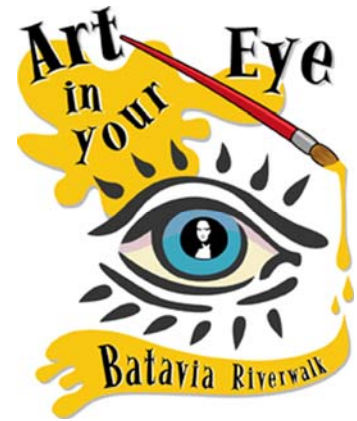


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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR ART IN YOUR EYE **BATAVIA SCHOOL OF ART**

Batavia School of Art again precedes the Art In Your Eye Festival this summer

BATAVIA, Illinois (April 30, 2008) – Registration is now open for the Batavia School of Art, featuring classes and workshops by regionally-respected artists, to be held from July 21 to August 4 in Batavia. This will precede the fourth annual Art In Your Eye Fine Art Show & Festival taking place on the Batavia Riverwalk August 9 and 10, 2008. Those who register by June 1 will receive a free Art In Your Eye tote bag.

The Batavia School of Art presents the following courses:

College Portfolio Development Workshop for High School Artists

July 26; Instructor: Diana Stezalski

Composition and Design for Oil & Oil Pastel

July 28,29,30; Instructor: David Hettinger

Drawing the Figure

July 23; Instructor: Diana Stezalski

Exploring the Artistic Eye - For Children & Teens

July 28,29,30,31, August 1; Instructor: Kate McShea

How Did You Choose That Color?

August 1; Instructor: Anne Von Ehr

Linear Perspective

July 23 & 24; Instructor: Robert Krajecki

Oil Painting Ala Prima

August 4; Instructor: Robert Krajecki

Painting the Figure

July 25; Instructor: Diana Stezalski

The Artist and the Sketchbook

August 2 & 3; Instructor: Kaye Buchman

The classes take place at various locations in Batavia and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. A brochure with course details, times, fees, and a registration form is available on the official festival Website: artinyoureye.com. Brochures are also available at Batavia Government Center, Batavia MainStreet, Batavia Public Library, and other locations. For more information or to be sent a brochure, please contact Becky Hoag at 630-482-9157, or email: artschool@artinyoureye.com.

During the Batavia School of Art, a series of free art-related programs open to the public will be offered at Batavia Public Library. Details will be on the Website: artinyoureye.com.

An additional pre-Art In Your Eye festival event will take place on July 18, with an expanded Full Moon Friday Night Arts Walk from 5 to 9 PM at various businesses throughout downtown Batavia.

The two-day Art In Your Eye festival will be held August 9 and 10 at the Batavia Riverwalk, Houston Street and Island Avenue in downtown Batavia. Hours are Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM, and Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM. The festival features art exhibits at Batavia City Hall and Depot Museum, hands-on art activities for adults and children and art demonstrations. The centerpiece of the weekend festival is the juried outdoor fine art show featuring award-winning artists. Throughout the weekend, continuous entertainment will be provided on the stage at the Peg Bond Center. Attendees can enjoy food at the Riverwalk offered by Enticing Cuisine, and at nearby restaurants. Those who bike to the fest can take advantage of the free, guarded bike parking on Houston Street.

The Art In Your Eye Festival is sponsored by The City of Batavia, and organized jointly with Batavia Renaissance Project, Batavia Artists' Guild, Batavia Park District, Batavia MainStreet, Batavia Chamber of Commerce, and Batavia Public Library, with support from Aurora Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.

For more information about all the activities of Art In Your Eye, visit the festival's Website at artinyoureye.com or contact festival coordinator Becky Hoag at (630) 482-9157, or becky@artinyoureye.com.

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Digital files of the festival logo and instructor art are available upon request from Becky Hoag