

# STEUBEN Arts Scene



2023

ANNUAL REPORT

## Our Mission

Community. Opportunity. Support.

A group of community-minded residents who love the arts, organized Steuben Arts Scene to inspire, nurture and enrich lives through the arts. Our vision is to provide artistic opportunities for everyone through exhibits, classes, lectures, and special events. The Scene is a hub for resources to bring established and aspiring artists together within an environment equipped to support creativity.

*Inspiring, nurturing and enriching lives thru the arts*

Visit us: [SteubenArtsScene.org](http://SteubenArtsScene.org)

## A Note from the President



The Steuben Arts Scene was founded to inspire, nurture and enrich lives through the arts. Never would I have guessed that in 2021 I would start an organization for the arts in my new hometown.

The original plan was to find a building where I could set up a small stained glass makers space. My colleague, Susie Freeman, arranged a lunch so that I could meet Colleen McNabb Everage. Colleen thinks big and my small makers space turned into a dream of an arts organization for visual and performing arts. We realized, however, that we needed to downscale our dream and start with events so that the community could get to know us and vice versa.

The Steuben Arts Scene focuses primarily on Visual Arts. Our nonprofit organization held 4 events in 2022 and 2 in 2023. We held classes in 2022 and 2023 for all ages and many different mediums. Which leads us to today. We have 6 events planned for 2024 and numerous classes – 10 General Art classes, 2 Professional Art classes, and 25 Youth classes for students in Grade and High School!

We are incredibly grateful to our sponsors who have supported this organization. We would especially like to thank Laura and Rich Clifton for their grant through the Steuben County Community Foundation. Steuben REMC Round Up supports our efforts as does the Indiana Arts Commission, the Steuben County Visitors and Tourism Bureau, Farmers State Bank, and the James Foundation. We would not even attempt such an aggressive schedule without their support.

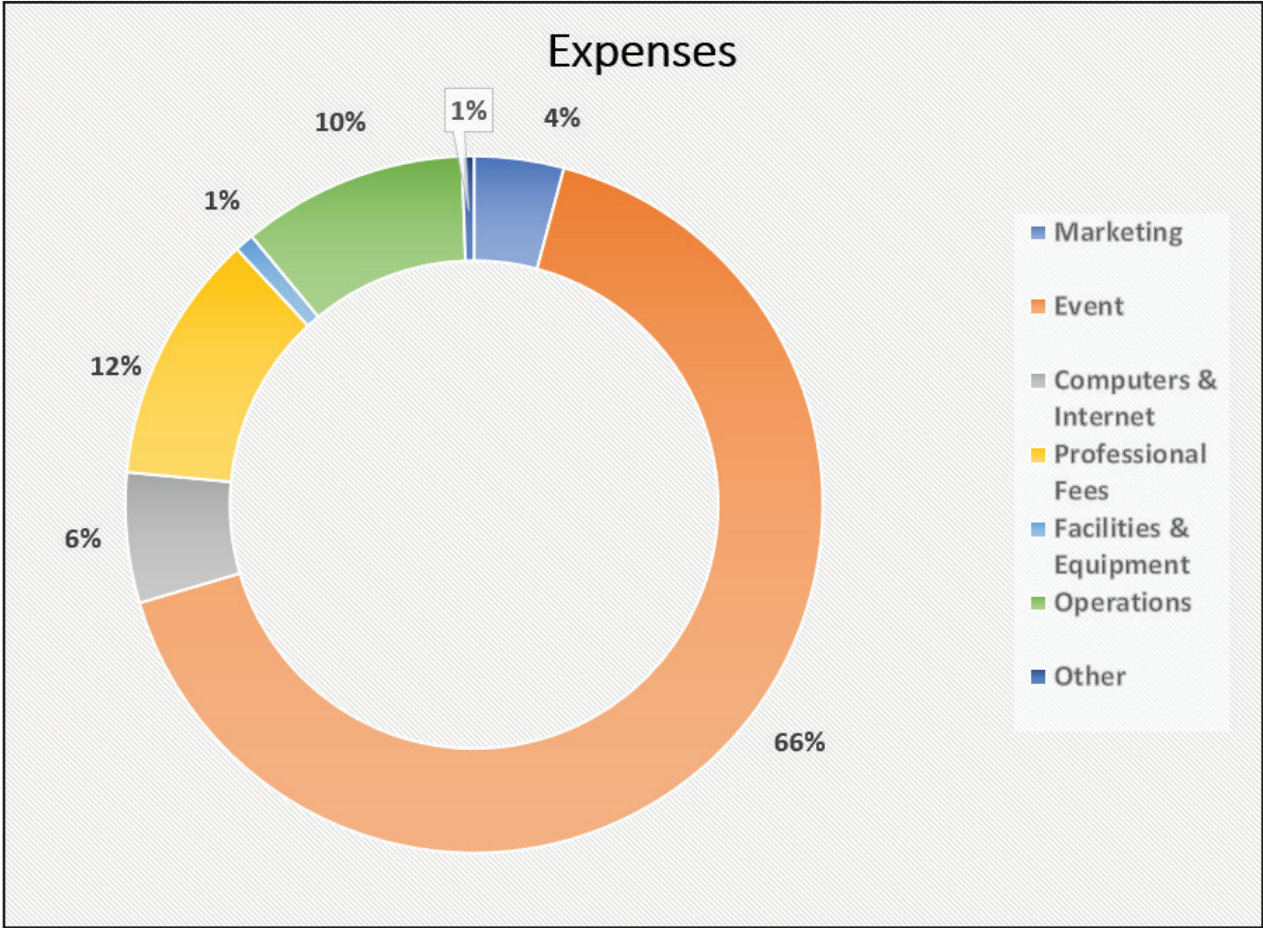
These activities also require many hours from dedicated Board members and volunteers to plan and conduct the scheduled events. Our Artists are our lifeblood – whether they are presenting their artwork or sharing their knowledge with others.

We thank all who have supported us in many ways. We work hard to ensure that you will be inspired, nurtured, and enriched by the arts.

Sincerely,

*Victoria M. Thompson*

# The Financials for 2023



## Consolidated Assets, Liabilities, and Equity

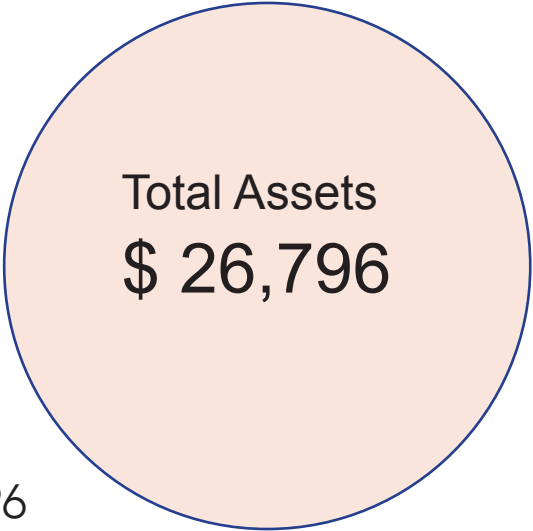
Current Assets \$ 22,834

Fixed Assets \$ 1,962

Other Assets \$ 2,000

Total Assets \$ 26,796

Total Liabilities and Equity \$ 26,796



## SPONSORS

Laura and Rich Clifton Fund, Steuben County Community Foundation

Steuben REMC, Steuben County Community Foundation

Indiana Arts Commission, Arts United

Steuben County Visitors and Tourism Bureau

The James Foundation

Regional Artists Guild

Lakeland Internet

Hobby Lobby



## DONORS AND MEMBERS

*Shown alphabetically. Donors are bolded*

### **Katie Appell**

Judy Behee

Cindy Booher

### **David Broerman**

Maureen Buschek

Cher Coburn

David Corcoran

### **Jim & Colleen Drews**

### **Natalie Drummond**

### **Anne Eyster**

### **Bill Eyster**

Kathy Falls

Cheryl Goudy

### **Pam Harger**

Judy Houk

### **Dave & Pat Martin**

### **Dr. Tom & Tammy Miller**

Rita Nedele

Michele Pejza

Roberta Schafer



# MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Our passion is to bring art experiences and education to the community so that all ages can benefit from the arts. We rely on art supporters like you to make The Scene's mission come about. From supporting local artists to offering educational programming to bringing cultural opportunities to the community, your financial support makes it all possible. Membership levels and perks are broken down below.

## Patron Level

*With a contribution of \$35, patrons receive:*

- a keychain created with local art
- recognition in our Annual Report
- inclusion in all mailings
- invitations to members-only events
- 'day before' registration access for classes

## Donor Level

*With a contribution starting at \$75 donors receive:*

- an ornament created with local art
- artists receive 10% discount on booths
- artists receive a listing on the website
- invitations to special events
- recognition in our Annual Report
- inclusion in all of our mailings
- discounts on classes
- Invitations to donors-only events
- early access for class signups

Memberships are valid for one year.

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To become a member, go to [www.SteubenArtsScene.org](http://www.SteubenArtsScene.org) and click on the button in the upper right corner. We would love to have you join us!

## ARTISTS

Zee Anweiler  
Jill Bontrager  
Cindy Booher  
James Bowers  
Kermit Boylan  
Dave Broerman  
Sandy Burke  
Cher Coburn  
Mae Crowder  
Pat Delagrang  
Fred Doloresco  
Daniel Driggs  
Natalie Drummond  
Anne Eyster  
Bill Eyster  
Kathy Falls  
Michael Goetner  
Amy Green  
Pam Harger  
Emily Horst  
Judy Houk  
Fred Inman  
Rhonda Inman  
Sandy Kessler  
Lynne Liechty  
Michael Liechty  
Amanda Logan  
Emma Logan  
Lisa Macha  
Paula Nealy  
Eran Park  
Michelle Pejza  
Joe Pelka  
Jody Prokupek  
Doug Runyan  
Pat Schlup  
Fritz Slabach  
Steve Smith  
Cheryl Spaulding  
Greg Summers  
Lucy Synk  
Jim Thompson  
Vicki Thompson  
Michael Vargas  
Angee Walberry  
Monica Wells  
Kity Wilcox  
Gina Wolfrum

## VOLUNTEERS

Katie Appell  
Aye Aye Aung  
Judy Behee  
Lucinda Booher  
Jim Bowers  
Ann Eyster  
Bill Eyster  
Don Falls  
Kathy Falls  
Nancy & Mike Goetner  
Cheryl Goudy  
Connie Hansen  
Pam Harger  
Lou Ann Homan  
Jim Hornbacher  
Judy Houk  
June Julien  
Carol Keegan  
Sandy Kessler  
Lynne Liechty  
Michael Liechty  
Bobbie Likens  
Jeanete Meridew  
John Mowry  
Barbette Myers  
Sydney Nokaya  
Michele Pejza  
Tina Pickerel  
Carolyn Powers  
Doug Runyan  
Anita Sanborn  
Pat Schlup  
Cheryl Spaulding  
Diane Stock  
Kathy Thomas  
Jim Thompson  
Vicki Thompson  
Hope Wilson



## BOARD MEMBERS

### VICKI THOMPSON

Vicki is Steuben Arts Scene president and the president of Technessity, LLC. Her vision to expand access to the arts in Northeast Indiana has led her to form The Scene's Board in order to enhance the culture in the area.

Shortly after college, Vicki learned to create stained glass windows and in the last 10 years, she has expanded to fused (warm) glass. She creates primarily for friends and family as well as her own inner peace. She has most recently completed courses in mosaics and has several projects in mind to begin soon.

Vicki has gained an appreciation for all the skills that contribute to a beautiful work of art. Both her knowledge and appreciation for all art has grown over the years, and Vicki's admiration for artistic talent motivates her to develop her own talents while sharing with those that want to learn. Some of her favorite artists include musicians such as Acoustic Alchemy and Toto, art educator Betty Edwards and too many other artists to list.



### DIANE STOCK



Diane is our Vice President. She is a teacher, artist, and real estate broker. Her love and passion for the arts began, and since has grown, when as a teacher she created artistic experiences for her elementary students in drama, creative writing, and hands-on artwork. Diane's passion has carried over to today's love for the surrounding arts and the excitement for the creation of an arts council in the Steuben County area. Diane's past teaching and real estate broker experiences have given her the opportunity to intermingle with many individuals of all ages and backgrounds. The creativity she has seen inspires her to pass on this enjoyment and offer the opportunity to experience creativity and joy through art. Diane's personal goal

is to enrich the lives of her community by helping to create an arts council to provide educational and life experiences to all ages. In her free time, Diane enjoys acrylic and watercolor painting as well as calligraphy. She is also an avid reader, plays piano, and enjoys cooking for her family and friends. Diane enjoys all forms of art, but she particularly enjoys piano music and admires musicians such as David Lantz, George Winston, and Jim Brickman.



# BOARD MEMBERS

## SUSIE FREEMAN-JOHN

Susie, an owner and partner at Freeman Jewelers, believes art brings people together and enriches the lives of all those that participate. As a board member and someone who appreciates the arts, Susie knows Angola is the perfect town to become known for its extensive venues for art and people. In her spare time, Susie enjoys painting. She says she’s not the best, but she loves the journey. Some of Susie’s favorite artists include some local artists such as Dr. Fred Doloresco, Tim Johnson and Joel Fremion from Fort Wayne, Indiana. In addition, she is inspired by sculptor Kristy Jo Beeber from Leo, musician Sir Paul McCartney, country singer and songwriter Chris Stapleton, the iconic Barbara Streisand, and many more. She could not think about her favorite artists without giving appreciation and recognition to her teacher Katie Appel.



## LAURIE BRANDON



Laurie is an anesthesiologist who loves to find beauty in art. In addition to being in “love” with the community, the Steuben County lakes are very dear to her. Laurie believes that art enrichment is a way to celebrate the beauty around us. She enjoys music, literature, and musical theater. Laurie describes herself as having “very little spontaneous creativity” of her own. However, she is fascinated when she reads or hears works that define a feeling or experience that she has had herself, especially when it’s something she hadn’t previously considered or defined. She sees artistic expression as a way

to bring a new depth of understanding to our human experiences and the world around us, which is really what art is about... the human experience. Laurie is excited about the prospect of creativity and talent being celebrated and displayed more in the lakes community. She sees a great value in complementing the beauty around the lakes with a community rich in the arts.

## BOARD MEMBERS

### LYNNE LIECHTY

Lynne Liechty started art classes at the age of 6 with the Toledo Art Museum. She was enrolled as a result of drawing on her walls! She then studied at the Silvermine Academy of Art in Silvermine Connecticut at the young age of 14. From there, Lynne studied at Murray State University and was granted a summer scholarship from High School. She also participated in University of Kentucky summer classes as well as college courses. She was employed with the Chappelle Creative Service in Louisville Ky, which produced commercial art and design. She has participated in many art shows and has provided the Kentucky State Horse Park Gift Shop with limited edition pen and ink prints. Currently Lynne participates in juried art shows and commissions her art work.



### JUNE JULIEN



June is the Executive Director of the Steuben County Tourism Bureau and has been for many years. The visitor industry is significant in Steuben County and has an economic impact of \$288 million annually.. June believes that the creative use of public space is important, not just to attract visitors, but to serve residents. June is passionate about placemaking and believes the arts are an integral part of any placemaking activity.

June holds a master's degree in Public Administration from IU, as well as certifications in both community and economic development from Ball State University.

June is a fiber artist and enjoys working with different textiles.

# BOARD MEMBERS

## TIM NEWBY



Tim has worked in the Angola market area for a total of 23 years. He has worked for Farmers State Bank as a business development officer for the past 21 years and has worked in banking for 32 years. Tim has been a volunteer with several different organizations over the years such as United Way and Junior Achievement as well as serving as a past President of the Angola Area Chamber of Commerce along with serving on several different committees within the Chamber. Currently, Tim is serving as the United Way Board Treasurer and also on the board of the Angola Area Chamber of Commerce. He is married to Amy who teaches high school biology and physics at West Noble High School and has two lovely girls, Katie and Maddie.

## NICOLE LOVETT

Nicole Lovett is the vice president at Farmers State Bank, with more than 30 years in banking. She started her banking career at Fifth Third Bank in Toledo, Ohio then moved to Indiana in 1992. Nicole initially worked for The First National Bank of Fremont and in 2005 First National was acquired by Farmers State Bank. She has had different roles at the bank throughout her 30 year career here with most recent being Angola Branch Manager. Nicole has been married 27 years to her husband, Jon Lovett and they live on Jimmerson Lake. Nicole and Jon have three daughters, Jordan who is a NICU Nurse in Spokane Washington and twins Kirsten and Taylor. Kirsten is a Dental Hygienist at LaGrange Family Dentistry. Taylor is a RN and works at Parkview in Ortho Trauma. Nicole enjoys spending time with her family, on the lake, and traveling. In the past, she has served on Steuben County Council on Aging, Fremont Chamber, various committees for Fremont Community Schools, YMCA of Steuben County, and volunteered for Junior Achievement and the Steuben County 4H auction.



## SPECIAL ADVISOR

Kendra Klink

## FORMER BOARD MEMBERS

Colleen McNabb Everage

Deb Klink

Douglas Runyan

## 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Juried Exhibit	January 18th – March 2nd Open Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 11am-5pm
ARTGola and Steuben County	March 21st – April 13th
Aspiring Artist PopUp	April 25th – May 18th
Donated Art Sale	May 23rd – June 1st
Book Your Gallery Show	August Thru October
Lake James Antique Boat Show	July 27th At Bledsoe's Beach
The Gallery Holiday PopUp	November 7th – December 22nd



Classes are held throughout the year. Checkout the schedule and signup by visiting:

[www.SteubenArtsScene.org/classes](http://www.SteubenArtsScene.org/classes)

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