

# Paint the Parks

**Sunday, August 29**

**@ Johnston Recreation Center**

**Private Dedication 2:00-3:00PM (invitation only)**

**Opening Reception 3:00-4:30PM (public welcome)**

The Paint the Parks initiative began in 2019 when then Bloomingdale Park District Executive Director Carrie Fullerton approached the Bloomingdale Artists Association (BAA), about a collaborative project to bring artwork into the newly-renovated Johnston Recreation Center.

The BAA, all talented artists, loved the idea and agreed to the project. Thirteen BAA members joined the effort and in total created 9 canvas paintings and 4 photographs of Bloomingdale parks which will be permanently displayed in the Johnston Recreation Center.

Due to the pandemic, Paint the Parks was delayed, but now the art pieces are ready to go and will be displayed at the Johnston Recreation Center beginning August 29.

“Thank you” to the BAA and the artists for creating this wonderful work for everyone to enjoy. The public is invited to an opening reception to view the artwork and meet the artists. All are welcome!



**Lakeview Memories**

**Artist: Irene Peterson**

## **Bloomingdale Artists Association (BAA)**

The BAA has been part of the Bloomingdale community since August 1993 when the previously-named Bloomingdale Culture Club was established. Bylaws were adopted in August of 1994 and the Culture Club of Bloomingdale, “A Discovery of the Arts,” was declared a not-for-profit corporation in 1996.

The purpose of the Culture Club was to provide a place and environment for those who create art and those who appreciate art. In the intervening years, the Club name was changed to the Bloomingdale Artists Association (BAA), but its purpose remained steadfast.

Through the years the BAA has exhibited its work in various locations, including Bloomingdale Park District Museum, Bloomingdale Library, Chamber of Commerce, local businesses such as Masterpiece Framing and Lynfred Winery. The BAA also holds an annual auction of members’ artwork to fund the BAA scholarship.

Members enjoy monthly programs and demos in a vast diversity of art forms and artistic media.

The BAA welcomes all artistic levels, beginner to professional. BAA is proud of its almost 30-year existence and it remains a thriving, vibrant, welcoming, ever expanding place and environment for those who create art and those who appreciate art.

Those interested in learning more about the BAA are invited to contact President Lois Shaffer at [litloie@aol.com](mailto:litloie@aol.com).

A big “Thank you” to Matt Puchalski from Masterpiece Framing, 109 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, for his unending patience and for professionally framing the artwork and donating his labor and materials for the photographs.