

Art Adventure | Sam Dalkilic-Miestowski

Hoosier Salon 85th annual art exhibition



Once again, the Steeple Gallery and First national Bank present the 85th Annual Hoosier Salon Art exhibition.

Since 1925, the Hoosier Salon has been Indiana's premier not-for profit association of artists and art lovers. The Steeple Gallery will be the first stop on the exhibitions Northern Indiana Outreach tour, on loan from the Hoosier Salon Patrons Association. This year the tour's theme is "Designed to Last." There will be an opening reception on September 19 with remarks from the executive director Donna Dole at 3 p.m. The exhibition will run from September 12 to October 31 at the Steeple Gallery, 11107 Thiel St. in St. John.

Select pieces will be on display at First National Bank in Dyer. Come mingle with the artists, and view fine works of art.

Also, First National Bank will be holding its 2nd Kid's art Festival on Saturday, October 10, at the Dyer Branch Location. This will feature artists, art supplies, food, fun and much more. For information about the kids festival, Call Mike Evanich at First National Bank 322-5964. For more information about the Hoosier Salon Art Tour, please



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The first Hoosier Salon exhibition opened in 1925 at Marshall Field's and Company Galleries in Chicago. A group called Daughters of Indiana created the exhibition as a way to prove that Indiana artists deserved national recognition. Artists included in the inaugural exhibition included T.C. Steele, J. Ottis Adams, Eugene Savage and William Forsyth. The exhibition has continued every year since then, moving to Indianapolis in 1941 and to the Indiana State Museum in 1990. The sponsoring organization is now Hoosier Salon Patrons Association." Art works shown here are part of the show. Above, "Line Drama of Life," by David Tutwiler are from Northern Shores, and Laura Appleby's work is above left. Tutwiler won the outstanding work in any medium, traditional merit award for "Lifting Skies" at left.

"We called this year's exhibition Designed to Last because of the lasting value of Indiana artworks," said Dole. "The values of your stock market portfolio and real estate may have declined in the current economy, cars wear out and clothes go out of style, but our first best of show winner back in 1925, Recessional by Eugene Savage, is still a valued part of the collection at the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, Conn. Similarly, the 2003 best of show winner by Robert Eberle sold for \$3,000 at an art auction this spring. When you invest in quality art, you own something with an enduring monetary value and something that brings you lasting joy."

The Touring Exhibits are a part of the educational outreach programs of the Hoosier Salon Patrons Association. "We want to allow people from all walks of life and all areas of the state to be exposed to the fine art of the Hoosier Salon and the organizations rich history", says Dole.

Presenting sponsor of the 85th annual Hoosier Salon exhibition is the Elba L. & Gene Porteus Branigin Foundation, Inc. Supporting sponsors are the Indiana State Museum and Hoosier Salon Patrons Association.

At the close of the exhibition, selected works will go on tour throughout the state.

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in the 2009 exhibition are first-time exhibitors.

"You never know what fresh new artists you will discover," said Donnae Dole, Hoosier Salon executive director. "Many famous and established Indiana artists became known to a wider audience because they were accepted into a Hoosier Salon Annual Exhibition over the past 85 years. It is always exciting to see the new artists' work as well as recent works from established artists whose distinct quality makes them continue to be selected for the Hoosier Salon annual exhibition."

To enter the competition an artist must be a current resident or have lived in the state of Indiana for at least one year.

All works in the exhibition are available for sale. Hoosier Salon's mission is to create an appreciation of art by promoting Hoosier artists and their art

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The following information is courtesy of the Hoosier Salon

"INDIANAPOLIS, JUNE 2009 – Hoosier Salon is celebrating 85 years of its annual exhibition of the best works by Indiana artists. This year's annual exhibition will be July 13 through September 6 at the Indiana State Museum, 650 West Washington Street.

Titled Designed to Last, the 138 winning entries by 109 Indiana artists include oil paintings, pastels, water colors, sculptures and other art forms ranging from traditional to whimsical and abstract. This year's juried competition attracted 591 entries from 429 artists. Sixteen of the artists