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WSAG Events Unlimited...

Art In The Park

The West Suburban Artists Guild, in cooperation with The Park District of Oak Park are pleased to announce the 2009 **Art In the Park** fine art festival.

WSAG Treasurer, **Mary Meike** has finished sending out all of the beautiful Art in the Park applications full of detailed information about participating in this annual event. If you did not receive an application, as always, you may download an application and information at www.westsuburbanartistsguild.org

Please forward these applications to any and all other Artist's Organizations that you may be affiliated with, emphasizing the economical booth price – compared with other local art events – and the special discount afforded WSAG Members. It is also a good idea to print several copies and leave them at area businesses; park district offices; area art galleries and art organizations.

What a great opportunity to showcase enormous talent to a viable, educated and enthusiastic audience! PLUS, artists have the opportunity to win cash prizes!

Event Date: Sunday, May 17th

Event Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Event Location: Austin Gardens Park, Oak Park, IL

Fees: \$90 for a 10' x 10' space (\$50 for WSAG Artist Members)

Jury Deadline: March 15, 2009

More Information: Encourage friends, family and fellow artists to log on to www.westsuburbanartistsguild.org for more information.

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Raving Fans!

November WSAG guest Artist **Vicki Surina's** rock painting demonstration was the talk of the town! Her creativity in turning found rocks into animals through the use of acrylic paint, careful brush strokes and an artistic eye was amazing to see.

Don't miss these upcoming WSAG Member events:

February 20th; **Mona Parry** – Floorcloth painting

March 20th; **Charles Wright** – pen & ink sketches

April 17th; **Bruce Peterson** – abstract watercolor

May 15th; **WSAG Art-O-Rama**, trade and sell supplies, art magazines, etc.

Remember – all WSAG events are held at 8:00 pm on the third Friday of each month at the Triton College Fine Art Gallery. All members are encouraged to attend and enjoy!

Mark Your Calendars!

"The dignity of the artist lies in his duty of keeping awake the sense of wonder in the world." – *Marc Chagall*

"No great artist ever sees things as they really are. If he did, he would cease to be an artist." – *Oscar Wilde*

2008-2009 WSAG Officers & Committees

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Board meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Triton College Fine Art Gallery. All members are encouraged to come and share their ideas.

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New Member News!

Welcome back Vashti Varnado!

Membership Coordinator Mary King is please to welcome returning member Vashti Varnado into the WSAG family. If you have provided an email address, you received Vashiti's contact information earlier this month. Otherwise you will receive Vashiti's information in the newsletter that is mailed to those who do not have email addresses.

Vashti Varnado

Email: VOVarnado@hotmail.com



Calling All Professional Artists...

Another great opportunity for WSAG Artists

The **Alliance of Fine Art** will hold its third annual workshop, "R U in the Know" on Saturday, February 21, 2009. Topics of discussion include: creating an artist statement and brochure, creating a press release, and hearing a gallery owner speak. Get [information and an application](#) or contact Liz Popp (Lizypopp@hotmail.com) for more information. Early bird registration is due **January 15, 2009**.



Mark Your Calendar!

Art Resources, Opportunities and Upcoming Deadlines!

A 3-D Opportunity...

Attention Sculptors/3-D Artists! The Lombard Arts Coalition, in cooperation with various organizations from the Lombard community, invite all artists with ties to DuPage County to participate in Lombard's first-ever DuPage Invitational Sculpture and 3-D Art show. The show is open to sculptors who were born, reside, work, or go to school in DuPage County. Show organizers invite not only established sculptors, but outstanding emerging and student sculptors from area high schools and colleges as well. The pieces will be judged and the following prize money will be awarded: 1st Place \$1,000; 2nd Place \$500; 3rd Place \$250. Student artists will be recognized with the following special awards: two \$500 scholarships for high school artists, and two \$1,000 scholarships for college artists under age 25. The Village of Lombard will take entries into consideration for its Public art program portfolio, which purchases art through a matching grant process.

Event Date: Saturday, May 9th, 2009 – During the Annual "Lilac Time Celebration"

Event Time: 11 a.m to 6 p.m.

Event Location: Lilacia Park (across from Metra Station)

For more information, call (630) 415-3656 to receive an application and participation packet, or email: info@dupagearts.com. You may also write to: Lombard Arts Coalition, PO Box 506, Lombard, IL 60148-0506. Email: www.dupagesculpture.org

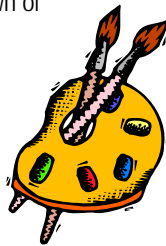
Application Deadline: March 1, 2009

Spectacular Springfield!

Art Spectacular, a juried fine art and fine craft show, will be held on Sept 12-13, 2009 in Springfield, IL. For more information, the Call for Artists application can be downloaded at http://www.carillon-rees.org/html/art_spectacular.html or simply email to dandbwalker@att.net. **Art Spectacular** is held outside on the lawn of beautiful Washington Park near the Carillon in Springfield, IL.

Dates & Deadlines...

December 15th 2008 is the deadline to submit your application (www.zapplication.org) for jury into the Old Town Art Fair. www.oldtowntriangle.org



January 15th 2008 is the deadline to submit your general application to participate in all shows produced by Amdur Productions, including the Gold Coast Art Fair. Go to www.amdurproductions.com for all information.

March 1st, 2009 is the application deadline for shows managed by D&W Events, Inc. including the Deerfield Festival of Fine Arts and the Cuneo Gardens Art Festival. www.dwevents.org

March 6th, 2009 is the deadline to have your artwork or poetry considered for publication in the Woman Made *Her Mark* 2009 Calendar. www.womanmade.org

March 15th, 2009 is the jury deadline for WSAG's Art in the Park. www.westsuburbanartistsguild.org

April 2nd, 2009 is the jury deadline for The Naperville Art League's 24th Annual Riverwalk Fine Art Fair. www.napervilleartleague.com

May 11th, 2009 is the deadline to submit to jury for the Hinsdale Fine Art Festival. www.hinsdalechamber.com

For Art Fair Info, The Web is Your Best Resource!

www.artandcraftshows.net www.caonline.org
www.artfairsourcebook.com www.artshow.com
www.artfaircalendar.com

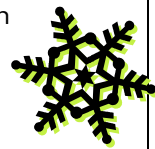
Do you have an urgent deadline, opportunity, or resource to share?
Email them to: mmchugh@issaturn.com

It's the Holiday Season...



This year, support your fellow artists and artisans by purchasing handmade gifts at area art galleries & guilds!

Check out The Fine Line Creative Arts Center's 21st Annual "**Christmastime at the Fine Line Members Show and Sale**". This event brings together many artists and crafts people from December 5th – December 13th, 2008; representing the best of their members artistic talents. This show is worth the trip west to visit the beautiful St. Charles/Geneva area along the Fox River, and to check out the facilities at The Fine Line. The event is being held in the Kavanaugh Gallery and building. For more information: www.finelineca.org. While you're there, check out the many art galleries in the area with more great gift ideas! www.genevachamber.com; www.visitstcharles.com



The One of a Kind Show and Sale is a good excuse to head downtown this holiday season! Held December 4th – 7th at the Merchandise Mart. While you're there, talk to the artist and see if this is possibly a show you would like to participate in yourself! www.oneofakindshowchicago.com

Also at the Merchandise Mart from December 4th – 7th is **The Artist Project**. "Discover, Collect, Support" is the motto for this show – a good one for all of us! There is also information on how you can participate in this show in the future. www.theartistproject.com

"Craft Your Own Christmas" at Pamela Penny Textile Arts on Harrison Street in Oak Park is a fun way to spend an hour creating gifts for friends. Fun for all ages. Every Saturday through December 22nd. \$12 per person/project. www.pamelapenny.com

Oak Park, River Grove, and the surrounding villages have wonderful **Art Galleries** that feature the work of many local artists and crafts people at affordable prices! Find a list of area art galleries at www.shopoakpark.com or www.oakparkartsdistrict.com

Womanmade Art Gallery is hosting their annual event, "*Artisan Gallery Invitational – Fine Crafts from 30 Women*" through December 18th at their gallery on Milwaukee Avenue. A great show to pick up hand made gifts for the people you care about and support local artists at the same time!

Support Student Artists! The American Academy of Art in Chicago presents the **Annual Student Holiday Show & Sale** through December 19th. Call 312-461-0600 x103 for more information. Area high schools, churches, YMCA's, etc. host art and craft sales to raise money for very worthy causes! **Shop early – shop often!**