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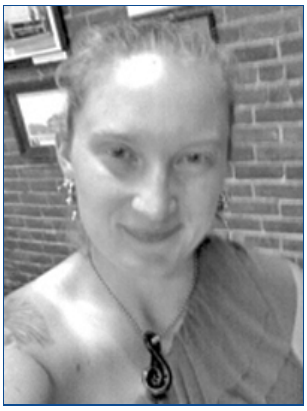
Art in the Alley to feature art, music for all ages

Fourth Friday



Matt Hicks



Melodie Ramey

Kids' art displays, poetry readings and receptions for art exhibits highlight the Fourth Friday and South of Main Art in the Alley events on Friday.

Many of the Fourth Friday events will take place in the alley from West Street to Mulberry Street with art and music along the corridor instead of along Main Street this month.

The Kids Chalk Art and Scavenger Hunt will begin at 4 p.m. Check-in for the event will be on Mulberry Street at the alley tent. Child artists will decorate The Madison Courier parking lot with their chalk creations throughout the afternoon and a scavenger hunt will lead children to treasure. Adult artists are encouraged to attend the model drawing behind Village Lights Bookstore during the South of Main Art activities as well.

Music in the alley will begin at 5 p.m. with The Chestnuts playing from the Madison Courier dock, and poetry will be read from the dock throughout the evening until 8 p.m.

Two receptions for photographers will be held at businesses along Main Street as part of the Fourth Friday events as well.

Matt Hicks of Madison will display his work of large-format, black-and-white photography featuring Madison architecture at Village Lights Bookstore, 110 E. Main St. The exhibit will be on display until Dec. 6.

Nathan Montoya, co-owner of Village Lights Bookstore, said Hicks will be on hand for a meet-and-greet and discuss his works displayed in the Twain Room gallery.

"He does wonderful work," Montoya said.

Hicks earned a bachelor's degree in photography and sculpture from Indiana University and has been a member of the Indiana Artisan Program since 2008.

"I incorporate the history and feel of Southern Indiana into my work. I want people to be drawn to this area like I am. I've lived in several different states, but this feels like home," Hicks said in an Indiana Artisan release.

The opening reception will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will also be provided.

Melodie Ramey of Indianapolis has been displaying her work at joeyg's this month, and reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. as part of the Fourth Friday art events.

Ramey earned an associate's degree in visual technologies from Ivy Tech. She specializes in black-and-white as well as digital photography.

"I have found that every single person on this Earth visualizes the world in very different ways," Ramey said on her website. "Some people are optimists, some are pessimists. Some people are daydreamers, and others keep their feet firmly planted on the ground. Artistic photography allows me to show some of these different visualizations."

Downtown shops and art galleries will be open extended hours from 5 to 8 p.m. throughout the evening.

Free trolley rides, music and refreshments will also be available during the Fourth Friday events.

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