



Indiana Artists Club Membership Directory 2025

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About Indiana Artists Club

The Indiana Artists Club, Inc. was organized as the Indiana Art Club on January 23, 1917, by a group of forty-six artists and patrons including such notables as T.C. Steele, William Forsyth, Otto Stark, Carl Graf, Wayman Adams, Simon Baus, Marie Goth, Frederick Polley, Clifton Wheeler, Randolph Coats, Carl Lieber and Alex Holiday. A few months later, the name was changed to the Indiana Artists Club, Inc. to more nearly represent an organization of professional artists rather than a group of persons interested in art.

Early exhibits were held in the Union Trust Building and traveling exhibits were sent to various colleges and public buildings over the state. The Indiana Artists Club has originated cultural and educational projects including fine arts in the high schools, donations of art books to colleges, preservation of the T.C. Steele Memorial and murals at Wishard Hospital. The Club was instrumental in bringing the Hoosier Salon of Chicago to Indianapolis.

From 1935 through 1989, the Indiana Artists Club exhibited annually at the L.S. Ayres and Company auditorium in downtown Indianapolis. The University of Indianapolis then hosted the exhibition in 1990 and 1991. The Annual Juried Exhibition moved to the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields in 1992.

The Membership Committee and the Executive Board, who considers the works and record of each applicant, determine active membership. To apply to become an active member, it is necessary to have been born in Indiana or to have lived here for two years and to have been accepted into three differently sponsored exhibitions with out-of-state judges with three separate works of art. Further information may be obtained by visiting the Indiana Artists Club website at www.indianaartistsclub.org.

Founders

Wayman Adams	Randolph Coats
Simon Baus	Frederick Polley
Anna F. Lee	

This club was organized on January 23, 1917 with 46 charter members, both artists and laypersons. It was incorporated 30 years later as a non-profit organization on September 24, 1947.

PAST PRESIDENTS

1917-18	Otto Stark
1918-19	Carl C. Graf
1921-23	Frederick Polley
1923-24	Wilson B. Parker
1924-25	Randolph Coats
1925-26	Edward F. Sitzman
1926-27	Leonidas F. Smith
1927-30	George C. Calvert
1930-32	Carl Lyman
1932-34	Edward K. Williams
1934-36	Ruthven Byrum
1936-38	William F. Kaeser
1938-40	Gordon B. Mess
1940-41	Frederick Polley
1941-42	C. Curry Bohm
1942-44	Randolph Coats
1944-45	A. Reid Winsey
1945-47	Dale Bessire
1947-48	Ruth Pratt Bobbs
1948-49	Edmund Schildknecht
1949-50	Katherine Blasingham
1950-51	George J. Mess
1951-52	Randolph Coats
1952-53	Garro Antreasian
1953-54	Letha Gaskins
1954-55	Ruth Anderson
1955-56	Harry A. Davis
1956-57	Letha Gaskins
1957-58	John F. Ross
1958-59	Lee Detchon
1959-60	Jane Messick
1960-61	Floyd Hopper
1961-62	Paul Sweany
1962-63	Ray French
1963-64	Anne Duncan
1964-66	Frederick W. Rigley

1966-67	Clayson Baker
1967-68	Lois Davis
1968-70	Wilbur Meese
1970-71	Rosemary Lawton Thomas
1971-72	Rosemary Browne Beck
1972-73	Leah S. Traugott
1973-74	Florence Z. Jagger
1974-75	Louise Johnson
1975-77	Neil Dunnigan
1977-78	Shirley Despot
1978-79	Jean Vietor
1979-80	Crawford Donnelly
1980-81	Thelma Confer
1981-82	Barbara Beck
1982-83	Wilbur Meese
1983-85	Neil Dunnigan
1985-86	Jeffrey C. Burris
1986-87	Roslynn Cody
1987-88	Martha Stevenson
1988-89	Francis Persell
1989-91	Robert Hartsock
1991-92	Gentry Day
1992-95	Philippa C. Hughes
1995-96	Lois Davis
1996-97	Robert W. Crawford
1997-98	Lillian Dunnigan
1998-99	Patte Owings
1999-01	Sandy Ezell
2001-03	Linda Cannon
2003-05	Nancy Hancock Cummins
2005-07	John F. Lefelhocz
2007-09	Laurie M. Wright
2009-11	Greg Persell
2011-13	Jerry Points
2013-15	Pamela Chase Newell
2015-17	April Goodman Willy
2017-19	James Hubbard
2019-21	Dan Annarino
2022-25	Kevin James Wilson

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