

## 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:

**May** - Artist of the month, Daisy Perez and the 3rd Graders at Emmon's

**May 4th**  
Art Crawl in Antioch  
(Roger Shule coordinating)

**Second Saturday's - May 11th**  
Musician's Play

**Tuesday, May 14th**

**AFAF Board Meeting** - 6:30pm

**AFAF Membership Meeting** - 7pm  
Bring your artwork for a critique with professional artist, Elvin Griffin. He will walk us through his critique checklist and we just may find this has us 'seeing' in new ways. You won't want to miss this evening of sharing, and gentle, yet honestly constructive, feedback!

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

**May 21st** - Artist of the month, reception. 4:30 - 7:00pm.

**Last Saturday's - May 25th**

**Brainstorming Session** - 6:30pm  
All are welcome to attend and participate.

**Poetry Reading** - 7:30pm  
BYOB - bring your own book, or bottle or both!

**Coming up in June:**

**June Member Meeting** - Demo with Lisa Behnke - 3D Mosaics! Check it out- you may want to come to her 2 day workshop (2 Saturdays - date TBD) after seeing all the cool stuff you can do!

## Artists of the Month

# Daisy Perez and the 3rd Graders at Emmon's

I have been working with Emmon's students on recycled art. Some of the students made robots out of recycled items that they brought to class. Each student had to draw a design and each robot is to have at least three colors included in the design as well as using three different materials. Three of the young ladies (pictured) are making flowers out of plastic bottles and wire. We made handmade recycled paper and painted designs on rocks that the students brought in. It has been a great experience working with these students. I always learn a lot when I work with children, they open my eyes back up to what I forgot while I have tried to be a grown up.

We will be holding our Artists' Reception on May 21st from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to view our artwork and I would like to encourage a show of support for these young artists here at the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation.

I have been making recycled art since 1997. I enjoy making things that people thought were ugly and useless into things that people can enjoy, even if it is just for a brief moment. I have always been a big fan of recycling and felt the need to come up with a way to put less into the landfills and use more to make my life more beautiful and interesting.



I am planning to start a children's art club in a few months, with it's home base at the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation. I have a number of students interested. Please keep an eye on the AFAF Website or email me at [epiphanythree@yahoo.com](mailto:epiphanythree@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

# Treasures on the Chain debuts in May

Antioch's Artistic Community have been busy putting final touches on their Treasures on the Chain Art Designs for the wooden chests that will soon appear throughout Antioch's Business Community (plus you will find a few in Lake Villa!)

The 50 Chests will go on display in late May and the public may vote for their favorite Treasure Chest till May 31st. In June, families can get ready to experience a Treasure Scavenger Hunt Contest throughout the month till June 31st. July Brings the Treasure Contest - "What's On My Lid?" for family fun. The month of August's Contest is "What's on the Front of My Trunk?". Each month's contest forms may be found on the Antioch Chamber Website at or you may pick up entry forms at the Chamber Office at 882 Main Street in Downtown Antioch. The Chamber Foyer is open 24/7 for your convenience. Treasure Maps will be found in the Chamber Foyer and on the website when the Chests are ready to debut in May.

All 50 Treasure Chests go on a Live Auction Block on September 13th at the Antioch VFW Hall. Dinner-Auction tickets are available in advance from the Antioch Chamber. All monies raised from the Treasure Chest Live Auction are donated to our local charities. Contact the Antioch Chamber (847-395-2233) for additional information or visit antiochchamber.org. This is the Antioch Chamber's 4th Annual Charity Public Art Program. The first three years raised over \$52,000 which was donated locally.



# From Dennis Downes' Studio



Dennis had his 13th Annual Solo Grove Show and Trail Marker Tree Exhibit over the weekend of March 21st- 24th. This year's show had a special event on Saturday, March 23rd; in addition to an educational Trail Marker Tree Lecture, we were joined by several special guests including: Hilda Williams (Little Fawn), Dan Melone (Cook County archeologist referenced in Dennis' book), Verlyn "Buzz" Spreeman (member of the Menominee Nation), Nancy Canova (Vice Regent Illinois District IV of the Daughters of the American Revolution), additional representatives of District IV DAR, numerous Lake Forest Scout Troop 46 Boy and Eagle Scouts, Steve Swanson (Director of the Grove Redfield Estate), and Eli Suzukovich III PhD (anthropologist American Indian Center, Cree/Chippewa descendant).

During this special event, Hilda "Little Fawn" Williams was presented a Special Limited Edition Book from Dennis and the members of the Lake Forest Scout Troop 46. A special thanks to Joseph Podlasek, Executive Director of the American Indian Center of Chicago, who was able to attend this event.

The event was well attended and we were pleased to see many new and old faces! Thank you to those who were able to attend and helped make this another great event!

## A good turnout for the ATC (Artist Trading Card) event!

**What exactly is that??!**

**Playing Card Sized Creations!**

The ATC Trading Card Group is open for all to join! Contact Sue Hahl (or leave her a note at the gallery if you're interested). These artists gathered at our gallery/education center this past month to share their work and ideas in experimenting with collage, print, fabric, painting, screen print - they were limited only by their imagination, and the playing sized card!



The creations pictured here include works by Carolyn Brady - Milwaukee (Quilted Textile), Kim Butts - Barrington (Zombie Power) and Catherine Kanvik - Antioch (Collage) and Sue Hahl - Ingleside (drawing on painted background).



# ART Education at Antioch Fine Arts Foundation!

Join the fun with Jana, and Instructor Sunny Parenteau, at our Youth Drawing Class at our AFAF Art Gallery and Education Center

Saturdays from 2-4pm  
\$10 per Class for Members  
(\$60 due for 6 weeks of class)  
\$15 per class for non-members  
(\$90 due for 6 weeks of class)

Call now... 847-838-2274 to reserve your student's place!

Interested in becoming a member? Membership is \$35.



## Open Studio with Markus -

Sundays at 2pm starting May 19th. Bring your paints, sketch pad, colored pencils... your art work, and join the fun. Donations Appreciated.

**A Cartoon Class** is forming soon- characters wanted. Stay tuned for the time it will be offered.

## Antioch Fine Arts Foundation Sponsored Abstract Oil Workshop *Come Join the Fun!*



### The Next Antioch Fine Arts Foundation Oil/Abstract Workshop

**Saturday, May 18th, 9am - 3:30pm**

Sign up online at: [www.antiochfinearts.org](http://www.antiochfinearts.org) and pay securely with credit card or through your paypal account.

Or, stop in the Gallery and pay for your class with credit card/check/cash.

\$85 Members, \$99 Non-Members

### *Hurry before it's too late!*

There are still a few open slots for this workshop which will be held in Spring Grove. A delicious spread of food (although you can bring your lunch too if you'd like more) and drinks are served. This is a relaxed, superb learning atmosphere at the studio of member Elvin Griffin. He's not only an accomplished artist, but also a good teacher who will meet you right where you are in your artistic journey and help you to the next level.

## AFAF Gallery:



### Didn't Sunny Parenteau do a wonderful job on our new Open Flag!

When you see her, please be sure to let her know how much we appreciate this wonderful addition to our signage. Thank you Sunny!



### And then there was LIGHT!

If you see Rich Ellinghusen, he's the one to thank for coordinating installation of lights in our classroom, gift shop, fireside gallery and the upstairs studio.

Nice Job Rich, it makes a big difference!

## 4x4 Old Masters Given a Place in the Sun!

Did you see the beautiful easel in our front yard? It supports the copies of old masters' paintings which have been sitting in a closet for way too long. Way to go Dennis Boehm! Dennis got the lumber, prepared it and then brought it to our gallery and assembled it. Thanks to Ken Lutgen and Gayle for helping out with the final steps of getting it installed and painted.

If you have some small, old whisk brooms, please bring them by the gallery. We need about 6 of them to construct the brushes for the big bucket. Yes, the palette and bucket of brushes are under construction! (Oh creative ones... we can still make the sign bigger... we need someone to volunteer to make the Paul Bunyan sized painting/setup!)



# Member News:

## Art institute - Picasso exhibit!

The exhibit exceeded our expectations. The breadth and depth of his body of work is pretty amazing. Everything from crayon drawings to pottery was displayed spanning the full range of his artistic life.

After the exhibit, we went for a bite to eat at Cosi, and then on to Dick Blick. The weather was cooperative, it was a perfect day!

We had a ball, wish you could've all been there.



## June Member Meeting Demo with Lisa Behnke – 3D Mosaics!

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**Young People's Photo Exhibit** Antioch Fine Arts Foundation has been invited by the Antioch Public Library District to jury the young people's photo exhibit/contest this summer. We will invite the winners to exhibit their work in our gallery after the close of the contest.

**Gallery Workers Unite** Nice job and a big THANK YOU goes out to Sandy Kerous and Ken Lutgen who both quickly stepped forward to help fill Sandy's hours when she emailed a call for help because she didn't have any phone numbers and was dealing with a water issue with all the flooding. What a great team, and yes everything turned out okay for Sandy S. too!

Julie Adrianson reports that...

## Artful Saturday's Start May 8th! 10am - 3pm at Julie's Coffee!

Our En Plain Aire Art and Fine Craft Show happens every 2nd Saturday of the Month through October. Local Artists sell their work right in our side lot! It is the only regularly scheduled Art Fair in Lake Villa! Stop by and grab a coffee, something yummy and shop! PLEASE pass it on to all artists and crafters you know. Let's make this even BIGGER than last year. It is only 25.00 per space and a Free Cup of Coffee for each Artist! Any questions?? Call Julie at 224.372.7341.

**Reclaiming for Art** Our very own Daisy Perez brought "recycled" artwork to display at the Earth Day Eco Fair which was sponsored by the Village of Antioch Environmental Commission this past Saturday, April 27th. The creations, made by students at Emmons School, were made using recycled objects. The event included a demo for passersby to enjoy the creation of recycled art.

**Members**, are you signed up for Art on the Wall? There are openings and what a great way to get your art out into the community! If you're not a member, why not join us, there are some wonderful perks.

**Note:** *Catbridge Cellars will be closing, please check the schedule if you are signed up at that location.*

**Please join us in welcoming our newest Antioch Fine Arts Members:**

Matthew Danielson and Lisa Nehila.

**Artists, please continue to send us information on what you are up to so we can let everyone know, [news@antiochfinearts.org](mailto: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!**

## Treasures come in all sizes!



## AFAF Board & Committee Heads:

**President** - Gayle Mondie

**Vice President** - Daisy Perez

**Secretary** - Katie DiOrio

**Treasurer** - Rich Ellinghusen

**Building Maintenance Manager** - Roger Shule

**Chamber Liaison** - Markus Clavadetscher

**Education** - Patty Rodgers

**Gallery** - Bernita Schutte

**Gift Shoppe** - Sunny Parenteau

**Newsletter** - [news@antiochfinearts.org](mailto:news@antiochfinearts.org)

**Promotions** - Bev Walczak

**Web** - Raymond Jude Kaider

## 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 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

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## Gallery Hours:

Thursday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4pm

A Non-profit Foundation serving our community