

Find Your Voice: Expressions of the Skin

Franklin Gallery | July 1-August 31

This year, as we celebrate Summer Reading, we focus on the 2023 theme *Find Your Voice* and focus on the importance of the myriad ways to express one's self. Leaning into the Franklin Gallery as a place to think outside the box, the Display and Arts Committee proposes an art show focusing on expressing one's self through the use of art on our bodies. The D&A Committee has voted unanimously for this exciting art show and would like to display the information in the Summer Newsletter.

Art is a medium for expressing one's self and many people, including those in the Niles-Maine community, choose to express their art with tattoos. The featured pieces speak to the diverse ways in which we celebrate art and find our voices through tattoos, whether the tattoo is a memorial piece, song lyric, or abstract thought.

The idea of the show is to display both the artwork (sketches) and the actual tattoo on the body. We are in the process of finding 5-6 tattoo artists that would share their work with the Franklin Gallery. They will be asked to submit 3-4 pieces each. We also plan to have an opening night with a discussion panel from the featured artists.

As of this proposal, we have one artist confirmed: Aiden Busiel. Below, you will see examples of Aiden's work. We are currently seeking other artists and plan to have a diverse group of art to display.

Artist: Aiden Busiel

Instagram: @aidbus_tattoos

Tattoo Shop: Space Cat Tattoos, Arlington Heights



