



## news briefs

### Grant Applications Available

CROWN POINT – Grant application packets are currently available from the Crown Point Community Foundation.

The packet contains an application form and guidelines for proposal evaluations. The application deadline for the current grant cycle is Jan. 1, 2007.

Grants from the Crown Point Community Foundation Endowment Fund will be made to organizations and community projects which impact the area served by the Crown Point Community School Corporation and the City of Crown Point.

Fields of Interest which will be considered for funding include: education, health and human services, civic affairs, preservation, conservation, arts and culture. The Crown Point Community Foundation is interested in funding projects that will improve the quality of life for citizens in the Crown Point area, according to Patricia Huber, president and executive director of the foundation.

Organizations eligible for funding may request a Grant Application Packet by calling 662-7252.

Written requests for information should be sent to:

Crown Point Community Foundation  
Post Office Box 522  
Crown Point, IN 46308 – 0522

The foundation's web site address is: [CrownPointCommunityFoundation.org](http://CrownPointCommunityFoundation.org).

### Parade of Lights winners announced

CEDAR LAKE – The annual Parade of Lights brought out hundreds of residents the evening of Nov. 24.

Parade winners and their prizes were: Keep It U-Lock, first place, \$300; Cedar Lake Florist, second place, \$200; Mi Ranchito restaurant, third place, \$100; J and J Cabinets, fourth place, \$75; South Park Baptist Church, fifth place, \$25; Cub Scout Pack 129, best youth float, pizza party at Pier 74.

### Lowell makes winters warmer

LOWELL – The town's annual coat drive brought in 86 donations this year. The eighth-annual drive was held Nov. 15 in observance of America Recycles Day.

The coats were distributed to area residents in need of assistance.

### Volunteers needed

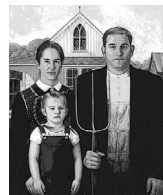
CEDAR LAKE – The Parks and Recreation Department is in need of volunteers to assist with programs and to teach classes.

Volunteers for events need to arrive 15 minutes in advance. "We have had volunteers of all ages assist us throughout the year," says Park Director Mary Joan Dickson.

Anyone interested in teaching a skill or hobby to others should call the park office at 374-4444.

"We also welcome new ideas," Dickson says. "Ideas from the public have developed Science Camp and Lego creations, two very popular events for children."

## Art Adventure I Sam Dalkilic-Miestowski



# The art of motion

At the turn of the century, a new art emerged. An Italian poet, Filippo Marinetti, published a manifesto in an 1907 French newspaper, *Le Figaro*, which announced this new movement, *Futurism*.

Futurism celebrated the aesthetic beauty of movement, speed and power of modern urban and modern industrial life.

Instead of drawing inspiration from traditional static still lives, impressionistic landscapes, or realistic portrait paintings from the past, the Futurist drew inspiration from the dynamic machine aesthetics and other moving objects, like racing cars, planes, and trains.

Marinetti states:

"What can you find in an old picture except the painful contortions of the artist trying to break uncrossable barriers which obstruct the full expression of his dream?... Do you want to waste the best part of your strength in a useless admiration of the past, from which you will emerge exhausted, diminished, trampled on? ... But we want no part of it, the past, we the young and strong Futurists!"

An example of a painting which focuses on motion as the subject matter is one by one of the founding fathers of the Futurist movement, Giacomo Balla's (1871-1958). The painting is *Dynamism of a Dog on a Leash*, 1912.

The emphasis is focused on the action of the dog, leash, and its master which is created by multiple images of scurrying feet and wagging leashes by multiple lines which overlap and blur into each other.

Though not a founding member of the Futurists, artist Marcel Duchamp (1887-1968) mastered the Futurist aesthetic with *Nude Descending a Staircase No. 2*, 1912.



This is one of my personal favorites: the painting depicts multiple views of an abstract nude figure walking down a staircase in what looks like a myriad of dissected angles.

According to art history text books, this was scandalous at the time as most nudes of the past depicted beautiful soft bodies just barely draped in a robe or towel.

They were very much realistic mostly lying around looking pretty, or seated quietly under a tree, waiting for time to pass. This nude is pretty ambiguous.

Is it a man, or woman? It looks like he or she is in a hurry going down the staircase.

It really did break the perceptions of what a nude should be. Most nudes didn't run down the stairs, they just sat on the ledge of a lake or laid in bed with covers half on.

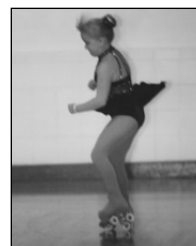
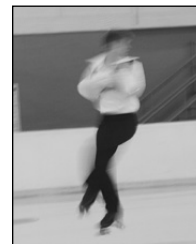
The beauty of motion is captured by today's technology through the digital camera and the movie cam recorder. It's one thing to see the photographic record, but another to experience it. Roller-skating has been enjoyed around the world since 1760.

It's all about movement on wheels.

Locally, Coach Julie Jessup of Blade & Skate Roller Rink in Schererville, knows a thing or two about the art of movement. She's a former artistic roller skating champion and currently coaches a team of artistic skaters. In fact all of the members of her roller-skating club have won major awards including several first place and national titles.

Some of things coach Julie teaches her students from ages six to sixty include some of the

very things which inspired the Futurists. Artistic skating is actually art in motion which includes spins jumps, footwork, originality, poise and most important to the Futurists, speed. Some of her award winning students include Tiffany and Jeremy Jessup, Rick and Anthony Sorenson, and Ryan Jones.



Want to see art in motion? Call Coach Julie Myers at 219-808-0776 or call her sister Jackie Sorenson who manages the Blade-n-Skate in Schererville at 865-1662 to see some of the eye popping tricks done on roller-skates. What art movement would you create? Email your answers to [samowner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:samowner@sbcglobal.net)

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