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# A FEW SPECIAL STROKES

15TH ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK BRINGS ARTISTS' WORK TO BANKS OF THE WABASH

Wabash Valley Art Guild partnered with River City Art Association to return the WVAG's traditional fall event to "the banks of the Wabash" in Terre Haute.

The 15th annual Art in the Park on Sept. 17 at the Blumberg Shelter in Fairbanks Park featured two- and three-dimensional work by 12 Wabash Valley artists.

Four artists brought along the tools of their trade to demonstrate their medium throughout the afternoon: Thomas Makosky of Clinton, designer and creator of original chip carvings; and Terre Haute artists John David Hemminghouse, wood carvings; Valerie Funk, longarm quilting and digital quilting; and Todd Stokes, etched glass.

Judith Lynn Smith of Waveland displayed her oil paintings; and Terre Haute artists Pria Rahmouni, acrylic and oil paintings; Gloria Schopper, soft and oil pastels; Willa Barksdale, watercolors; and Jeanne Rewa, equine art in pencil, ink and watercolor.

Marcia Norman of Terre Haute displayed her shattered glass creations; Sheila K. Ter Meer of Brazil, digital art on acrylic and metal; and guest artist Rod Funk of Terre Haute, glass etchings and Intarsia art.

The Wabash Valley Art Guild was founded in 1980 by Florence and Norman Ratliff to bring together those in the community interested in the creation and appreciation of art, and to encourage fellowship through discussion and the sharing of knowledge.

In addition to the annual Art in the Park, WVAG hosts an annual juried exhibition in the spring, exhibits and other activities in the community to display members' art and to promote cultural interests throughout the year.

River City Art Association was founded in August 2008 by a group of seven artists with a common vision: to establish an art association open to the general public to promote, support and enhance an appreciation of the visual arts in the Wabash Valley through art exhibits, demonstrations, seminars, study groups and any and all other appropriate means.

RCAA hosts an annual juried exhibition in the fall and features members' art in several shows and galleries in Indiana and Illinois.

