

Delphi Art Show celebrates ‘Fabulous Fiftieth’

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The Jack Sanders' Delphi Art Show will celebrate its 50th year by hosting a special Delphi Community High School alumni exhibition. In addition to the watercolors, oils and pastels, there will be pottery, glass works, jewelry and photography by professional artists. The works of students in grades K-12 and members of Delphi Art Club will round out the diverse exhibition.

DCHS seniors

Nine DCHS seniors will exhibit their artwork.

Amanda Gick created a table made of mosaic tiles and grout. She has also drawn a flower in pastel chalk. Gick is taking art classes in Lafayette and would like to go to school to become an art teacher.

Shentel Alford created a white rose abstract in oil paint. She likes to work in the Georgia O'Keef style. Alford said she would like to go to school to pursue pharmacy.

Katelyn Beach has been creating artwork in pastel chalk and said she would like to become an elementary art teacher.

Freddy Bautista will be exhibiting pieces he has done in oil paint. He won a second place in a state competition recently. He said he hopes to become an art teacher.

One of Amanda Howard's works is titled "My Animal," which was done in oils. She said she would like to become a high school art teacher.

Amanda Taylor also works in oil and created "Indian Girl" as one of the pieces she will display at the show.

She said she will pursue art as a hobby but not as a career.

Jeremy Houser created "Jeremy" in charcoal as one of the works he will show. He said he'd like to pursue an art degree and is considering IVY Tech Community College.

Nicole Cain created a comic strip in oil titled "I'd Rather Sink Than Call for Help." She plans to attend IVY Tech for business administration and said she may use her art background in advertising or simply as a hobby.

Ana Crispin created a tropical scene in oil. She plans to enter IVY Tech's nursing program and thinks she'll pursue art only as a hobby.

Featured alumni artists:

Daniel Bowling of Battle Ground is one of more than eight

alumni who will be featured in the show. A 1973 graduate of DCHS, he works as a carpenter. Bowling will be exhibiting two watercolors, one titled "Blue Diamond" and the other, "Faces in the Falls."

Sara Daly-Brosman of Brookston, who graduated from DCHS in 1975, said "Going through school, I gravitated to the classes and got excited about the projects where I could create. In my elementary years at Saint Joseph's Catholic school, I spent hours on the extra credit projects such as constructing nativity scenes, creating banners for church and (after raiding the alley of limestone) building a model tomb for an Easter project."



been fortunate in that, while living in various communities across the Midwest, I have landed jobs that have allowed me to pursue my passion for art."

so much, including the joy of teaching."

"I have been teaching on a regular basis for the last five years at Flora-Monroe Public Library, as well as out of my studio," said Daly Reid. "While living in Indianapolis, I completed two large outside murals, and a third there last year, an historical mural in Flora, as well as a large mural at Carroll Elementary School and two in West Lafayette. The largest project was a set for Purdue Hall of Music in 2004," she said.

Lynn Thomsen of Indianapolis is a 1975 graduate of DCHS. She will be exhibiting oil paintings, among them, "Beans, Scott's Field." The art teacher said her landscapes are usually painted from the bed of her pickup truck and express her lifelong connection with the landscape of Northcentral Indiana.

A 2001 graduate of DCHS, Erika Rittenhouse of Lafayette is employed as a preschool teacher. She will be exhibiting works in ink, pencil and collage.

Wanda Berger is a 1965 graduate of DCHS. She works in pastels and will exhibit a work titled "Near Carrollton Bridge."

A 1958 graduate of DCHS, Lois Powlen of Delphi will enter two pen and ink works. She is employed as a registered nurse at Arnett Clinic.

Powlen said, "All of my life art has been one of my first loves - from the time I could hold a pencil, I have loved to draw. When I was a student in high school here, Mr. Sanders was one of my favorite teachers."

Joe Disinger of Delphi is a 1987 graduate of DCHS. He will be entering an acrylic-painted leather vest titled "Freedom to Dream" and a motorcycle tank upon which he painted a design.

Professional artists among the many professional artists who will exhibit, is

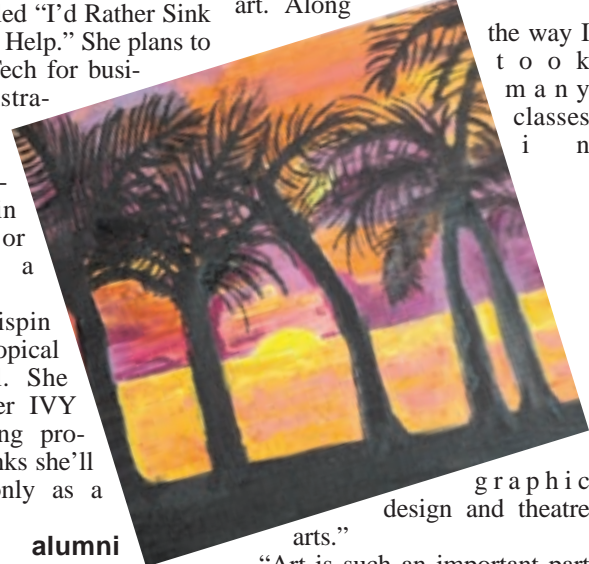


"In middle school," she said, "I loved recreating scenes from Colonial England and drawing political cartoons for Mr. Moore's history class, and in high school, putting my all into the great art assignments that were given out by Jack Sanders."

"I received my BFA," she said, "from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, with a concentration in studio art. Along



the way I took many classes in



graphic design and theatre arts."

"Art is such an important part of my personal and professional life," said Daly-Brosman. "I have

"I have designed campaign posters for the state of Minnesota, juried art classes, organized and planned art curriculums for schools, served on local arts organizations boards, designed business logos and brochures, painted murals, and designed and constructed numerous theatre sets," she said.

"I am always anxiously awaiting that next creative and artistic endeavor."

Brenda Daly Reid of Flora graduated from DCHS in 1973 and works as an artist.

"I do not remember a time when I wasn't drawing," she said. "I embraced it at an early age and it seemed to always be the most natural thing to do. My dad was the first to encourage me, then Mr. Jack Sanders. He taught me

jewelry collections. Akon has traveled to Istanbul, Paris and New York for inspiration for her designs.

Erma Flora lives in Flora with her husband Kenneth. She works in oils, charcoal and watercolor. She's also an interior designer, and her home was featured in the

July 2002 issue of Indianapolis Monthly magazine.

Opening

The opening tea and reception will be Sunday, May 7 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., with tours continuing Monday through Thursday, May 8 to 11, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The show will be held at DCHS and admission is free.

Contact Sherri Cripe at (765) 564-3895 or online at crispet@delphi.k12.in.us for information regarding the

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