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It's time to celebrate!

Dear I.I. Friends,

Our 50th Anniversary Gala & Event is just around the corner and we hope everyone is getting excited about celebrating together as a chapter. It's not too late to RSVP! Please read on for some important reminders and information about the event.



50th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Event

Our celebratory gala will take place on Sunday, September 22, 2019, at A-Mill Artist Lofts in Minneapolis.

Schedule

5 to 6 p.m. - Cocktail hour with live entertainment

6 to 7 p.m. - Seated dinner

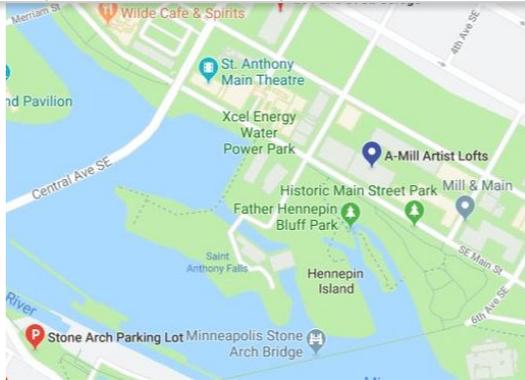
7 to 8:30 p.m. - Dessert, slide show, program

Several members have generously donated some lovely items for the silent auction fundraiser, including beautiful pottery, framed art, Japanese Imari porcelain bowls, Ikebana books, and more. The auction will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. Winners will be announced during the program. Please consider supporting this fundraiser for our organization. Accepted forms of payment include cash, check, and credit card. Volunteers are needed to assist with packaging/wrapping up of auction items for the winners following the program. If able to assist with this, please reach out to Brenda Sussna: bsd@jbsussna.com.

There will also be a raffle drawing for several prizes, including VIP tickets to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Bachman's gift cards, Origami Uptown

Other important information:

- This is a ticketed event and a reservation is required. The cost of a ticket is \$50 per person and includes dinner, open bar, live music, silent auction, event program, souvenir, and a chance to win prizes. Each member is allowed one guest. **Seating is limited and an RSVP is needed by September 10th.** If not done, please RSVP by sending an email to Myrna Little: myrna0118@gmail.com. Checks can be mailed to Myrna as indicated in the email link. Tickets will be issued at the event upon check-in. Please retain your ticket throughout the event as it will be needed to order drinks at the bar.
- Metered street parking is available, but limited. There is a parking ramp located at 201 2nd St. SE, about 3 blocks from the venue (see map below). You may also park at Union Bank & Trust (across the street from the ramp), a community-friendly bank that has free parking on weekends. Guests are encouraged to carpool or consider taking an Uber or Lyft.
- There will be an open bar, not a cash bar as previously indicated. If anyone is able to donate a bottle of wine or sake for the event, please reach out: myrna0118@gmail.com.
- This is a special gala event and celebration attire is recommended.
- A-Mill Artist Lofts is located at 315 Main Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/A-Mill+Artist+Lofts/@44.9835398,-93.2544412,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x52b33299bfffff:0xd31d1c217389a6c7!8m2!3d44.983536!4d-93.2522525>. Please look for the sign below (with balloons attached) which will be located at the event entrance outside the building. The entrance is located on SE Main St. Note that the venue is A-Mill Artist Lofts, not A-Mill Artist Warehouse which is nearby.

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50th Anniversary Planning Committee: Donna Winberg, Barbara Foss, Brenda Sussna, and Myrna Little

Other Info...

Outdoor Installation Exhibit - The set up for the outdoor installations at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory will begin on September 23rd and the installations will be exhibited through November 12th (or an earlier date in the event of inclement weather). There will be two installations, one each led by Yoshie Babcock and Anne-Lise Whitescarver, and they will be located near the entrance to the Japanese Gardens.

Teacher status confirmation - We need to confirm our current list of active teachers which is provided to potential students. If you are a teacher currently offering lessons/study groups, please confirm this by sending an email to Donna Winberg: donnarwinberg@gmail.com.

Fundraiser challenge update - Members Anne-Lise and David Whitescarver kindly donated \$1000 to our chapter and other members donated a total of \$515 for our recent fundraiser challenge, which raised a grand total of \$1,515! Thank you to everyone who donated - your support is invaluable and very much appreciated!

Have news to share? We'd love to hear from you! Please send information to:
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