

WCAA Newsletter- January- February, 2005

MEMBERS MEETING

Our first members meeting of the year will take place on January 30th, at 3 p.m. in Central Park Gallery, Church Street, Honesdale. If you have ideas to share, comments you wish to express or simply would like to take advantage of the opportunity to meet other members of WCAA who share a similar interest in the arts, please plan to attend. WCAA is your organization and your support is vital to its success.

MONDAY MOVIES ON MAIN

Monday Night Movies will continue through January on January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Movies begin at 7 p.m. and are shown at the Café Déjà Vu, Main Street, Honesdale. In case of inclement weather, please call (570) 253-1000 on the day of the movie up till 6:30 p.m. to check for possible cancellation. Monday Movies are available free to our membership, but a \$5 donation is requested to cover dessert and coffee.

LIFE DRAWING

Life Drawing continues in January on Thursday, January 6 and Thursday, February 3, both at 7 p.m. in Joan Hill's studio, Bethany. For more information call Hugh McCammon at 224-0077 or Joan Hill at 253-6824.

ADIRONDACK CHAIRS come to Wayne County.

Wayne Deer Games, our summer 2003 special events project, was a huge success. Project Chair, Ellen Silberlicht, is in the planning stages of a sequel event for 2004: Painted Adirondack Chairs. If you are interested in decorating a chair or helping with the project (or know anyone else who is), please email Ellen at techart@ptd.net or give her a call at 253-0285. She needs your email address, telephone number and mailing address to begin preparations.

As a follow up on Wayne Deer Games, several decorated deer have found unlikely new homes in places such as Florida and Alaska and Ed Nocera's controversial 'Peace' deer has recently been sighted on the campus of Wesleyan College, CT, where it is believed to have taken up permanent residence.

NEW MEMBERS

WCAA welcomes new members Christine Martinez San Jose and Keegan O'Connell-Lilly.

OPEN STUDIO TOUR, 2005

This is the final call for artists interested in participating in the 2005 Artists Open Studio Tour scheduled to take place August 26, 27 and 28, 2005. The tour is juried and open to artists who maintain a studio within Wayne County. Applications by interested artists will be accepted until February 28, 2005. For more information contact Hana Gorman at 253-5949.

NATURE'S GRACE EXHIBIT

"Nature's Grace," Main street, Honesdale, will feature the artwork of Ellen Silberlicht during the month of January and Mitzi Kielar through February.

READERS PICK- A book review by Fr. Martin Boylan

Frank Lloyd Wright by Ada Louise Huxtable Penguin Book series, 2004

Frank Lloyd Wright ranks among the most noted and admired architects of the last century. This Penguin biography, authored by critic Ada Louise Huxtable, captures the man in his fullness. Wright's early years in rural Wisconsin, formed in him an abiding respect and love for nature. As his interest in architecture matured, Wright always looked to the natural world around him for inspiration. The sounds, sights, colors and beauty of nature impregnate his works and life.

Huxtable, a long time architecture critic for *The New York Times*, and now *The Wall Street Journal*, deftly portrays a towering figure of the last century with his many talents and considerable faults. Like all other humans, Wright was a product of his environment; but unlike many, he overcame, expanded, overhauled, and fashioned it in the image he desired. We believe in the natural world as the source of physical and spiritual fulfillment. He organized what he called "an organic architecture," which reflected a union of nature and the self and reflected a consummate awareness of the union of the arts, the spirit and the moral order.

Wright reinvented himself several times throughout his long career. His tumultuous personal life, sometimes tragic, sometimes chaotic, never seemed to influence his productivity and creativity. He kept working into his nineties and arguably became the best known architect in the world. His designs were ingenious, creative, unconventional, and always pushed the limit. Wright never stopped stressing his dedication to the search for a truly American architecture or claiming full credit for its invention.

Huxtable writes well and clearly with both veracity and admiration. She captures well the man and the method.

OPPORTUNITIES

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is calling for artists to submit entries to be considered for exhibition in the DVAA Gallery, Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. The deadline for submissions is January 21, 2005. For detailed submission guidelines, visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org

EXHIBITIONS

John Rocklin's exhibition entitled "Photography-Blues and American Roots," will be on display at Café Déjà Vu, 1139 Main Street, Honesdale from Saturday January 22 to February 28. The collection of photographs include "candid portraiture of musicians, capturing intimate personal moments of performers both famous and as yet undiscovered."

An opening reception will take place on Saturday, January 22 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Jeff George will show a collection of recent works entitled "Hobbijee" at the DVAA Gallery, Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY from February 19 to March 11. The opening reception will take place from 2p.m. to 4 p.m., February 19.

HAPPENINGS

The Himalayan Institute will hold the first in a series of open mic poetry nights, at the Institute's Main Street Café, 630 Main Street, Honesdale, on Friday, January 28 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Poets of all ages and abilities are welcome and are invited to participate. If you plan to read, please register with Sunita Singhi by January 26 at 253-5551, extension 3049 or by email at ssinghi@himalayaninstitute.org A second reading is planned for Friday, February 25.