

## MAY 2004, WCAA NEWSLETTER

### INTERNATIONAL FOOD TASTING

Sunday, April 25, saw a record crowd attend the 3 hour long Food Tasting event at the Methodist Hall in Honesdale. Thirty cooks and several local restaurants worked together, donating their time and the cost of their ingredients to produce samplings of native foods from every corner of the world. From the cuisine of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan to South American treats from Chile, patrons were able to feast on a selection of fine foods for the nominal admission fee of \$10. Profit from the event will be used to publish a brochure advertising the Artists' Open Studio Tour of August 27, 28 and 29.



Chefs serving to the packed house

### DONATION RECEIVED

WCAA sincerely thanks Mr and Mrs Paul Dietche for their generous donation toward WCAA's programming costs.

### WCAA RECEIVES OFFICIAL NON-PROFIT STATUS

After completing the lengthy, detailed application for 501(c)3 status, WCAA Board member Attorney Frances Gruber, submitted the necessary forms to the IRS in November of 2003. Last month Attorney Gruber was notified of the success of our application. Principal benefits for WCAA are that the organization is now tax exempt and contributions to the organization are tax-deductible.

We wish to thank Attorney Gruber not only for the countless hours of labor associated with the application but also for her commitment to WCAA's continued growth.

### WAYNE DEER GAMES

In preparation for the Memorial Day Arts Festival Weekend in downtown Honesdale, 57 decorated and painted deer are now being given their final touches in studios throughout Wayne County and the deer project committee has re-titled the event. It will now be known as the Wayne Deer Games. Hoping to use the colorful, zany, creatively inspired deer to attract attention and customers, area businesses will display their sponsored deer for the duration of the summer in areas of highest visibility. Organizer Ellen Silberlicht believes that by combining fun and function the deer may inspire area residents to a greater awareness of the variety and benefits of art. Some may even be inspired to purchase their favorite deer at the end-of-summer auction. The deer will be auctioned to the highest bidders on August 21 at Honesdale's Park and Shop lot, Main Street, Honesdale.



Michael Hardesty with his "Bumblebee" otherwise known as "Beer

### LIFE DRAWING

This month's drawing session will be held Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Joan Hill's studio, Bethany. The June session will be on June 3 at the same location. For more information, please call Joan at 253-6824.

## NEW MEMBERS

WCAA warmly welcomes new members Noriko Iizuka, Edward Henderson, Elisabeth Ruyter, Sheri Rutledge, Jerry Stokes, Jacob Epstein, Central Park Gallery and Hugh McCammon. Our adult membership is now in excess of 120 members.

## POETRY READING

### **The Weaver Weaves**

By Nancy L. Dymond

With delicate care the weaver weaves  
the story of a nation,  
The shuttle, flashing warp to woof,  
Sings anew for each generation,  
If threads should break or snap or fray  
In the process of creation,  
She'll bind them up in the Grand Design  
Where they'll add a new fascination.

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The next Poetry Reading will take place at Joan Hill's studio on Saturday, May 29, at 7 p.m. This month's reading promises to be both enlightening and entertaining, with two promising young poets from Wallenpaupack joining WCAA's growing group of literary artists at the podium.

A reading by definition assumes an audience. Consider supporting our local poets and honoring their creative efforts by being part of that audience. An open mike session will follow the scheduled readings and refreshments will be served. For further information, call Frances Gruber at 253-5400 during business hours.

Future Poetry Readings will be held June 26, September 25, October 30 and November 27.

## LIBRARYFEST

Limited space is available for artists and craftspeople interested in taking part in Libraryfest's outdoor Arts Festival scheduled to take place on the Wayne County Public Library grounds, North Main Street, Honesdale on June 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Display areas, under the tent provided by the

library, will be issued on a first-come first-served basis. There is no entrance fee and no commission on sales: a great opportunity for member artists to show and sell artwork. Please contact Mary Vivo immediately to reserve space. Email [vivoring@ptd.net](mailto:vivoring@ptd.net) or phone 253-1312.

## NEPTA AWARDS CEREMONY



I. Glykokokalos and J. Hill presenting the Lakeside Players with their five NEPTA (Northeast Pennsylvania Theater Association) awards for their fall production of "Mixed Emotions". The awards ceremony was held on March 27, 2004 at the Mellow Theater at Lackawanna Junior College in Scranton.

## NATURE'S GRACE ART EXHIBIT

"Nature's Grace", 947 Main Street, Honesdale, will exhibit the work of individual artists until February 2005. Featured during May will be artwork by Hana Gorman. Stop in and check it out.

## 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](mailto: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 Ave, Honesdale, PA 18431, email [sikamia@hotmail.com](mailto:sikamia@hotmail.com) or phone 570-253-1000. 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. The opening reception will be Friday, May 14 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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 with an opening reception on the 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## HAPPENINGS

On May 12<sup>th</sup> Honesdale High School (HHS) will host an open house beginning at 5 p.m. at the newly constructed Career Center, Terrace Street, Honesdale. This new facility offers state-of-the-art technology for the wood, drafting, electric & engine, foods and visual arts classes. The dedication ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. followed by the annual choral concert. The HHS art department invites the public to its annual Art Show and "Give Art a Chance" silent auction & penny social also on May 12, at 5:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to see the new art room facilities which include a 10 station dark room, separate drawing room and a pottery room equipped with 9 potters wheels.

## OPPORTUNITIES

Self-published authors are invited to a forum to introduce, sell and sign your books on Saturday, May 15, 2004, at the East Monroe County Public

Library, Stroudsburg, PA. Limited space available. Call Ray at 570-476-1530.

Pocono Musicians of the American Federation of Musicians is accepting new members. No audition required. Pocono Musicians is a non-profit organization which operates a no-commission referral service for members. If being a union musician interests you, call Mark Hamza at 570-476-4321.

Craig Steven, Art Director of Adams Outdoor Advertising, invites artists interested in designing or painting artwork for display on Adams Billboard locations throughout Monroe, Wayne, Northumberland and Wyoming Counties to contact their Stroudsburg office. Adams will supply vinyl canvas, typically 672 square feet, while the artist will supply the talent and paint. Paintings will be featured as locations become available. Imagine seeing your artwork or design on a 14' x 48' roadside bulletin! Other options are available and artwork may be displayed for periods from One month to a year. For more information, contact Adams Advertising Sales Manager Wendy Hicks at 570-476-7427.