

Southside Art League members' work on display

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Starting this weekend, artists from all over the southside will be offering their work to the public.

Watercolor creations of Indiana landscapes, portraits done in vivid oil paints, and delicate pastels will help showcase the wide array of creativity among local artists.

The pieces are part of the Southside Art League's annual membership show, which will feature a broad range of styles, mediums and subjects from local artists. The exhibit is a chance for area artists to show their work for potentially the first time, said Barbara Dunn-Stear, chairwoman of the show.

"It's the only art show where all of our members are invited to show, regardless of age, skill level or anything like that. It's not restricted at all," she said.

"They can be professional or unprofessional, 10 years old or 100 years old."

The submitted pieces will be judged in professional and non-professional categories. Professionals refer to anyone who has sold their work previously, or the winners of other juried art shows. Non-professionals can be anyone, Dunn-Stear said.

Almost all of the work available at the show will be available for purchase at the bank. A percentage of the sales will go toward supporting the Southside Art League, which offers community art classes and aims to promote the work of artists on the southside of Indianapolis.

In a new addition to the opening reception, a Best of Show award will be chosen from the annual Student Art Showcase. The exhibit of work from area high schools featured more than 40 submissions this year, and the winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate for classes with any instructor at the Southside Art League.

The presentation is a collaboration between the art league and the Greater Greenwood Arts Council, which sponsors the student exhibition.

"We exist to encourage art in all of its aspects. While we encourage our own artists, we certainly want to reach out to others who are in the art world, who are creating things that are new," Dunn-Stear said.

"If we all sit in our own studio, nothing new comes out of that."

The show will run through June 9. An opening reception to kick off the exhibition and present awards to the winners is from 1 to 3?p.m. Saturday at Citizens Bank, 2334 E. County Line Road, Indianapolis.

Both the reception and the show are free and open to the public.

If you go

What: Southside Art League Membership Art Show

When: Saturday to June 9. Hours are 9?a.m. to 5?p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9?a.m. to 6?p.m. Friday and 9?a.m. to noon Saturday.

Where: Citizens Bank, 2334 E. County Line Road, Indianapolis.

Opening reception:

1 to 3?p.m. Saturday

Cost: Free