



## UI, IU, and Brown County *Get-On-the-Bus Overnighter*

November 13-16, 2014



Bring your sketchbook, bring your camera! Enjoy live bluegrass music, fried biscuits and apple butter, small town hospitality and glorious natural beauty.... Join the Northern Illinois University Art Museum on a small group trip to the rolling hills of south central Indiana, visiting art and world culture museums on day excursions and along the way.

**Brown County, Indiana** was once home to a renowned artist colony attracted by the natural beauty of the landscape. We will stay in the quaint village of **Nashville** at the charming **Artist Colony Inn** where each unique shaker-style bedroom is named after a different artist—either from the historic colony or of a current local artist. In the evenings, should you wish to seek it out, there is plenty of live country and bluegrass music performed at the Chateau Thomas Winery (F/S), Muddy Boots Café, Mike's Dance Barn, or the Brown County Inn – all within spittin' distance of the Inn.

We will get an early start on Thursday, stopping midway at the Champaign Urbana campus of the **University of Illinois** for a visit to the **Krannert Art Museum** and the **Sperlock Museum of World History and Culture**. Both museums have terrific collections and intriguing temporary exhibits as well. We will then drive further on to Nashville, Indiana. We will enjoy dinner together in a private room at the Inn. I am still hoping to arrange a meeting with a local historian who will introduce us to the main artists and works of the 19<sup>th</sup> century artist colony who resided in this area.

After breakfast at the Inn on Friday, we will drive to **Bloomington** and the **University of Indiana**. There, we will visit the galleries of the **Kinsey Institute for Research on Sex, Gender and Reproduction**, the **Mathers Museum of World Cultures**, and the **Indiana University Museum of Art**. Housed in a building designed by I.M.Pei, the IUMA is next door to the art school and auditorium which displays a number of **Thomas Hart Benton murals** from the Century of Progress exposition. While in B. Town, you'll have opportunity to try two different restaurants for lunch and dinner. Bloomington is considered quite a foodie town – an array of ethnic, vegetarian, and fine dining for you to select from to fit your own taste and budget.

Saturday will provide more time to discover the offerings of Nashville and Brown County. Explore independent shops and galleries on your own before we venture together on a drive through the **Hoosier National Forest** and **Brown County State Park**. While it is likely mid-November will be too late in the season for the full glory of autumn color, the thrill of driving along winding hilly roads through expansive woodlands should still prove to be a sensory awakening for most of us flatlanders. We'll tour the lovely historic **studio and homestead** of Hoosier artist **T.C. Steele**, and venture along its picturesque hiking trails before making a stop at the historic **Story Inn**.

On Sunday after check out, we'll stop at the **Brown County Antique Mall** in Gnow Bone before swinging through the state capitol for some time on your own at the **Indianapolis Art Museum** the grounds of which also include "100 Acres", the **Virginia Fairbanks Art and Nature Park**, and the **Old Fields Lilly House and Gardens**. We will take a quick dinner break in Lafayette before arriving back in DeKalb satiated and inspired.

The *Get-On-The-Bus* Overnight Trips of the NIU Art Museum are limited to a small group of explorers. Early bird discounts are available until September 9. Please contact Jo Burke for more information and to confirm registration.

Thursday-Sunday, November 13-16, 2014

Early Registration Discounts Available Through: September 9.

Final Registration Deadline: September 23.

Limited group size, space limited.

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[www.niu.edu/artmuseum/bus/trips](http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum/bus/trips)



Sperlock Museum, UIUC



Artist Colony Inn, Nashville, Indiana

**Registration Form - Four Easy Ways to Register**

PHONE your reservation, using your credit card for payment to: (815) 753-1936.

FAX your completed reservation form to (815) 753-7897.

MAIL your completed reservation to: NIU Art Museum , UI\_IU\_BrnCtyGOTBON, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115

BRING completed form to the Museum, first floor, west end Altgeld Hall, NIU, DeKalb.

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Artist Colony Inn, Nashville, Indiana

[ ] YES, include me/us in this delightful art and nature-filled trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ only \$660 (\$620 if registered before September 9) per person.

\_\_\_\_\_ only \$530 (**\$490 if registered before September 9**) per person (NIU LLI member, NI Travel Society member or NIU Art Museum member).

\_\_\_\_\_ \$240 single room supplement

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed

**All reservations confirmed by payment.**



Indiana University campus: Auditorium and IU Museum of Art

Fee includes: Transportation from NIU to Nashville, Indiana and various sites in between with stops in Champaign Urbana and Indianapolis; 3 nights, double occupancy (including taxes) at the shaker style Artist Colony Inn in the village of Nashville; includes daily buffet breakfast (or coupon toward menu breakfast); guided tour at the T.C. Steele state historical site and homestead; entry to Krannert Art Museum, Sperlock Museum of World History and Culture, Kinsey Institute for Research on Sex, Gender and Reproduction; Mathers Museum of World Cultures, Indiana University Art Museum, Indianapolis Art Museum, Virginia Fairbanks Art and Nature Park, Old Fields Lilly House and Gardens; Story Inn. Other meals on own, several options available. Limited group size as both bus and hotel space is limited.

Final Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 23. **Discount Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 9.**

Visit website at <http://www.niu.edu/artmuseum/bus/trips>

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Cel Phone (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Rooms have either One Queen or Two Queen Beds. Basic price is based on double occupancy.

I plan to share my room with (name): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to share my room with another traveler, if possible. Please introduce us.

[ ] Check payable to NIU; check number \_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] Charge fee to: [ ] VISA [ ] MasterCard [ ] Discover [ ] American Express

Name as written on credit card

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Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



The Story Inn in Brown County, oldest hotel in Indiana.

Refunds: Cancellations are accepted and refunds minus \$50 are issued, if written notification is received at least 50 days prior to the trip (September 23). Cancellations after that time will be refunded if the trip is full and the ticket can be resold. Full refunds are given when NIU cancels a program, or when a program with limited enrollment is over-subscribed. Substitutions may be made, without penalty, any time prior to the trip departure. Itinerary is subject to change.