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# Friends and Neighbors: Two artists honored in January by Muncie Artists Guild

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The Muncie Artists Guild is featuring not one but two Artists of the Month for January 2022: Lylanne Musselman and Alison Beam-Hindman.

Musselman is a Delaware County native who graduated from Delta High School and Ball State University. Musselman has exhibited in juried art shows across the region and has won more than 110 awards since 1983. She is the current president of the Muncie Artists Guild, and has been a member since 2017. She also is member of Fort Wayne Artists Guild, and co-chair of its Community Arts Program. Musselman serves on the board of Midwest Writers Workshop, where she is secretary. A Ball State alumnae, she is an award-winning poet and playwright, often incorporating words and poems into her work, according to a release. She specializes in pastels, gouache and acrylics with an emphasis on pet and people portraiture.

Musselman's paintings are on display during January at Rosebud Coffee House, 1805 S Hoyt Ave, and the Parlour at Hazelwood Hair Salon, 1300 W University Ave.

Beam-Hindman gained an appreciation for nature on the farm where she grew up in Northern Indiana and from her father, who sparked her early interest in the science of astronomy by pointing out stars by name in the clear night skies. A graduate of Purdue University North Central and Ball State, Beam-Hindman is a self-taught painter who found more time for her hobby after retiring from Ivy Tech Community College. She joined the Muncie Artists Guild in 2015. Her acrylic paintings and one photograph have won awards at various art shows. Beam-Hindman is a charter member of the Muncie Astronomy Club since 2000 and is active in the club's community outreach program on science education.

Beam-Hindman's work will be displayed during January at Northwest Bank, 110 E Charles St; Old National Bank, 2401 S Madison St., and Vera Mae's Bistro, 209 S Walnut St.

Information: [muncieartistsguild.com](http://muncieartistsguild.com).

## Local projects receive Indiana Landmarks grants

Projects or groups in East Central Indiana were among the recipients of more than \$140,000 awarded by Indiana Landmarks in 2021 to help nonprofits and cities around Indiana save meaningful places.

Indiana Landmarks' African American Landmarks Committee awards grants to help preserve and raise awareness of historic African American places in Indiana. In 2021, the committee made four grants, including \$1,000 to Ball State University to co-sponsor a virtual lecture by Brent Leggs, senior vice president and executive director of the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Efroymsen Family Endangered Places grants aid architectural and structural assessments, rehab cost analysis, reuse studies, and fundraising planning. In 2021, Indiana Landmarks made 14 grants totaling \$36,100. The fund honors the Efroymsen family for its significant support for our endangered places programs.

Local recipients included the City of Muncie, which received two grants: \$2,500 for a conditions assessment that will help Big Four Rail Park prioritize rehabilitation needs at the 1920 Big Four Freight House, and another \$2,500 for a feasibility study to help Old West End Neighborhood Economic Redevelopment determine whether the c.1910 house at 719 W. Charles St. can be rehabbed as affordable housing. Union City received \$2,500 for a feasibility study and restoration plan at the 1869 Governor Isaac Gray House, according to a release.

*Announcements of awards, scholarships and other honors given to local residents and entities can be sent to Robin Gibson at [news@muncie.gannett.com](mailto:news@muncie.gannett.com).*