the expense with a friend/fellow artist.

Keys for Studio Space Artists would be provided, and access would be through the gallery to a locked entrance. You must be an Antioch Fine Arts Foundation (AFAF) member to rent studio space. Rental is done in 3 month increments (advance payment).

Interested? Call 847.987.3088 today!

AFAF - Serving Our Community for over 11 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 being a sponsor for Antioch Chamber of Commerce Fundraisers (ie.Dogs/Bears/Chillin' on the Chain)
- Juror the Women's Club Spring Art Show
- Donating to Save-A-Pet
- Donating to Open Arms Mission - Starving Artists for 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
- Wine Walks
- Art in the Yard