

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

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### 2011: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

#### MANY FIRSTS FOR WOW:

- **1<sup>st</sup> year with more than 1000 visitors to the WOWSPACE. In fact, more than 1300!**
- **1<sup>st</sup> bus tour.** An Albert Lea, MN, travel company on a Door County tour stopped to view the murals, have a lunch by Lisa's Sweet Shoppe in the WOWSPACE and shop at Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats. Their reaction—"This needs to be a regular stop." We agree.
- **1<sup>st</sup> concert in the Art Park.** Vibhas Kendzia, Sedona, AZ returned to Wittenberg to beguile us with his haunting flute melodies and sensual soprano sax riffs. All on a perfect summer evening, replete with ice cream cones!
- **1<sup>st</sup> Red Hat Ladies tour.** The Manawa Autumn Fancies strolled around Wittenberg, admiring the murals and the WOWSPACE.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Miles of Art tour.** We were honored to be a site on the county-wide first ever Miles of Art tour which brought us visitors from Madison, Milwaukee, Chicago and many other places.

#### 2 NEW ART WORKS:

- **"The Plains"** a mural by **Jordan Innes**, Wittenberg, on the Wiouwash Trading Co., represents a geometric play on form, perspective and scale inspired by autumn flights to and from the Wittenberg area.
- **"Vincent van Frog"** leaped from the imagination of **Beau Smith** into the Art Park where he industriously paints away and invites visitors to join him for a photo opportunity.
- **"Posing Blocks"** by **Miles Amorelli** have become **"Cubes of Truth"** after the addition of long, skinny legs.

#### FOUR ART SHOWS:

- **"The Art of the Quilter"** a juried quilt show in January brought a kaleidoscope of color, design

and fine stitchery. 27 quilters from across Wisconsin entered 51 works of art. **"Vases of Flowers"** by **Sharon Krueger**, Shawano, captured **Best of Show** with an exquisite hand appliqued, hand quilted bed quilt.

**"End Hibernation"** in April featured 4 WI wildlife artists

- **Andy Goretski**, Tomahawk, paintings of his 4-footed Northwoods neighbors
- **Brian Kuether**, Greenfield, award winning painter who says "I am driven to create provocative pieces which showcase the magnificent beauty of nature."
- **Rodd Umlauf**, Lake Tomahawk, painter of fishes, known for his covers for the *Musky Hunter Magazine*
- **Sandi Weber**, Wittenberg, Stone Wall Taxidermy, astounds with the artistry and skill of her work.

Creatures of WI's woods and streams lined the walls of the WOWSPACE—a 300# black bear on the prowl, a string of yellow perch, a bobcat perched up in the corner, two deer heads with interlocked horns and paintings of otters, deer, muskies and much, much more. Art lovers, fishermen, hunters—all found something to admire.

**Jigging for Walleye**  
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- **"Artists Free Play"** the 4<sup>th</sup> annual juried art show in June brought more than 80 works of art from 44 different artists from 26 cities, towns, villages and crossroads across WI. **Matt Duckett**, LaCrosse, captured **Best of Show** for the second time with **"The Turn"** a luminous oil of a violinist.
- **"Artists of Antigo,"** in September, featured 19 artists of Antigo with paintings, scratchboard, photography, porcelain, pottery,

fused glass, basketry and needle arts. A singular sensation of visual delights! Artists demonstrating during the Miles of Art tour intrigued visitors young and old.

## OUR BALANCE SHEET:

We continue to operate in the black, no mean feat in these difficult economic times. Our four annual fundraisers: **Wine, Beer and Cheese Gala, Golf Tournament, Wreath Making and Christmas Craft and Gift Sale** continue to draw many people, some old friends, some new. The **Art Partners Program**, a 12-month membership donation from individuals and businesses continues to grow. Again, the **Town of Wittenberg** granted us \$2,500 for our work in promoting tourism in the Wittenberg area.



This, combined with art sales, sponsorships of art shows, and hundreds of volunteer hours help us commission **new murals**,

maintain the **WOWSPACE** and **ART PARK** as well as support **free art shows, concerts and talks**. Designated donations from a number of individuals allowed us to install a **new furnace**, add **bronze markers** to the sculptures in the **ART PARK**, purchase **Vincent van Frogh** and **trash receptacles** in the **ART PARK**, which were cleverly painted by **Jordan Innes**.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012

### "THE ART OF THE QUILTER: II"

**JANUARY 21, 11AM-3PM, WOWSPACE**

Juried show of quilts and wall hangings. A riot of color and design! Exquisite needlework! **Sharon Rotz** and **Chris Lynn Kirsch**, nationally recognized quilters, authors and teachers give talks on January 29 and February 4. Show continues on Saturdays and Sundays, 11-3 through February 12.

### "THE FATAL FIFTIES AFFAIR"

**FEBRUARY 24, 25 AND 26, WOWSPACE**

**Crossroads Community Theatre** presents a murder mystery dinner theatre. Come dine and detect! Call 715-253-3525 for details.

### "THOSE JOHNSON GIRLS & ALL THEIR HORSES"

**APRIL 21, 7-10PM, WOWSPACE**

3 sisters, a daughter, and a niece, all with roots in Tigerton, create horses in all shapes and sizes: watercolor, oil, acrylic, ceramic, fabric and mixed

media. Show continues on Saturdays and Sundays, 11-3, through May 13.

### "FIFTH ANNUAL WINE, BEER and CHEESE GALA" SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 7-10 PM, \$25/PERSON, WOWSPACE

**Dupont Cheese, Stevens Point Brewery** beers and sodas, **Wagner's Shell** wines from around the world, **Nueske's** nationally acclaimed meats and sausages, sweet treats from **Lisa's Sweet Shoppe**. Come and see the horses and celebrate spring!

### "ANYTHING OLD"

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 10AM-4PM, WOWSPACE**

Juried photography show celebrating images of those people, places and things which have stood the test of time. Show continues on Saturdays and Sundays, 11-3, through July 1.

### 7th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: JUNE 23, MAPLE HILLS GOLF COURSE, WITTENBERG

18 hole/4 person scramble, prizes, raffles -\$65/person or \$260/team, payable in advance, includes golf with cart, lunch, dinner. Non-golfers welcome for dinner and raffles, \$20/person. Don't have a team? We'll help you join with others. Call 715-253-2448

### "ARTIST'S FREE PLAY: II"

**SEPTEMBER 15, 11AM-3PM, WOWSPACE**

Juried art show with paintings, textiles, photography expressing the imaginations of Wisconsin artists. Show continues Saturdays and Sundays, 11-3, through September 30. We join the **Miles of Art Tour** on October 6 & 7, 10AM-5PM. Artists will demonstrate their work.

### WREATH MAKING / CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT SALE:

November and December dates to be determined.

**Our sponsors, volunteers, Art Partners and donors** are all essential in our continuing success. We thank them all as we celebrate our 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Please visit our website: [www.wallsofwittenberg.com](http://www.wallsofwittenberg.com) for periodic updates and further information on events.

