

JUNE 2004, WCAA NEWSLETTER

WAYNE DEER GAMES

As WCAA's 57 decorated deer hit the streets in the days preceding Honesdale's downtown Arts Festival, Memorial Day Weekend, media coverage and community interest reached an all time high. Support for the collaborative effort between Greater Honesdale Partnership and our own organization has been overwhelming. If you have not yet had the opportunity to get up close to the decorated deer you will probably not realize how much effort, imagination and humor have gone into their creation. Congratulations are in order to all artists who have taken part in the decidedly **fun** Wayne Deer Games event.

Maps and silent auction sheets are available at all business locations sponsoring a deer. Please note: some deer are not visible from the road, eg, Settlers Inn deer is in the flower garden behind the Inn's terrace. Others are sometimes taken indoors. If you don't see a deer you're looking for, check with the business owner.

Ellen Silberlicht has Wayne Deer Games T-shirts available in small, medium and large for \$15. She may be contacted at 253-0285.

Several WCAA artists unveiling their Deer...



POETRY READING

Demonstrating widely different styles and content, poets Nancy Dymond, Lori Anderson Moseman and Marcia Nehemiah each took to the podium on the evening of May 29 in Bethany, briefly reading selected personal works to an appreciative packed house audience. In a diversion from previous readings, Wallenpaupack seniors Michael Weiss, Joseph Gruber and Jonathan Grant presented a tribute to Jose Garcia Villa followed by actual readings of Villa's work by Schuyler Grant and Mort Malkin, a former student of the great Phillipino poet. David Wolf provided musical entertainment in yet another form of poetry, the folk songs of Paul Simon and Bob Dylan.

“The first function of poetry, therefore, as of all literature, is the creation of emotion: its notation in beautiful form. Poetry should evoke an emotional response. The poet has a breathlessness in him that he converts into a breathlessness of words, which in turn becomes the breathlessness of the reader. This is the sign of the true poet. A poet thinks in terms of pictures. His are the words that cut out forms for the enchantment of the mind- to conquer it, to subdue it for the benediction of the heart. These then- emotion and imagery- constitute the first test of poetry: the test of substance. The second necessity of poetry is rhythm. This does not necessarily mean meter. Meter is only one kind of rhythm. Rhythm is cadence: symmetry of movement: wingedness of flow. Free verse, therefore is poetry. It does not have meter but it has rhythm. It is verse; it is not prose. Its rhythm is prose rhythm, but it is no longer prose: its content, its breathlessness of substance (if it has it), has lifted it above prose, has winged it to the height of poetry.” Jose Garcia Villa

Junie's Light

By Marcia Nehemiah

This won't be what you're expecting,
The title conjuring a woman in white,
Her long light hair lifted
Off her shoulders in the slightest wind-
You want the word “zephyr” here-
Trailing in mare's tails behind her. You wait
For “diaphanous” and “nymph.” You long
For her delicate fingers to reach out to you
As she rises, Botticelli's Venus in the woods,
Her bare feet barely touching moss-covered ground,
From life's muck and mire to bless you,
For a single moment,
With her grace.

But this poem happens to be about The Real Truth,
And Junie's a city guy finally in the country,
His small house snug on a woodsy hill.
He barbeques steak in the backyard,
Rubs the fenders of his Dodge Neon,
Waves when I walk by.
No one can hurt him here.
But he can't break his habit of fear,
So he's signed official permits
And trucks full of men arrive
To mount a streetlight at his driveway's edge,
On a pole that once flung branches
Out to the boreal sky.
And it's automatic,
Timed to the season's turnings,
So just when night begins to steep the air blue,
At the moment that darkness rises from the earth
And softens the edges of the limbs over him,
Melts the rocks to grey gauze,
Junie's light comes on and drops
A thick, yellow cocoon over his house.

The next evening devoted to the literary arts is planned for June 26 at 7 p.m. in Joan Hill's studio, Bethany. If you are interested in participating or for further information please call 253-5400 or 226-6831. Future readings for 2004 will be held September 25, October 30 and November 27.

LIBRARYFEST ART AUCTION

Wayne County Public Library will hold it's annual Libraryfest auction on the evening of June 25th at the Library grounds on Nth Main Ave, Honesdale. Any artist who is interested in donating a piece of original artwork to the auction is asked to bring their work to the library *as soon as possible*. In order to generate interest all donated artwork will be displayed from June 1 to June 25 at the library and sealed bids will be accepted. A significant proportion of last years donated artwork came from WCAA member artists and the Library is hopeful of enlisting our support again this year. As you know, the library's budget has been severely compromised due to budget cuts in Harrisburg. Please consider supporting this worthy cause. For more information contact the Library at 253-1220.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR NEWS

The Executive Committee announces the appointment of one new member to the WCAA Board of Directors; Jeff George of Honesdale. We are grateful to Jeff for taking on this extra responsibility and to all our board members who use their many talents on behalf of the WCAA.

LIFE DRAWING

The next life drawing session will be held on July 1 at 7p.m. in Joan Hill's studio in Bethany. For more information call Joan at 253-6824.

NEW MEMBERS

WCAA welcomes new members Carla Dolittle, Walter Clark, Nancy Dymond, Jan and Rolland Grote, Jane Biron, Anna Cordaro, Marissa Fasshauer and Susan Mycka.

NATURES GRACE ART EXHIBIT

"Natures Grace", 947 Main Street, Honesdale, will exhibit the work of individual artists until February 2005. Featured during June will be artwork by Ginny Kannengeisser.

CHARLES STREET POTTERY CLOSING

Marjory Kline will be closing her studio and moving to Florida at the end of June. She will be having an open house and pottery sale on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 (11 a.m.- 5 p.m.) and June 13 (11 a.m.- 2 p.m.) She is hopeful that you'll be able to stop by to say goodbye.

Marjory has some pottery equipment for sale: an older potter's wheel, a test kiln, a work table, shelving, and display racks. If anyone is interested, call her at 253-2648.

ARTISTS WEBPAGE

Member artists who wish to be included on the artists page of our website should submit a brief biography (100 word limit) and two examples of their artwork. If you have email capability, please send your bio and pictures to wcaa@waynecountyartsalliance.org or submit by mail to Liz Kedrick, 1808 Fair Avenue, Apartment A, Honesdale, PA 18431. For further information, call Liz at 251-4020.

ARTS ALLIANCE NEWS

The Newsletter committee welcomes submissions of possible interest to WCAA members. Please write to WCAA Newsletter, 1875 Fair Avenue, Honesdale, PA 18431. Or email sikamia@hotmail.com or phone 253-1000. Feel free to print the newsletter and share it with a friend.

EXHIBITIONS

Michael O'Neill will be showing Recent Paintings at the Marquis Art and Frame Second Floor Gallery, 515 Center Street, Scranton, from May 14 to June 12.

Michael Sell's oil pastel drawings entitled "The Suspicion of Representation" will be on show at the DVAA Gallery, Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, from June 11 to July 2. The opening reception will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on June 11.

Valerie Perry will be taking part in a group show entitled "Compilation, Formation, Sensation" at the DVAA Loft Gallery in Narrowsburg. The show will run from May 14 to July 2.

Lucille Norella will be exhibiting at Riches Glass and Fine Art Gallery, 88 South Main Street, New Hope, PA this summer with an Open House opening on June 5th from 6p.m. to 11 p.m. She will also be showing original and giclee prints at Artistic Impressions, Rt 6, Siniawa Plaza, Dickson City, PA from June 1 to June 30 with an opening reception Sunday June 6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Northeast Photography Club will hold its annual "Borders Bookstore" photography exhibit opening July 1 at Borders Books, Viewmont Mall in Dickson City. The exhibit will display approximately 20 photographs and will be on display through July. For additional information visit the club's website at www.northeastphotographyclub.org

HAPPENINGS

Wayne County Creative Arts Council lists the following summer events all to take place in Central Park, Honesdale beginning at 7:30 p.m. (with the exception of July 3rd.)

June 14 Flag Day- Historic song, dance and ceremony, including the Young Marines, elementary chorus and the Maple City Ancient Fife and Drum Corps

June 17 Lehman Dance and Silhouettes Baton Group

June 21 Jolly Joe and the Bavarians
June 28 Honesdale Dance Studio
July 1 Hickory Rose (Country)
July 3 5 p.m. Church Street Jazz Encounter, Crystal Band, Games,
Vendors and specialty entertainers. Fireworks starting at approximately 9:30
p.m.
July 5 Rain date for Fireworks and Jolly Joe
July 8 Choralaires
July 12 Y Gymnastics and Creative Dance by Christine
July 15 Stankey and the Cadets
July 19 Guitarist Rem Miszler and Friends
July 22 Old Time Fiddlers
July 26 Doug Smith All Star Dixieland Band
July 29 Northeast Barbershop
August 1 Big Tiny Young Show
August 5 Oxford Depot (Bluegrass)

Cobalt Blues Concert- Saturday June 19, 1 p.m. featuring Paul Rishell and Annie Raines, The Hurricanes, The Bob Malone Band, Carl Deitz and D Train. The concert will take place outdoors on the grounds of Cobalt Studios, Royce Rd and Walt Bishop Rd, Bethel, NY (opposite Smallwood, 1 mile Nth of Rt 17B). Tickets are \$20. For more information call 845-252-3177.

OPPORTUNITIES

North East Pennsylvania Regional Art announces the opportunity to enter its October 17 to November 14, 2004 regional biennial. Eligibility is restricted to NE PA and surrounding counties and will take place at four visual arts venues: The AFA Gallery, Scranton, Mahady Gallery at Marywood University, the Hope Horn Gallery at the University of Scranton, and the Linder Gallery at Keystone College. The events juror will be WCAA member and Director of Montclair Art Museum, NJ, Patterson Sims.

Slides of original artwork in any media executed within the last two years may be submitted with a \$20 application fee. Application forms are available upon request from WCAA, 1875 Fair Ave, Honesdale PA 18431, phone 253-1000. Submission deadline is July 23. Cash awards will be offered including \$1,000 for Best of Show, \$750 for First place, \$500 for Second Place and 3 awards of \$300 each for Third Place. One-person shows

will also be awarded. For more information call Sandra Povse, Marywood University Art Gallery at 570-348-6278.

Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack Chamber of Commerce annual Arts and Crafts Fairs in Bingham Park, Hawley will take place Saturday, June 19 and Saturday September 11, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost to participate as a vendor is \$40.00 for a 15' x 15' space. Crafts must be hand-made, not manufactured. Applications are available through the Hawley- Lake Wallenpaupack Chamber of Commerce' website at www.hawleywallenpaupackcc.com Phone 570-226-3191 for further information.

Patrice Corrigan of Panache Design, 1133 Main Street, Honesdale offers the opportunity to display artwork in the Garden Court area behind Déjà Vu Café and Panache during the busy summer months. For more information call 251-8313.