



Carmel Arts & Design District

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Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Carmel Arts & Design District's IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walk

Carmel, IN – Wine and dine with your valentine at one of the District restaurants, browse the new and exciting exhibits at the nine District galleries and explore all the unique things the District has to offer during the Valentine's Day edition of the Second Saturday IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walk on **Saturday, February 14, 2015** from 5-9 p.m.

New this month! Bring your loved one(s) in for a **fun photo op** to commemorate the evening. Props and costumes will be available to use and a professional photographer will be on hand to take your photo. This free activity will be located at 111 W. Main St., Suite 135. (Photos will be e-mailed at a later date.)

Free carriage rides will take place in the District from 6-9 p.m. Pickup will be in the parking lot on the south side of the Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. office (*37 E. Main St.*) Please note carriage rides are available weather permitting on a first come, first served basis.

The **first 300 visitors** throughout the galleries will also receive a **free rose**. Roses will also be available at 111 W. Main St., Suite 135.

Paint your own masterpiece courtesy of **Wine & Canvas** with complimentary classes on the hour. This free activity will be located at Square Donuts, 14 S. Range Line Rd.

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

- Opening Reception of **"Realism & Nature"** at **Hoosier Salon** (*22 N. Range Line Rd.*) Meet the artists, enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and have a chance to purchase one of the beautiful works! "Realism & Nature" is an exhibit featuring Hoosier Salon artists **Gary Jursik, Rodney Reveal** and **Kathryn Houghton** that showcases beautiful, realistic oil paintings and watercolors. Artist Kathy Houghton will be doing a **live painting demonstration** during this reception for audiences to watch and learn. The gallery will also feature a room of artwork on consignment from more than 60 artists, including glass artist Lisa Pelo displaying her romantic heart paperweights.
- An exhibit of **High Dynamic Range Archival Pigment Prints of Manhattan Cityscapes and Store Windows** by **Marie Reamer**, Fine Art Photographer, at **ArtSplash Gallery** (*111 W. Main St., Suite 140*). There will also be an amazing array of mosaic color pieces created especially for Valentine's Day giving by glass artist, **Nancy Keating**.
- Beautiful paintings infused with a hint of romance at **Inspire Gallery** (*111 W. Main St., Suite 115*). Award winning artists **Cathy Bauder** and **Randall Scott Harden** will be exhibiting pieces created especially for this gallery walk.

- Opening of a new exhibit dedicated to **“The Art of the Love Letter”** by **The Carmel Clay Historical Society**. Kicking off with a sweet opening night party on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 6-9 p.m. at The Depot on the Monon (211 First Street SW), the exhibit will feature a dozen beautifully written love letters from the collection of personal artifacts of one of Carmel’s pioneers, William Kinzer. Admission is free, although donations are accepted.
- **“Be My Valentine: An Evening of Champagne, Strawberries & Duets”** with **Blair Clark and Heather Ramsey Clark** at The Warehouse (254 1st Ave SW). Treat your special someone this Valentine's Day with a romantic nightcap he or she will never forget. Blair Clark and Heather Ramsey Clark will bring their big band to the stage for a one-of-a-kind evening of romantic duets in Carmel's most intimate music venue, complete with a fabulous champagne bar, fresh roses, delectable petit fours and decadent chocolate-dipped strawberries included with each ticket! The evening begins at 8:30 p.m. and doors will open at 8 p.m. for seating. Reservations Required, \$45/ person, ages 21+ only.
- **Free caricatures** by **Custom Eyes Design** (In Auntie Em's Frozen Custard & Cupcakes 111 W. Main St., Suite 130)
- **Entertainment** including dulcimer artist **Sharon O’Connell** at Inspire Gallery, guitarist
- 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, then turn in your completed clue sheet. Each month, a themed charm will be given as a prize to every scavenger hunt participant at the IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walks. Collect a different charm at each Gallery Walk 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:
 - A gift card to Donatello’s (\$50 value)
 - Three valentine paintings by Bob Shade of ArtSplash Gallery (\$150 value)
 - Original art photograph of a red rose by Marie Reamer of ArtSplash Gallery (\$300 value)
 - Two gift baskets filled with goodies (\$25 value each)
 - Hand blown glass heart paperweights by Lisa Pelo of Hoosier Salon (\$35 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.

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.