



FREEPORT ART MUSEUM

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WHO: Freeport Art Museum
WHAT: **Mini Masterpiece Exhibit**
WHEN: Deadline to RSVP December 17
WHERE: Freeport Art Museum

Mini Masterpiece Exhibition at the Freeport Art Museum

FREEPORT, Illinois - The Freeport Art Museum wants you to paint a Mini Masterpiece for a special exhibition and fundraising event. We invite anyone, artists and non-artists alike, to donate one or more pieces of art. **All art work must measure no more than six inches on a side.** Art can be two-dimensional or three-dimensional. Art can be in any medium, from acrylic and watercolor to photography, printmaking or charcoal. Three dimensional pieces such as gourds, birdhouses, pottery and metal work are also welcome. The only criteria is it must measure 6 inches!

This is a great opportunity for people who may be intimidated by a large canvas to try their hand at the creative process. "I have no art training but the idea of creating a small piece is exciting and I plan to try an abstract," said Jennifer Kirker Priest, Executive Director. "We thought this would be an exciting exhibition with a lot of variety. We already have submissions for metal work, birdhouses and paintings." Experienced artists may challenge themselves by shifting to the small canvas and create some very fine, detailed work. Whoever you are and whatever your skill level, we hope you will participate in this community exhibition.

Canvases are for sale at the Freeport Art Museum for \$15 or artists may use their own.

RSVP Required to participate in this exciting event. Please **RSVP by December 17** to the Freeport Art Museum by phone at 815-235-9755 or email at info@freeportartmuseum.org. Your mini masterpiece should be brought to the museum in April. The art should not be framed.

The Mini Masterpiece Exhibition will open Friday, May 6, 2011 and run through July 9, 2011. The Opening Gala on May 6 will honor participating artists and Museum members with gourmet wine, appetizers, a professional exhibition catalog, and an exciting buy-it-now fundraiser. All art work will be for sale to benefit the Freeport Art Museum.

About the Freeport Art Museum

Established in 1975, the Freeport Art Museum shares the visual and performing arts with the people of northwest Illinois. FAM's mission is to promote an understanding of art and culture through our collections, exhibitions and education. The museum's collection contains nearly 4,000 artifacts from all continents and all time periods including ethnographic objects from Egypt, Southeast Asia, and Papua New Guinea; Pre-Columbian and Native American baskets and pottery; excellent 15th to 19th century European painting, prints and sculpture; and a significant collection of contemporary American prints, paintings, and sculpture. The Freeport Art Museum is partially supported by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

The Freeport Art Museum is located at 121 North Harlem Avenue, and is open Tuesday through Friday 10 am to 5:00 pm., and Saturday from 12:00- 5:00. Tours may be scheduled by calling 815-235-9755. Admission to the Museum is FREE however, donations are gratefully appreciated.