

ATHENS ARTS ●

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Athens Arts Gallery Closing After 14 Years

(Crawfordsville, IN) – Athens Arts Gallery, a Montgomery County nonprofit showcasing artists and supporting art programs, is closing July 1 after 14 years.

Athens' dual mission of art-related outreach programs and a physical gallery space was initiated in 2010 by a group of local artists. In 2020, the gallery moved from the first location on Washington Street to the current location at 216 Main Street.

During the 14 years of operation, the gallery hosted nationally recognized fine art exhibitions, featured local artists, and even showcased the work of preschool aged artists through a partnership with local schools.

Recently, the board of directors and member artists made a collective decision to close Athens Arts due to financial challenges.

Current board president, Ellie Dieckmeyer, stated, "Athens Arts has been successful in fulfilling the mission of enriching our community through educational programs, classes, exhibitions, and a gallery space. The board and artists are grateful for the generous support of volunteers and donors who have contributed to Athens Arts over the years. And we are all especially thankful for the tireless dedication of our long-standing executive director, Diana McCormick."

Saturday, June 15, is the final day the gallery will be open to the public. Until then, the community is invited to visit and shop for art, furnishings, and equipment available for purchase. Operating hours are Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Between June 16 and July 1, the gallery will be closed to the public.

Please direct inquiries to the Executive Director at director@athensartsgallery.com or (765) 362-7455.

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