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CELEBRATE SPRING AT THE CARMEL ARTS & DESIGN DISTRICT'S IU HEALTH NORTH HOSPITAL GALLERY WALK

Carmel, IN – Wine and dine at one of the District restaurants, browse the new and exciting exhibits at the 10 District galleries and explore all the unique things the District has to offer during the Second Saturday IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walk on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 5-9 p.m.

Commemorate the evening with a fun photo op featuring Spring-themed props and costumes. A professional photographer will be on hand to take your photo and will e-mail them directly to you at a later date. This free activity will be located near ArtSplash Gallery (111 W. Main St., Suite 140).

Experience the artistic process firsthand with silk painting by Sylvia Gray outside near Inspire Studio and Gallery (111 W. Main St., Suite 120) and stone carving by Steve Tanaka outside near ArtSplash Gallery (111 W. Main St., Suite 140). Drawn to the District continues the weekend of May 9 with “en plein air” activities along Main Street throughout the day and during the Gallery Walk.

Silver in the City (111 W. Main St., Suite 150) will celebrate the grand opening of its Carmel location and feature an Evan Knox Jewelry trunk show from 5-9 p.m.

Additional features and activities taking place during the May Gallery Walk include:

- “125 years of Hoosier Art” featuring work by TC Steele and Gustave Baumann as well as recently completed works from the Hoosier Salon’s New Harmony paint out. Presented by Fine Estate and new gallery Gallery Two (in the Indiana Design Center, 200 S. Range Line Rd., Suite 120-B)

- A showcase of works and painting demonstration by featured artist Anna Afshar at ArtSplash Gallery (111 W. Main St., Suite 140). Anna has been working primarily in watercolor, but her show will include acrylics, oils, and photography. Erika Woods will also be demonstrating watercolors and calligraphy.

- A feature of well-known Indiana artist Beth Forst at Inspire Studio Gallery (111 W. Main St., Suite 120)

- A showing of pieces from the Russian School displayed in the window at Donatello's Italian Restaurant (9 W. Main St.)

- Free caricatures by Custom Eyes Design (by Auntie Em's Frozen Custard & Cupcakes 111 W. Main St., Suite 130)

- Entertainment by harpist Jan Aldridge-Clark and guitarist Brandon Wilson outside along Main Street from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and juggler Shawn Gwyn from 6:30-8:30 p.m. near the Monon Greenway

- Be a part of the Scavenger Hunt that will lead you to find select pieces of art in each of the participating galleries and businesses. Begin the hunt at the ArtSplash Gallery (111 W. Main St., Suite 140). Follow the clues through the District and then turn in your completed clue sheet to receive a charm. Collect a different charm at each Gallery Walk throughout the year to complete a whole charm bracelet by the end of the year. Your completed clue sheet will also enter you for a chance to win one of the following prizes:
 - o Free mosaic class with Nancy Keating (\$35 value)
 - o Free watercolor class with Anna Afshar (\$40 value)
 - o Two-night stay, daycare, boarding and grooming at Happy Dog Hotel & Spa (\$175 value)
 - o Original art by Erika Woods (\$45 value)
 - o Two tickets to the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (\$46 value)
 - o Two pairs of one-day passes for The Waterpark at the Monon Community Center (\$20 value per pair)
 - o Gift basket with art (\$25 value)
 - o Children's gift basket with art supplies (\$25 value)

A map of the gallery locations and more information about the IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walk activities can be found at [www.CarmelArtsAndDesign.com](http://www.carmelartsanddesign.com/)<<http://www.carmelartsanddesign.com/>>.

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off of 1st Ave NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Rd.) or available on-street public parking. The Arts & Design District parking map may be downloaded at http://www.carmelartsanddesign.com/images/Carmel_District_ParkingMap.pdf.

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The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 100 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques, and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.