

*The Art Association of Randolph County
would like to take a moment to wish you
the best gifts this Holiday Season...*

... the love of family...

... the warmth of home ...

... and memories so good

you just can't stop smiling...

*Thank you for making Art a Part
of your Life whether you create it,
appreciate it or support it.*

You are valued & appreciated.

Happy Holidays!



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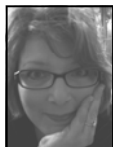
SPECIAL NOTICE:
BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED AND
FULL OF HISTORIC AMBIANCE, THE ARTS
DEPOT IS AVAILABLE TO RENT THIS HOLIDAY
SEASON FOR FAMILY AND BUSINESS EVENTS.
CALL TODAY AS DATES ARE FILLING
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Whew...what a year! From the political scene and economic issues to the climate concerns and pandemic awareness, 2009 was a year of upheaval and apprehension - worldwide, nationally and locally. I do not know anyone who has not been left untouched by all of the above, including the Art Association. We, too, have tightened our belts and flattened our stance as we look into 2010. Haven't we all?

In all this, there is one thing that has left me awed and still believing in the future. YOU. Your heart to serve, your faithful giving, and your dedicated attendance prove that the mission of the AARC is alive and well. We are here for you and because of you. Thank you.

In a couple of weeks we will be sending out our Annual Fund and Membership request along with 2010's Calendar of Events. I promise you more of the same wonderful programming and exhibits that you have come to recognize here at the Arts Depot. We've worked hard to bring you more - so that you may take advantage of local art programs and stay economically lean. I hope you will consider how you can support local arts in Randolph County, right here where you live. You are appreciated. Happy Holidays! —Jan



12th ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT GALLERY:



The Holiday Gift Gallery is back. Local artists and artisans are busy creating hand-crafted artworks to fill the Southeast Gallery with an excellent array of goods from paintings/photography to nature/recycled art to sculptured clocks/creative jewelry to cookbooks/kitchen goods. Come see for yourself and shop local.

Opening day is during Union City's Shopping Day on Saturday, 20 November from 9am-3pm. LIVE music with **Victorian musicians Jerry and Judy Cole** will provide ambiance while you shop. Refreshments will be served. Please make sure you take time to come to the Arts Depot in all its decorated glory with an "arts"-themed tree and outdoor finery. It is a work of art by itself!

The day before Thanksgiving, the Farmers' Market Bakers will hold their annual **T-day Bake Sale. New This Year:** Pre-order your favorites by calling the office at 765-964-7227 and they will be ready for you on the 25th from 10-2. For those wanting to browse, there will be pies and cinnamon rolls as well as breads, rolls and much more to choose from.

As always, the Gift Gallery will be open Tuesday-Friday from 10-4 and Thursdays till 7 and Saturdays from 9-Noon. Final day will be Saturday, 19 December so plan according. (See enclosed mini-flyer.)

WINTER CONCERT MINI-SERIES:

The AARC and the Percy E. Goodrich Bandshell Trust is proud to provide you with two delightful diversions this winter. They are our Gift to the Community; both concerts will be free of charge and will take place in two locations to reach to the entire county. The first will be on Sunday, December 06 at 4:00 p.m. at the historic Union City Arts Depot featuring Ansonia, OH based singer/songwriter Debbie Lynn Bryson. The second will take place in the new year on Sunday, January 31 at 4:00 p.m. at Winchester Park's Beeson Room featuring Randolph County native Jennifer Jones-Wilson.

First Concert: Gospel Singer Debbie Lynn Bryson

Debbie has been involved with music most of her life. She has been singing since the tender age of two. Early memories include singing in church with her grandma as well as "playing" her dad's shop wrenches while he worked on tractors. Debbie would set the wrenches like a xylophone and "bang" out childhood favorites. By the age of 6 she was taking music lessons and learned to play the organ and piano.



Debbie Lynn Bryson

In fifth grade Debbie learned the clarinet and oboe and met her first and most memorable music inspiration, her teacher. Debbie's poetry became a songs and, by the age of 15, her talent won Debbie numerous #1 ratings at the OMEA solo and ensemble contest.

Debbie has also won several awards in local and out of state talent competitions. Excursion Music Group offered her an Independent Record Deal, in 1999, when she wrote *Standing Together*, her most notable original song. After the national tragedy on 9-11, she was asked to perform this song at numerous memorial tributes. In 2006, Debbie won the Pepsi/Smash Wayne County Idol competition. She is currently working with LoriJohn Productions on her first full Gospel Christmas album.

Debbie has sung at the AARC's Open Microphone Nites and will be warmly welcomed once again during her first concert at the Arts Depot. (See enclosed mini-flyer.)

LOOKING AHEAD:

January's Art On The Walls is entitled **100 Years of Photography** featuring the combined images of two photographers: Ruth Hughes of Brookville, IN and Philip L. Huntwork of Winchester, IN. An Opening Reception/Gallery Talk will be January 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments available.

The Arts Depot will be CLOSED for holiday break from December 25, 2009 through January 05, 2010.