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On November 13, 2009, Brown County, Indiana will host the **Indiana Conference on Public Art**. This one-day conference is geared toward artists, organizations and smaller cities and towns, and will explore how everyone can get involved in the growing movement for public art.

Artists will learn how to get into the field of public art, win commissions and navigate the issues and challenges specific to making public art. Officials from small to medium-sized towns and cities will learn the basics on how to plan, fund, administer and maintain public art projects in their own communities. Non-profit agencies, art councils, civic and social groups will learn how to sponsor and promote public art in their communities. And schools will learn how to find and utilize public artists in residencies or special projects.

The conference, being held at Seasons Lodge and Conference Center in Nashville, IN features keynote speaker Lynn Basa. Ms. Basa is a prominent public artist and former Chair of the Seattle Arts Commission public arts committee who currently teaches Public Art Professional Practices at the Art Institute of Chicago. She recently authored *Public Art for Artists – how to find and win commissions*.

Other sessions include a panel of Indiana public arts administrators discussing planning, funding and administering public art projects; and a panel of public artists sharing what it takes to become a successful public artist. Attendees can also choose to brainstorm ideas for real projects in their own communities, or can attend a hands-on workshop with Lynn Basa, who will walk artists through the public art application process.

The conference is \$75 (\$60 for Art Alliance Brown County members) and includes a luncheon and snacks. The registration deadline is November 10, 2009. Information and registration forms can be found at www.artalliancebrowncounty.com.

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