



Carmel Arts & Design District

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IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walk in the Carmel Arts & Design District

WHO: Carmel Arts & Design District

WHAT: **IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walk**

WHEN: **Saturday, March 10, 2012 from 5-10 p.m.**

WHERE: Main Street & Range Line Road

DETAILS: Dine at the District restaurants and eateries, browse the new and exciting exhibits at the ten District galleries and explore all the unique things the District shops have to offer.

Special events during the March IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walk include:

Celebrate the **grand opening weekend** of **Atlas Fantasy Art House**, a three-story art gallery specializing in Illustrator art with emphasis on Science Fiction and fantasy art. Renowned artist Donato Giancola will hold a painting demonstration from 4-10 p.m. in the gallery, located at 246 W. Main Street. Giancola has won three Artist Hugo Awards for outstanding professional work from the World Science Fiction Society in addition to numerous other awards. He recently completed the artwork for the Sam Shepherd and Mercury Project forever stamps unveiled at the Kennedy Space Center on May 4th, 2011. The original Sam Shepherd preliminary drawing and the forever stamp will be displayed at the gallery.

A **book signing** featuring **Mayor James Brainard's**, *CARMEL: 'round about right*, will take place at Evan Lurie Gallery from 6- 8 p.m. This comprehensive book documents Carmel's unlikely emergence as a vibrant urban center and features over 200 full-color pages and contains more than 300 photos by local photojournalist Zach Dobson.

Valentina Shvyrkova will create one of her latest watercolors at the **ArtSplash Gallery** located at 111 W. Main Street, Suite 140. Originally from Moscow, Russia, Shvyrkova now resides in Carmel and her art includes pieces in oil and watercolors. A number of Shvyrkova's pieces will also be on exhibit in the gallery.

A map of the gallery locations and more information about the IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walk activities can be found at www.CarmelArtsAndDesign.com.

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The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to over 100 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques, and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.