



ART ADVENTURE SAM DALKILIC-MIESTOWSKI

Arts blossom in springtime

Early spring brings a variety of arts events to Northwest Indiana. Here's a sampling:

◆ Illiana Artists Exhibit at the Indiana Welcome Center, Interstate 80/94 and Kennedy Avenue, Hammond. The exhibit includes a large show of oils, watercolors, pastels and sculptures by more than 25 artists. The opening reception is 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7. For more information visit www.southshorecva.com.

◆ The Indiana University Northwest Gallery for Contemporary Art will host its 2011 Senior Thesis Exhibition in two exhibits. The first includes Jessica Davis, Stephanie Jukovich, Sarah Klatt, and Collin Magdziarz and runs through April 9 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. April 8. The second exhibit includes work by Gregory Gobla, Erica Johnson and Monica Munoz and runs from April 18-30, with the reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday. Both exhibitions will be held at the Savannah Center, Indiana University Northwest, 3400 Broadway, Gary. Call (219) 980-6891 for more information and gallery hours.

◆ South Shore Arts Bachman Gallery will present its 37th annual Junior/Senior High School Art Exhibition from April 10 through May 22. The exhibit will include art by students from approximately eighteen high schools and seven middle schools in Northwest Indiana and the south suburbs of Chicago. A reception and awards ceremony will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. April 17, with awards presented at 1:30 p.m. Call (219) 836-1839, Ext. 108 and ask for Mary for further information. South Shore Arts is located at

1040 Ridge Road, Munster.

◆ The Illiana Artists art lecture series will host Richard L. Church, a noted regional watercolorist and teacher, at its monthly meeting at 7:15 p.m. Monday, April 11.

The lecture will be held at the Community Meeting Room of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8955 Columbia Avenue, Munster. Visit www.illianaartists.org for more information.

◆ The next South Shore Arts Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the Portage Yacht Club, 1370 State Hwy 249 in Portage. The cost to attend is \$20. The luncheon is open to any individuals or organizations involved in the arts.

For reservations or more information, call (219) 836-1939 Ext. 100 and ask for Kelly.

◆ The Crown Point Substation of the South Shore Arts Center is currently hosting the exhibit "Play, Love, Heal: New Paintings by Caroline Keem." The exhibit runs through May 14, with a reception from 12 to 2 p.m. April 23. The center is located at 138 Main St., Crown Point. For further information, call (219) 836-1839, Ext. 108 and ask for Mary, or email directly mary@southshoreartsonline.org.

◆ 119th Street Artists will sponsor an competition in all media titled "Value, Volume, Variety," from May 2 to July 1. Prizes will be awarded during a reception from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. May 7. The exhibition is located at 1500 119th Street, Whiting. For information visit www.valuevolumevariety.com, or www.119streetartist.org.



TIME KEEPERS

Norman Krueger, left, of Herscher, Ill., talks with Fred Schrum of Schererville about a wrist watch during a watch and clock show on Sunday at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall in Cedar Lake. The annual clock and watch show, including the display of pocket watches at right, was sponsored by the Peace Pipe Chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. | SCOTT R. BRANDUSH-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Hanover Key Club takes top awards

BY CARRIE NAPOLEON

Post-Tribune correspondent

CEDAR LAKE — Members of the Hanover Central Key Club walked away with top honors recently in the 50th annual district convention in Indianapolis.

"Key Club was very successful ... the kids pulled it off," Mary Joan Dickson, Key Club adviser, said.

The Platinum Division Club, a club with 85 or more members, was recognized in a number of categories including single project, where it won first place for a "Night Out in a Box" program benefiting St. Jude House in Crown Point.

Club members also received first place for Hanover's annual fitness fair. Dickson said she was surprised by the win because this year's fitness fair conflicted with football playoffs and attendance was down.

"It was very well thought-

out and organized, though," she said, which ultimately helped the club earn the distinction.

The club also earned a Platinum Level Club distinction in its division because of its annual report and Dickson was recognized in the division as a Distinguished Key Club Adviser, the highest recognition for advisers.

Eight of the club's 109 members made the trip to Indianapolis with Dickson including incoming president Michelle Daker, Sam Dobe, Morgan Von Thaden, incom-

ing secretary Justina Elbaor, Tim Dickson, Tyler Paul, incoming class officer Tyler Cole and Aaron Schweitzer.

"The ride home was very exciting," Dickson said. Members were already sharing ideas for new projects for the Key Club Year which started Friday.

"I am so proud of all 109 members of our club. They all had a part in the success of this club. I just feed off their enthusiasm and energy. These kids rock," Dickson said.



Thoughts turn to home and garden: April's approach had homeowners considering renewing their property last weekend at the Lake County Home and Garden Show at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Above, Chad Pivarnik (left) of Exterior Designers of Valparaiso talks with Chris Valentino of Cedar Lake about different styles of windows. | SCOTT R. BRANDUSH-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



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