

Frankenmuth Area Fine Arts Council

News and Events

Promoting and encouraging the appreciation, development and education of art in all of its diverse forms.



Public Art

What exactly is “public art”? It can have many meanings ranging from “high quality” graffiti, to a work created by an artist specifically for public viewing, in a public space. Basically, it is artwork visible by the public, for public display. It can be as temporary as chalk on a sidewalk, or as permanent as lady liberty herself. Public art can be found just about anywhere. Its roots can be traced as far back as the beginning of our existence as drawings on cave walls, and as monuments or statues found in ancient civilizations.

There are many examples of communities that have turn to art as a tool for revitalization. As a result, many cities have benefited in cleaner communities and attracting visitors.

In recent years, a group of artists have been successful in turning around the city of Hamtramck. Royal Oak is host to large art events, such as “Arts, Beats, and Eats”, and the “Clay, Glass, and Metal Festival.” In Saginaw, the Saginaw Art Museum, area galleries, and cafés have been hosting events like the Tri-City Art Battle, which brings in visitors and promotes art. Bay City’s annual Riverwalk is another great example of bringing people into the city while promoting all forms of art. Even though we are experiencing hard economic times, Grand Rapids has had phenomenal success with its “Art Prize” contest. Other cities have deeper roots with regards to their relationship to art and community such as Ann Arbor, Saugatuck, and Frankfort.

Frankenmuth also has a history of public art, which has grown over the dec-

ades. In fact, incorporating art into its designs has always been a part of Bavarian and Alpine architecture. This is evident by the gingerbread ornamentation, carvings, and large murals painted on the walls of buildings. Snowfest features sculptors from around the world, as well as local talent, to create temporary public art from sculpting snow or carving ice. Visitors to our community have enjoyed the murals painted on walls of businesses, stylish architecture, and various forms of art in public spaces throughout the city. For several years, the Frankenmuth Area Fine Arts Council has been working at making Frankenmuth a destination for art loving tourists, as well as promoting art in the community. This year is no exception. We are pleased to be a major sponsor in bringing new public art to Frankenmuth through the Midwest Sculpture Initiative.

Midwest Sculpture Initiative

The Downtown Development Authority, FAFAC, chamber of commerce, and area businesses and foundations are working together to bring the Midwest Sculpture Initiative to Frankenmuth. The project’s mission is to: “Provide outdoor sculpture exhibitions throughout the Midwest, promote cooperation among art and civic organizations,

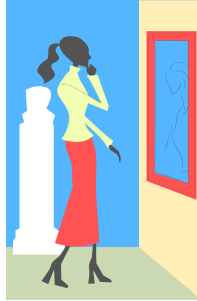
advance the role that the visual arts play in the quality of life and increase economic development .” Ten sculptures created by Midwest artists will be selected for display in various public spaces throughout Frankenmuth for 1 year. The art displayed will be for sale, with a percentage of the sales going to the sponsoring community. Regional and national media coverage should

give our community a boost in added tourism, as well as “guiding” our visitors to a larger roaming area throughout the city, to see all of the displays. Artists will get more exposure across the Midwest, and communities will benefit from added beautification, and local economy benefits from the additional tourism.

For more information, visit the MSI website: <http://msisculpture.com/index.htm>

Frankenmuth Art Gallery Open for Business

Last year, we notified our members and artists that the Frankenmuth Art gallery intended to open its doors in time for the 2010 Frankenmuth Autofest. The gallery continues to be open for business with the support of artists, tourists, and local patrons. Artwork for sale in the gallery is created by local artists, and artists throughout Michigan, using a variety of mediums. Throughout the holiday season, visitors and local residents were lucky enough to have the opportunity to purchase



unique gifts, while supporting the local economy.

Currently, the gallery provides space to over 30 artists displaying their creations for sale. Space is still available for more artists who wish to sell their works on consignment. If you are interested in selling your artwork at the gallery, contact Josh Fairbotham at the gallery, or Jim Dean at Frankenmuth Diamond and Gem, 989.652.2690. They can provide you with information on booth and consignment fees, gal-

lery hours, and future plans.

If you haven't already had a chance to visit the gallery, I hope you will soon. It's a great place to find a special gift, or to find the perfect piece to fill an empty space in your home. When you visit the gallery, be sure to sign their mailing list so you can be notified of special events.



FAFAC Annual Spring Art Auction

Thursday, May 5th is the date for this year's auction. Located in the main dining room at Zehnder's Restaurant, the spring art auction is the annual fund raising event for the Frankenmuth Area Fine Arts Council. The funds raised enable the organization to operate, and promote art in the community throughout the year. All of the artwork to be auctioned is donated and a variety of mediums are used. There are both a silent auction, and a live auction. During the silent auction, live music is played by local



musicians. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar are available for attendees to enjoy while contemplating which items to bid on.

The doors will open, and "check in" will begin at 6pm. The silent auction begins at 7pm and ends at 8pm. The Live auction will begin by 9pm.

Additional information about this event will be provided in the second quarter newsletter.

FAFAC membership

Membership renewal is upon us! Details of the membership renewal and benefits will be mailed out to the current membership. Cost is \$25 for the year. Our mission statement is "Promoting and encouraging the appreciation, development and education of art in all of its diverse forms."

Every year, the board reviews the benefits and makes adjustments as voted on by the board. FAFAC officer elections are held every 2 years,

therefore all positions are 2 year terms. The next election is Dec. 2011. You do not have to be an artist to be a member. Members are encouraged to volunteer for events, and provide support by attending FAFAC sponsored events. You do not need to be a member to receive the newsletter. We encourage our newsletter recipients to receive the distribution by email, to save on postage and printing. FAFAC is a nonprofit organization. We offer scholarships to

graduating FHS students, provide free art projects in the community through events like the Farmers Market, and Family Movie Night. We promote art in the community.

If you are not a current member and would like more information, please contact us at: fafac2007@yahoo.com, fafac-news@gmail.com. Or visit www.FAFACart.org

Donations are welcome at anytime.

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
January 26-31	Zehnder's Snowfest — Annual winter festival displays snow and ice sculptures. Features ice carving and snow sculpting competitions. <i>www.frankenmuth.org</i>	Various-All Day, and evenings	Downtown Frankenmuth
January 28	FREE Family Movie Night — <u>The Last Mimzy</u> —brought to you by Frankenmuth Community Education. Concessions for \$1. For info: 652-6351 or visit <i>www.frankenmuth.k12.mi.us/education/components/scrapbook</i> click on <i>movies</i>	6:30pm	Bronner Performing Arts Center, 525 E. Genesee, Frankenmuth
Various	Court Street Gallery — The gallery hosts events featuring area artists throughout the year. Check their events calendar for open houses and poetry events. For info: 989-992-5867 or visit <i>www.courtstreetgallery.com</i>	various	Court Street Gallery, 417 Hancock St Saginaw MI 48602
January 29	Song of the Lakes Sweet Adeline's Chorus - featuring 2 concerts named <u>Snowfest Extravaganza</u> . Tickets \$7 at the door, or call 989-823-7813 for reservations and info.	1pm, and 3pm	Fischer Hall, 613 South Main Street, Frankenmuth
February 4	After Hours @ the Museum —monthly event featuring live music, family friendly activities, hors d'oeuvres & refreshments as the Museum celebrates the launch of <u>MACY'S FREE FRIDAYS</u> . Website <i>www.saginawartmuseum.org</i>	5:30pm To 8:30pm	Saginaw Art Museum 1126 North Michigan Ave, Saginaw, Michigan 48602
February 11	Bavarian Inn Restaurant Murder Mystery Dinner <u>Til Death Do Us Part</u> . Interactive dinner. \$45 per person, reservations required, contact Tabitha, 1-800-228-2742.	6:30pm	Bavarian Inn Restaurant 713 South Main Street Frankenmuth, MI 48734
February 13	Saginaw Choral Society — <u>A Time For Us</u> is the theme for this “ Concerts For a Cause” event. Tickets are \$15,at the door or in advance at Satow Drugs, Wickson Memorial Library, Blessed Trinity Church, or charge by phone 989-753-1812. benefits the Cass River Greenway Project	4:00pm	Bronner Performing Arts Center, 525 E. Genesee, Frankenmuth
Current, till February 13	HAND AND HOME: Paintings, Sculpture, and Furniture —This exhibition features over 100 paintings, sculptures and furniture pieces from Saginaw artists, Betty and Fred Foltz. 989.754.2491 <i>www.saginawartmuseum.org</i>	call or check website	Saginaw Art Museum 1126 North Michigan Ave, Saginaw, Michigan
February 25	FREE Family Movie Night — <u>The Sorcerer's Apprentice</u> —brought to you by Frankenmuth Community Education. Concessions for \$1. For info: 652-6351 or visit: <i>www.frankenmuth.k12.mi.us/education/components/scrapbook</i> click on <i>movies</i>	6:30pm	Bronner Performing Arts Center, 525 E. Genesee, Frankenmuth
February 26	Art Appraisal Day —Discover the value of your treasured object. Verbal fair market estimate in the areas of fine and decorative arts, antiques, collectibles, and personal property. <i>Excludes weapons, native American artifacts, coins, stamps and precious jewelry.</i> 3 Item Limit. \$20 Members / \$30 Non-Members. <i>www.saginawartmuseum.org</i>	1pm To 4pm	Saginaw Art Museum 1126 North Michigan Ave, Saginaw, Michigan 48602
March 12	Saginaw Art Market — Over 25 artists selling art and handmade items and live music. Old town businesses will showcase artists and music. Artist application deadline is Feb. 12. for info or applications: Sarah at Court Street Gallery, 989-992-5867. or <i>www.courtstreetgallery.com</i>	5pm To 9pm	Graebner Building, 122 N. Michigan, Saginaw, MI 48602
March 18	Music at St. Lorenz presents Classical Bell . Tintinnabulation of the highest order! Come and be amazed by the pure musicality and sheer dexterity of this professional handbell ensemble from the Detroit area. Concert is free and open to the public, a free-will offering will be received. Call Scott for more info: 989-652-6141	7:30pm	St. Lorenz Lutheran Church 1030 W. Tuscola Road Frankenmuth, MI 48734
March 25	FREE Family Movie Night — <u>Barbie in A Fashion Fairy Tale</u> —brought to you by Frankenmuth Community Education. Concessions for \$1. For info: 652-6351 or visit: <i>www.frankenmuth.k12.mi.us/education/components/scrapbook</i>	6:30pm	Bronner Performing Arts Center, 525 E. Genesee, Frankenmuth