

Art Association OF Henry County

Newsletter, August 2021

Greetings Patrons of the Arts,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am a lifetime resident of New Castle. I was born in Henry County Hospital and lived on Ash Street all my childhood. I attended Wilbur Wright and Holland Elementary Schools, was in the last class to attend 7th grade in “The Castle” and was in the first class to go through both 8th and 9th grade at the brand spanking new Parkview Junior High School, then graduated from New Castle Chrysler High School. If you were here during that time, the above information dates me. I matriculated from Ball State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Teaching Certificate. I began teaching Biology at New Castle High School while concurrently completing my Master of Science in Biology at Miami of Ohio University, having accepted a full-ride scholarship from the Howard Hughes Foundation. During my career at NCHS, in addition to Biology, I taught BioCom, Earth and Space Science, Environmental Science and was the only teacher there to have taught Dual Credit Anatomy and Physiology. Which begs the question “What in the world is she doing in the Arts?”

I have been singing from childhood onward, performing in countless choirs and ensembles, the highlight of which was Brahm’s Requiem, in German, under the direction of David Murphy. For many years, I was the soloist for the opening act of the high school’s Renaissance Rally and have been the soloist for many weddings and funerals. Late in life, I began my acting career as Clairee in “Steel Magnolias” at the Guyer Opera House under the direction of Nic Simmons. I have since been in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Fiddler on the Roof, It’s a Wonderful Life, and Les Misérables. Eleven years ago, I decided to pick up a paint brush to see what I could do. In the beginning, I gave my paintings to family and friends. Soon someone suggested that I display some of my work in the Artistry Annex. I remember the amazing feeling when I sold my first piece! A couple of years later, my fantastic husband built me a small she-cave studio that I absolutely adore. I was hooked and have been painting ever since. My husband, Mike, was also a talented artist who encouraged me to paint.

I retired from teaching in June and was thrilled to be offered the Executive Director’s position in late July. I have been excited to witness a renewal in Downtown and I want to be a part of it, so my vision is for The Art Association to collaborate with other New Castle entities to become part of the restructuring of our community. I have already witnessed the coordination with the Library on the Renaissance Fair and have had an exciting introductory meeting with Main Street.

My children are Ben (Nik) Morgan, Brock (Helene) Morgan and Jennifer (Trace) Bertram. I have been blessed with two granddaughters, Lauren and Katelyn, and a grandson, Austin.

Vickie M. Bertram, Executive Director, AAHC

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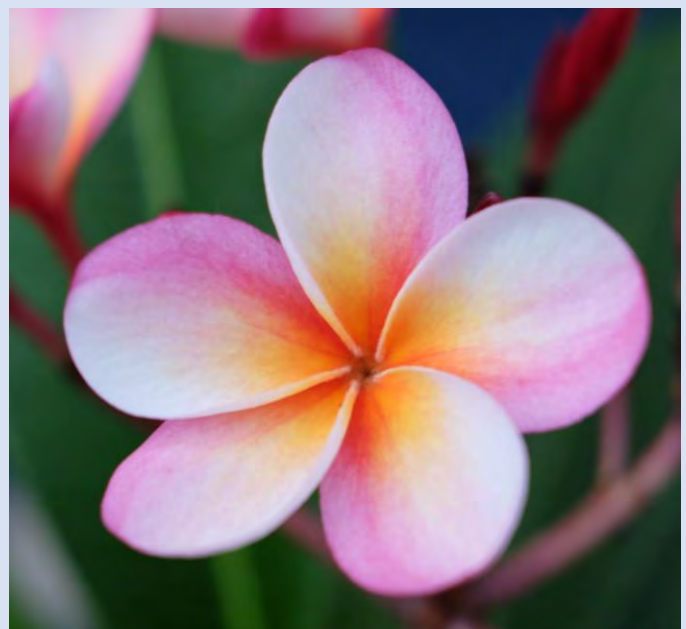
Henry County Community Foundation Endowment (HCCF)

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Thank You

A great big “Thank You” to everyone who has helped me transition into my new position. Thank you for coming up and introducing yourself, thanks for the words of wisdom, thanks for the direction, and thank you to the tireless volunteers without whom The Art Association would not exist. Consider volunteering.



Jennifer Martinec Exhibit



“Music to My Eyes”

July 2-22, 2021, AAHC Gallery

What a show!!! Jennifer’s Reception was one for the history books. She had an amazing turn out and sold nearly 40 pieces! It felt like a mix between a class reunion, a family reunion, and an art exhibit. With the free finger foods and drinks, and an ambience of levity, it was a lovely evening, and a good time was had by all.

Photography Exhibit

August 3 -September 3

Sponsored by The Law Offices of Brown and Brown

Fifteen local photographers submitted 83 photographs, ranging from realistic to artistic to photoshopped phantasy. Some of the works are for sale, some are not for sale, but all are amazing. The Reception for the exhibit was well attended and many people got to enjoy this great photography. The Gallery is open 9-4, Tuesday through Friday. Do yourself a favor, come check it out!

56th Annual Fall Show 2021

Sponsored by Pfenninger, Claxton, Estelle Insurance Group

Prospectus

1. Eligibility
 - a. Any work in any medium completed within the past 3 years
 - b. Artist must be a current member of The Art Association of Henry County (AAHC)
 - c. Works previously in any AAHC Fall Show are not eligible
2. Entries
 - a. Each artist may exhibit up to 3 pieces
 - b. The Exhibit committee reserves the right to reject any work deemed unsuitable for the Art Gallery
 - c. All artwork must be original (no reproductions or copies)
 - d. Works must remain in the Gallery for the duration of the show
 - e. Entry Fee: \$20.00 for AAHC members
3. Awards
 - a. Best of Show:
 - i. \$200
 - ii. At the discretion of the judge
 - iii. Awarded at the Reception
 - b. Awards of Distinction: \$100 each
 - c. Merit Awards: \$50 each
 - d. People's Choice: \$50
 - e. Total: \$1500
4. Media
 - a. Two Dimensional
 - i. Drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, and mixed media
 - ii. Not to exceed 96", including frame
 - iii. All works must be ready for hanging with flat screw eyes and picture wire
 - iv. Saw tooth hangers will not be accepted
 - b. Three Dimensional
 - i. Sculpture, ceramics, woodcarving, ect.
 - ii. Not to exceed 60" width and 80" height
5. Sales
 - a. Works may be for sale by the arrangement of the artist
 - b. AAHC will retain a 25% commission for art sold.
6. Liability and insurance
 - a. The Art Association of Henry County will not be liable for any loss or damage during handling or display of artwork
 - b. Coverage of the art is the responsibility of the artist
7. Calendar
 - a. Sep 7 & 8, 9:00-4:00 Entries due at AAHC Gallery, 218 S. 15th St. New Castle, IN 47362

- b. Sep 14 Show opens at the Art Gallery
 - c. Sep 16 6-8 PM Artist Reception at the Art Gallery
 - i. 6:30 PM Awards Presentation
 - d. Sep 14– Oct 22 Exhibit on display
 - e. Oct 26 & 27 Pick up work
 - i. All entries must be picked up
 - ii. Entries left longer than two weeks become the property of AAHC
8. Judge

Roy Boswell is an American Impressionist artist, who creates, teaches and helps other bring their vision to life. He aims to decorate the manmade environment with beauty, point of truth, and create a place of reflection.

Born in 1985, Roy Boswell was raised on a family farm in southeastern Indiana. At an early age he took interest in art and architecture and went on to landscape architecture and design at Perdue University. It wasn't until after graduating that he took up fine art. Currently Roy paints in Oil and Acrylic, working in plein air, but also from field studies in the studio. Subtle storytelling is a large part of his [process, creating love filled letters about the Midwestern farm.

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For additional information contact Exhibit Chairperson Marilyn Witt at (765) 332-2536 or AAHC at (765) 529-2634

8/30-8/31 Pam Newell Painting Class

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are willing to volunteer, please call the Art Gallery at (765)529-2634. Consider volunteering. It'll make you feel good!

1. Membership: We must get our membership base up. There is much work to be done.
2. "Garden Party": We need HELP in the Arts Park. If you would be willing to pull weeds, trim, and help beautify the Park, please contact us.
3. Docent: We are very short on docents. If you would care to become a docent, please call.
4. Grant writing: If your strength is in grant writing, there are several opportunities available.
5. Permanent Collection: organizing, cataloging, taking photos, and placing in proper storage.