

INDIANA CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC ART

Friday, November 13, 2009

A one-day conference at Seasons Lodge & Conference Center
in beautiful Brown County – “Where Arts and Nature Meet”

*How artists, organizations and smaller cities and towns
can get involved in the growing movement for public art.*

Bell Tower by Joe LaMantia



Who should attend?

- **Artists** who are interested in exploring public art as a new career or income path will learn how to get into the field, win commissions, and navigate the issues and challenges involved in making public art.
- Officials from **small to medium-sized towns and cities** who are interested in bringing public art to their community will learn the basics on how to plan, fund, administer and maintain public art projects.
- **Non-profit agencies, art councils, civic and social groups** will learn how to sponsor and promote public art in their communities.
- **Schools** will learn how to find and utilize public artists in residencies or special projects.

Public Art...

- can provide a good income source for artists in many media
- enhances quality of life in a community
- increases tourist traffic
- can involve citizens of all ages

Conference Schedule

- 8:30-9:00 am – Registration, coffee & snacks
- 9:00-9:30 am – **Ten myths that keep artists from making a living.**
Introduction and kick-off talk by Lynn Basa.
- 9:30-11:00 am – **Becoming a public artist.**
Panel presentation by Laura Brikmanis, Dale Enochs, & Joe LaMantia
- 11:00-12:30 pm – **Planning, funding and administering public art projects.**
Panel presentation by Warren Baumgart, Miah Michaelsen & Mindy Ross
- 12:30-1:30pm – Hot buffet luncheon, plus a presentation of public art projects in Indiana.

Concurrent Afternoon Sessions:

- 1:30-3:30pm – **Public Art Projects.**
Small group brainstorming session. Each group will pair an art administrator and a public artist to facilitate brainstorming on potential projects and answer questions on organizing, funding, & administering them. Helpful for potential sponsors, administrators and artists.
- 1:30-4:30pm – **Hands-on Workshop for Artists**
Lynn Basa will lead a hands-on workshop where participants will actually complete a public art application. (Any artist who has a laptop should bring it to this workshop).

Seasons Lodge and Conference Center is located just east of downtown Nashville, Indiana, near the intersection of Highway 46 and Highway 135. More information can be found at www.seasonslodge.com

Stay for the evening! The town of Nashville is kicking off its holiday celebration with the grand opening of its outdoor ice-skating rink, Holiday lights and town decorations. Brown County will also unveil its first new public art project – hand painted holiday banners along our main streets. Festivities begin at 5 pm.

For hotel information, please see www.browncounty.com

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Conference Presenters

Lynn Basa worked as a public artist for ten years and is one of the Indianapolis airport public artists. She was Chair of the Seattle Arts Commission public arts committee and currently teaches Public Art Professional Practices at the Art Institute of Chicago. She recently authored “Public Art for Artists – how to find and win commissions.”

Miah Michaelsen administers the Bloomington Entertainment and Art District for the City of Bloomington and is former executive director of the Bloomington Area Arts Council.

Warren Baumgart is executive director of the Columbus (IN) Area Arts Council.

Mindy Ross is a private consultant and recent public art administrator for the Indianapolis Arts Council.

Dale Enochs is a full-time public artist who has major installations in the new Indianapolis airport and the City of Bloomington. He works in limestone and metal sculpture.

Laura Brikmanis is a muralist with numerous public art installations.

Joe LaMantia is a nationally-known public artist who specializes in large-scale multi-media installations and collaborative projects with children and citizens of all ages

Registration Information

Fee: \$75 (\$60 for Art Alliance Brown County members) includes luncheon and snacks

Please return registration form plus conference fee (write checks to Art Alliance Brown County) to:
Indiana Public Art Conference; c/o AABC; P.O. Box 224; Nashville, IN 47448

Registration Deadline: November 10, 2009

Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Address: _____

In the afternoon, I will attend:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Public Art Projects brainstorm session

OR

Phone: _____

Hands-on Workshop for Artists with Lynn Basa

email: _____

What is your main interest and/or goal in attending
this conference: _____

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