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HOOSIER SALON

COMING TO THE HOSTESS HOUSE



The Historic Hostess House at 723 W 4th Street in Marion will host the Prestigious Hoosier Salon fine art exhibit for the 57th consecutive year. Members of the Hoosier Salon and featured artists will be on hand to open the exhibit at a public reception on Thursday, October 8th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The exhibit is free and open to the public through October 31st from 10 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

Two local artists are among the 134 accepted into the Salon this year. Marion Artist Anthony King won a purchase award for his oil painting, "Sunrise on the Bottom." While King's painting is not touring, the work of another local artist, Karen Sonner is included in the exhibit coming to the Hostess House. Sonner's oil, "The Crane," won a merit award for the Work That Best Depicts the Love of the Land. Sonner, who lives on a farm near Marion, was touched by the award, "It is a dream come true just to be accepted into the Hoosier Salon. It was beyond my dreams to win an award." Sonner studied art in college and returned to it after her children were grown. "The Crane" is one of her first oils. She describes it as a piece from the heart that truly expresses her love of the land.

The Hostess House is an early 20th century mansion restored and utilized as a lunch room, gift shop and exhibit hall. Hostess House President, Sharon Wilson explains the significance of bringing the salon to the community. "It is an honor to host an exhibit of this caliber. Marion is one of only 22 sites in Indiana to be included in the annual tour." The Hoosier Salon is a not-for-profit organization supporting and promoting fine art. The group operates permanent galleries in Broad Ripple, New Harmony and Wabash, Indiana and sponsors the Annual Exhibit for which it is famous. The exhibit was established in 1924 by the Daughters of Indiana. Hoosier notables T.C. Steele, J. Ottis Adams and Will Vawter were among the artists featured in that inaugural exhibition.