



Visitors enjoy the “Play Me” pianos at the Arts Alliance Center in the College Mall.

The Arts Alliance is growing and taking on a much bigger role in the city arts community. This year we have been collaborating with local arts organizations, bringing artists and the different organizations together.

We are communicating with local leaders on how to best create a stronger, thriving arts community. The AAGB continues to focus on being an online HUB of local arts information including an arts calendar, arts directory, BLOG, a source for resources and more.

The Arts Alliance Center provides a space for artists to sell their work, perform, teach classes and enriches patrons and shoppers at the mall. We do all this with the support of our Board, Advisory Council, Sponsors and Members like **YOU!**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Upgraded website – [bloomingtonarts.org](http://bloomingtonarts.org)
- Updated Arts Directory and created new Events Calendar
- Promoted artists and events on our bi-monthly newsletter, Facebook and Instagram
- Exhibited over 30 artists’ work at the Arts Alliance Center in the College Mall
- Provided space for workshops, classes, concerts and special art shows in the Flex Space
- Became an underwriter with WFIU and WFHB
- Featured in the Herald Times and Bloom Magazine
- Received grant funding from Indiana Arts Commission and Bloomington Arts Commission
- Collaborated with Constellation – trading space in our Arts Center for ad space in the playbill
- Partnered with Hundredth Hill to plan a Youth Art Camp this summer for underserved youth
- Created a city wide “Paint Bloomington” event, chaired by Babette Ballinger with over 100 participants
- Merged with Arts Forward Bloomington to host quarterly informative and networking programs
- Began posting blogs by Connie Shakalis, of arts related topics at [bloomingtonarts.org/blog](http://bloomingtonarts.org/blog)



# ARTS CENTER EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

## ART CLASSES

Portrait Group  
Michael Teague Art Class  
Figurative Drawing Class  
Impressionism Painting Class  
Life Drawing session  
Mary Ann Davis Painting workshop



## ART EXHIBITS

Light & Fluffy Art Show – Accrete Art Collective  
12” & Under Art Show – Accrete Art Collective  
Paint Bloomington Art Show  
Holiday Arts & Craft Show – 24 participants



## MUSIC

Salaam Concert  
IU Music School Performances  
Charlie Jesseph Concert  
Janiece Jaffe Concert  
Music Meditation Concert  
Renaissance Ensemble Rehearsals



## MOVEMENT CLASSES

Tai chi  
Belly Dance

## MEETINGS

Advisory Council  
Membership  
Monthly Board Meetings



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arts commission



INDIANA ARTS  
COMMISSION  
MAKING THE ARTS HAPPEN

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## NETWORKING & COLLABORATION

Collaborated with Bloomington Watercolor Society, Upland Plein Art, Bloomington Portrait Group and Artists for Climate Awareness in Paint Bloomington event and Art Exhibit  
Interfaced with Holly Warren – Assistant Director of the Arts for the City of Bloomington and the Bloomington Arts Commission  
Attended Arts Forward Bloomington meetings, then merged organizations because of similar missions  
Partnered with Hundredth Hill to plan Youth Arts Camp for the underserved youth this next summer  
Interfaced with IU music students to perform at the mall  
Interfaced with IT classes at School of informatics for project assessment and marketing strategies  
Collaborated with Constellation- trading space in our Arts center for ad space in their playbill  
Hosted event with our Advisory Council Members for networking and support

## MARKETING

Developed a newly transformed website at bloomingtonarts.org  
Website included new online calendar and revised Arts Directory  
Incorporated the Arts Center artists and activities into the website  
Maintained bi monthly newsletter about members and arts events  
Maintained Facebook page for general member art activities  
Maintained Facebook page for the Arts Alliance Center events  
Purchased underwriting with WFHB and WFIU  
Published articles in the Herald Times and Bloom magazine  
Promoted our members at Granfalloon and 4th Street Festivals  
Printed “Bloomington- Everything Your Art Desires” T Shirts promoting our website



Arts Alliance booth at the Granfalloon Festival

## GOVERNANCE

Recruited board member with diverse skills  
Recruited community arts leader for our Advisory council  
Revised our mission statement and goals

## FINANCE

Received grants from the Indiana Arts Commission for Programing and from Bloomington Arts Commission for online Arts Directory  
Provided space for 30+ artists in the Arts Alliance Center located in College Mall, resulting in artist sales of over \$37,500.  
See insert for Finance Report details

## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2023

It is our vision to build the Arts Alliance into a more meaningful participant in the strategic growth of the Arts in Bloomington. Some of our goals for 2023 -

- Gearing up to build a stronger more interactive website over the next year to be a HUB of information including a more developed Arts Community Calendar and Directory, Resources for artists and Blogs for online dialog and information.
- Planning workshops to help artists develop their craft as well as marketing skills.
- Hosting quarterly networking and informative events on a variety of topics
- Continue rotation of Gallery Exhibits, Performances and Workshops in our Flex Space
- Promote the AAGB benefits and opportunities in order to grow both our patron and artist base
- Increase our Sponsor base
- Continue to nurture collaboration with other arts organizations and artists of all genres for a more integrated and stronger arts community

# 2023 Board of Directors



**Henry Leck**  
PRESIDENT  
MUSIC Rep.  
Professor Emeritus – Butler University.  
Choral Music Founder - Indianapolis  
Children's Choir  
Status – Midterm



**Donna Barbrick Carlton**  
SECRETARY  
DANCE Rep  
Adjunct faculty in the School of Public Health  
Physical Activity Instruction Program. Middle  
Eastern Dance & Hatha Yoga Instructor  
Status – Midterm



**Sarah Asher**  
TREASURER & Arts Alliance Center  
Coordinator  
ARTS ADVOCATE  
MBA with an emphasis in Finance &  
Bachelors in Business Management.  
Former Manager of By Hand Gallery  
Status – Midterm



**Colleen Newbill**  
SEAT AT LARGE  
Associate attorney – Mallor Grodner  
Law Practice  
Status – Midterm



**Kendall Reeves**  
VENUES & PRODUCERS Rep  
Owner - Spectrum Creative Group.  
Professional Photographer & Indiana  
Artisan. Member of Hoosier Artist  
Gallery in Nashville  
Status – Midterm



**Hiromi Yoshida**  
LITERARY ARTS Rep  
Poet (3 chapbooks released, 2 forthcoming).  
Faculty - Indiana Writers Center.  
Freelance writer and editor. Diversity  
consultant - Writers Guild at Bloomington.  
Status - **New Term**



**Michael Squires**  
VENUES & PRODUCERS Rep  
M.A, M.P.A, PhD. Empirical Theory and  
Methodology  
Status - Midterm



**Tom Duffy**  
INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT  
VISUAL ARTS Rep  
Fine art & documentary photographer. Emeri-  
tus professor IU School of Education, Learning  
Sciences, & Cognitive Science.  
Status - Midterm



**Danielle Bruce**  
THEATRE Rep  
Freelance designer, visual artist, & theatre  
designer. Board member of My Sister's Closet  
& Middle Way House  
Status – Midterm



**Valerie Gill**  
ARTS ADVOCATE  
Associate Vice President Business  
Partnerships – IU  
Status - Midterm



**Alison Kingsley**  
VISUAL ARTS Rep  
Art instructor - Edgewood High School  
Status - **Second Term**



**Krista Detor**  
MUSIC Rep  
Singer-songwriter and pianist whose music  
has been featured on NPR[1] and with Mike  
Harding on the BBC.  
Status - **New Term**



**Bob Appelman**  
SEAT AT LARGE  
IU Professor Emeritus - Instructional Systems  
Technology  
Status - **New Term**



**Connie Shakalis**  
LITERARY ARTS & THEATRE Rep  
Freelance arts reporter, The Herald-Times.  
Dramatic coloratura soprano and past member,  
AEA. Committee member, Bloomington Rotary  
club. Writes the Arts Alliance Blog  
Status - **New Term**



**Xinyuan Zhang**  
SEAT AT LARGE  
M.S. in Human-Computer Interaction & Design  
from Indiana University Bloomington. M.A. in  
English Language and Literature from Nanjing  
University. Built the AAGB website  
Status - Midterm

## Our Advisory Council

**Malcom Abrams**  
**Bob Arnove**  
**John Armstrong**  
**Babette Ballinger**  
**Alain Barker** (chair)

**Stafford Berry**  
**Kenneth Buzzard**  
**Patricia Cole**  
**Tom Gallagher**  
**Sally Gaskill**

**Gabe Glodan**  
**Mary Grogan**  
**Dena Hawes**  
**Ursula Kuhar**  
**Denise Lessow**  
**Miah Michaelson**

**Martha Moore**  
**Brad Schiesser**  
**Jaime Sweany**  
**Doug Tatum**  
**Holly Warren**  
**David Young**