

Art Association OF Henry County

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A Word from the Executive Director

The fourth quarter of 2022 has been exciting at the Art Association! Our shows have included the 57th Annual Members Show and the Holiday Art Sale.

Our classes this quarter included Pam Newell Still Life and Homeschool Art with Kelly Ruhl.

The Holiday season was full of life and good cheer. The Arts Park was decked out in all its holiday glory with a breathtaking light display, the planning and fundraising of which has taken over a year. The "Big Light Reveal" included a Christmas Market in the Pavilion and the Annual Christmas Walk brought literally thousands of people to the Park. We had a successful Premier Holiday Art Sale that will recur annually. The ever-popular Mistletoe & Martinis reception and silent auction was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all. The St. Croix Raffle was a big success, and the winner is...Mickie Hoy!

AAHC has received grants from The Henry County Community Foundation to reroof the Artistry Annex, an Intern grant, allowing us to hire Carmen Davis, as well as the Foundations generous yearly endowment. Also, the Food and Beverage Tax Fund to reroof the Pavilion, the Efroymsen Family Fund for the building of a new environmentally controlled vault to house the Permanent Collection, as well as the Building Renovation Assistance Program for repair of the Annex foundation. The "Lift Up & Light Up" fundraising campaign (nicknamed LULU) was wildly successful! This community, in its amazing generosity, raised over \$30,000 and AAHC received a \$30,000 matching grant from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority! This money was/is being used to light up the Arts Park and replace the Pavilion posts.

We have art for sale in Twin Lions and Café Royal and are in negotiations with another couple of places to display artists pieces.

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Intern Carmen Davis digitally entering data on the Permanent Collection

Upcoming Events

- 1/3-1/20 Permanent Collection
- 1/5 Reception
- 1/31-2/24 Henry County Elementary School Art Show
- 2/5 Reception
- 3/7-3/31 Annual Spring Show: "Art & Soul"
- 3/9 Reception
- 4/18-5/12 Henry County Secondary School Art Show
- 4/23 Reception
- 5/20 IPAPA Paint Out

Grant Recipient



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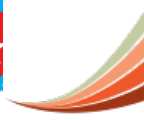
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Thank You Holiday Lights Donors

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Special Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped put up or take down the Holiday Lights, but especially to Steve Weidert without whom the project would not have happened. He dedicated incalculable hours in the planning, assembling, hanging and taking down hundreds of thousands of lights. He also donated generously to the fundraising campaign and purchased a new fire pit. There is a special place in my heart for Denise, whom I have nicknamed the "Light Widow", for sacrificing her husband from October to January.

Greg Dietz volunteered his time to install the electrical power to light the park. Helpers include David Burns, Ed Tarantino, NineStar Connect, the Octagon Club, Carmen Davis, Denise Weidert, NLTC, John Davis, Henry County Inmates & Deputy, Margison's Graphics, Mickie Hoy, John Fischer, and thanks to Stephanie Tedder for organizing the vendors for the "Big Light Reveal."

Many thanks go out to Fred & Nancy Lewis, Lee & Carla Terryberry, Steve & Denise Weidert and Mickie Hoy for organizing and hosting Martinis & Mistletoe, to Beth Schulte for organizing the Silent Auction and to the artists that donated pieces for the Auction. Steve & Lisa Pfenninger donated a Helen Wagner watercolor landscape, Ranier's Rock photograph and a miniature snowman painting. Marilyn Witt donated "Daffodills in Bloom". Terry Dukeman gave many pieces from his collection. Sara Mueller offered an agate necklace. Kent Kemmerling donated "Streets of Carmone, Spain." Jane Pidgeon gave knitted items and a tote bag. Ann McGlothlin offered up a medium bowl, Austin Custer a handled bowl, Nick Wilson a 5-piece stoneware set. Greg & Nancy Dietz donated an Elizabeth Dodds Shaffer print, "Christmas Shoppers." Steve Weidert's donation was to paint-your-pet. The Tuesday painting group, Marilyn Witt, Lisa Pfenninger, Charlene Manifold and Jean McCauley presented miniature Christmas ornament paintings. Thanks to everyone that sold St. Croix Raffle tickets, especially Beverly Matthews who led the pack with 53 sold!

The Premiere Holiday Art Sale, organized by Marsha Petty and Terry Dukeman was popular. Sara Mueller sold her handcrafted jewelry, Ann McGlothlin, Terry Dukeman and Mike Couch had beautiful pottery for sale. Marsha Petty, after an inspirational autumn, had lovely mixed media pieces. A wide variety of paintings were available by Kris Livezey, Marilyn Witt, Lisa Pfenninger and Steve Weidert. Steve also had model ships for sale and Janet Couch had jewelry. Martinis & Mistletoe, the Silent Auction, the Holiday Art Sale and the ST. Croix Raffle helped us raise over \$7,000!

Thanks to Lloyd & Joyce Miller and Sheila Marion for collecting donations during the light reveal. Thanks to Nancy Dietz and Dana Kepner for putting together the Library of Trees and Kelly Ruhl's students for painting Monet inspired ornaments for it. Thanks to Celia Burns, Steve & Lisa Pfenninger, Kelly Ruhl and Steve Weidert for hanging the Permanent Collection.

As always, Greg and Nancy Dietz, Beth Thurman and my wingman, Pebbles, have been indispensable. Thank you for keeping AAHC running smoothly!