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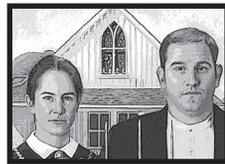
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Art adventure

Lake Central High School is producing some outstanding art students thanks to three of their exceptional and remarkable art teachers, Christine Colle, Maureen Yeager, and Paul Volk.

Colle teaches Art, Ceramics, Advanced Placement Studio Art, and Three Dimensional Art. Colle has been teaching fine art for over 26 years.

Yeager, a teacher of 31 years, teaches, Art II, Art III, Art IV, Advanced Placement Studio Art, and Ceramics I.

Volk, a fine arts teacher for about two decades, teaches Three Dimensional Art, Sculpture, Stained Glass, and introduction to two dimensional art.

Last year I was approached by the Lake Central High School art teach-

ers and was asked if I would like to host an exhibition of their art student's work at The Steeple Gallery.

After meeting these passionate teachers in person, and seeing how proud they were of their students' work, I couldn't turn them away. I was "gung ho" and ready to show the community how fantastic the art program is at Lake Central and what these kids were capable of making.

I was so excited to be active in sharing the teachers exuberance and in sharing the love of what their students created.

I thought it would be wonderful to have high school students have real life experience in a professional art gallery. Local business supporting kids' artistic achievement in real life would be a great portfolio builder for the art students who are looking to further their art resume.

After the teachers toured the gallery, discussed the logistics, we penciled in the exhibition for this spring.

**Socheata Ing****Lake Central High School students pose with their art. Picture are (from left) Riana Revis, Hannah Pittman, Lindsey Nivens and Alexandra Wail.**

| SAM DALKILIC-MIESTOWSKI/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Unfortunately, due to the Lake Central renovation, and the logistics of the new school we were not able to make it come to life this year. However the Lake Central Fine Arts Showcase is in the books for next year so stay tuned.

Even though we were unable to make this Lake Central Fine Art Showcase happen this year, I would like to share some of the outstanding work from the Lake Central art students. These students, along with their mentors — Colle, Volk and Yeager — have been getting rave reviews and recently received numerous awards at the South Shore Arts Annual High School Exhibit, South Suburban College Regional High School Exhibit and at Lake Central

High School.

If you have any questions about Lake Central's art program, want to see any of these pieces in person, or would like to speak to the art teachers about their programs, call Lake Central High School and ask to speak to Chris Colle, Maureen Yeager, or Paul Volk.

Stay tuned for next year's Lake Central Fine Art Showcase coming to the Steeple Gallery.

*Samantha Dalkilic-Miestowski has owned and operated The Steeple Gallery, Ltd. in St. John for 15 years Do you have an artist you know in Crown Point, Cedar Lake, or Lowell that we should write about? Contact samown-er@sbeglobal.net*

**GAY MARRIAGE | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

So when our country's hottest social issue — same-sex marriage — marched into Indiana's latest General Assembly, Johnson felt compelled to go to Indianapolis to profess his beliefs. In front of lawmakers, he testified in favor of the state's existing ban on same-sex marriage.

While it's not surprising that a minister favors the ban, Johnson's appearance at the Statehouse put him at the forefront of the fight in this region. And on my radar.

Despite opinion polls saying more Americans (and region residents) favor same-sex marriage than ever before, and 17 states now allowing such marriages, Johnson is convinced America is sliding into the abyss.

It doesn't matter that same-sex marriage will someday — someday — become law in Indiana. It doesn't matter that more lawsuits will be filed to make this happen. It doesn't matter that more Americans than ever are siding with this societal shift.

Pastors, Johnson insists, must lead the charge against it.

"If we don't do it, who will?" he asked with a preacher's passion when I met him in his office.

"We're getting our brains beat up, but here's the problem with most pastors," he said. "They're not used to being an activist. They're not used to going to the Statehouse to defend this (issue) because it's never been attacked before."

Johnson, who writes a blog, believes that marital intimacy apart from a covenant commitment under God is a "fleeting illusion."

"This is why commitment is the cornerstone of biblical oneness," he wrote March 4. "Commitment is the treasury department of marriage, the place where the currency of trust is printed. The formula is rather simple: No commitment, no trust. No trust, no intimacy. It's that simple. It's what separates the fleeting flurry of a one-night stand from the deep, lasting union of marital intimacy."

So is he saying that same-sex relationships are based on lust or romance, not love?

"When you equate love with sex, that's a false equation," he replied. "It's a romantic, sexual love. The

notion that having sex with a man allows me to marry that man is a complete redefinition of marriage. The left is masterful at hijacking language, including now the definition of marriage."

Johnson served as youth pastor at Living Stones for 12 years, authoring a youth leadership curriculum called "The College of the Cause," used to train thousands of teens in the basics of a biblical worldview.

"The media shares the liberal left's ideology and sometimes we get trapped in our own ideology and can't get out," Johnson told me. "TV news show ratings show where most Americans are at with this issue. MSNBC is not watched by hardly anybody but their relatives."

Johnson blames the liberal

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left and its media mouthpiece for masterminding blame to conservative Christians for "attacking" the gay rights movement.

"We're not attacking anybody. We're just going along as it's always been and now we're made to be the aggressors," he said, his voice rising. "We've been pushed into this corner and forced to say, 'You're not going to take away marriage.'"

"We didn't pick this fight. The fight came to us."