

MEMBERS MEETING

WCAA's 2nd quarterly members meeting took place on April 17th in the Visitors Center, Honesdale. Despite the beckoning warmth of a gloriously, sunny spring day, a small but enthusiastic group of members assembled to hear project reports and the financial statement, discuss ongoing events, ask questions, and meet fellow supporters of the arts. Business and discussion aside, the meeting was adjourned in a timely fashion allowing those in attendance to take advantage of the rest of the afternoon outdoors.

Our next members meeting will be held July 31st at 3 p.m. also at the Visitors Center, Honesdale.

NORTH EAST PENNSYLVANIA THEATER ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The North East PA Theater Association (NEPTA) is an organization of Community Theater groups located in Northeastern PA. NEPTA's primary function is to promote community theater in this region. One of their most ambitious projects is the task of judging all productions by its member theater groups. Nepta currently has a membership of 5 community theater groups who are located in Wilkes Barre, Scranton, Lakeville, Carbondale and Montrose and who each typically stage anywhere from 2 to 6 full stage productions annually. Nepta's awards ceremony, a much anticipated black tie event styled after Hollywood's Academy Awards, is staged each spring in Scranton's beautifully refurbished Mellow Theater.



Illustration 2 The Lakeside Players



Illustration 1 Our President and Vice President announcing awards

This year, WCAA group member, The Lakeside Players, won a total of 10 awards for their 2004 full stage production of Leslie Sand's "Something to Hide".

The Lakeside Players continue to offer excellent community theater locally with the staging of "The Cemetery Club," by Ivan Menchell.

The play, a lively, touching comedy, revolves around the relationship between three middle aged, Jewish widows who meet monthly to visit their husbands' graves. When one of them meets and begins dating the local butcher, the others attempt to squash the budding romance.

May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. and on May 22 at 3 p.m. in the Lakeville Community Hall, Rt 590, Lakeville (across from Caesars Cove Haven). Tickets are \$12 at the door and group discounts are available. For more information call 226-6207 or visit www.lakesideplayers.net

For further information about Nepta and community theater opportunities in NEPA contact Tony Swartz at ars@ezaccess.net or visit www.neptatheaters.com

LITERARY ARTS EVENINGS CONTINUE

On Saturday, April 30th at 7 p.m. WCAA's spring Literary Arts Evenings will get underway with the first in a series of three poetry/short story events. The Literary evenings will take place at Joan Hill's studio, 467 Ash St, Bethany, on the last Saturday evenings of April, May and June.

Featured readers for the April 30th event will be writers Tom Lisenbee and Laura Moran.

Performing poet /writer, Tom Lisenbee, author of "Dogwalking and Other Poems," brings his dynamic style of story/poem presentation to Bethany with his reading of a short story from his collection. Tom recently retired to Lackawaxen from a forty-two year career as a symphonic musician, which included seventeen years as Principal Trumpet for the New York City Opera Orchestra. His fiction has appeared in the netzine, Wilmington Blues, and his poetry has appeared in the Chapbook of the Upper Delaware Writers Collective, The Literary Gazette of The River Reporter, Connections, and on-line at Rogue Scholars.

Laura Moran, a touring spoken word poet, was the recipient of a New York Foundation of the Arts grant for emerging writers at the Center for the Book Arts in New York City in 2004. For four years as vice-president of Projective Verse, Inc., she introduced children of all ages to the wiles of poetry and organized/hosted the Providence 2000 National Poetry Slam. Laura is co-organizer and Artistic Director of the Hosting of the Bards Festival and Adult Programming Coordinator at the Western Sullivan Public Library where poetry has become the cornerstone public activity.

Following the scheduled readings there will be an open mic opportunity and refreshments will be served.

The second Literary Arts Evening of the series will also be held in Joan Hill's studio at 7 p.m. on the evening of May 28th and will feature writer/poet Tracey Gass Ranze . For more information call 253-6824.

FIRST FRIDAY

Thanks to the generosity of Marilyn and Jerry Swendsen, owners of Central Park Gallery, WCAA announces the launch of a new project. 'First Friday' will feature new and on-going work by a different artist on the first Friday of each month at Central Park Gallery, Church Street, Honesdale. Project coordinator Trix Render sees the one night

openings as opportunities for artists to share their work with fellow artists and the interested public. As with any opening, it is also an opportunity to celebrate with an artist the completion of a new body of work. Hours will be from 6 - 9 p.m. and some artists will be featuring live music and other forms of entertainment.

Opening the First Friday series on May 6th will be expressionist painter, Ioannis Glykokokalos who will be showing a recently completed group of collaged paintings and prints.

Surrealist and primitive painter, Trix Render, will show her recently completed 'Dove' series on June 3rd.

Featured on July 1st will be the multi media artwork of art teachers Ellen Silberlicht, Mitzi Kielar and Ginny Kannengiesser.

'First Friday' in August will feature the nature photographs of Philip Garfield.

For further information about 'First Friday' call 224-0602.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD TASTING

WCAA will hold its third annual International Food Tasting on May 15, 2005, from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at the Central Methodist Hall on 11th Street in Honesdale. The event will feature food from many regions and countries, including South Africa, Armenia, Australia, Belgium, China, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Holland, Japan, Mexico, the Middle East, Poland, Slovakia, Turkey, Ukraine, and the United States. Several vegetarian dishes will be among the offerings.

The dishes will be prepared by a number of well-known local chefs from restaurants and establishments such as Café Deja Vu, Glinsky's Kitchen Capers, Himalayan Institute, J.J. Mack's, Jill's Kitchen, Nature's Grace, Settlers Inn, Tick Tocks and Torte Knox. Members of the Wayne County Arts Alliance will be serving up their own ethnic specialties. Also taking part is an acclaimed French chef (host of the recent PBS documentary 'Tales from the Vineyard') who will be on hand to make crepes.

The International Food Tasting will help raise funds to cover costs associated with WCAA's Artists' Open Studio Tour on August 26, 27 and 28.

Tickets for the Food Tasting are \$10.00 at the door.



Illustration 3 Chefs at 2004 Foodtasting

THANK YOU

WCAA extends its sincere thanks to John Russo, Eastern Propane and The Wellness Center for their generous donations to our arts programming.

NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome new members Beverly Ketterer, Vince Griffis, Marie David, Sigrid Wilshinsky, Ted Sokolowski, Nancy Wells and business member American Real Estate Investment Holdings, Inc. Our current individual membership stands at 189.

LIBRARYFEST

Limited space is available for WCAA artists and craftspeople interested in taking part in Libraryfest's outdoor Arts Festival scheduled to take place on the grounds of the Wayne County Public Library, North Main Street, Honesdale, on May 28th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Display areas, under the large 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. This is a great opportunity to show, make sales and take part in Honesdale's Memorial Day Arts and Antiques Weekend. The Libraryfest committee is in the process of organizing live musical entertainment and food concessions to add to the festive atmosphere and has stepped up advertising of the event. If you are interested in participating in this event please call Liz Kedrick at 251-4020 before May 15.

LIFE DRAWING

This month's drawing session will be held Thursday, May 5th at 7 p.m. in Joan Hill's studio, Bethany. The June session will be on June 2nd at the same location. For more information call Hugh McCammon at 224-0077.

WAYNE COUNTY SEATS

The Chairs are coming!!

The Adirondack chairs for our County Seats event have been shipped and participating artists will soon be painting, decorating and creatively altering individual chairs into unique works of art. Once again the town will be decorated and the buzz revived. The chairs' debut will be Memorial weekend when the town will come alive with the Arts and Antiques Festival planned by The Greater Honesdale Partnership.

Whether you have "done up" a chair or not....look for the WCAA banner at the Fred Miller Pavilion on Main Street, Honesdale on Saturday, May 28th, and pick up a map, brochure and County Seats T-shirt. There will be 36 decorated County Seats in all. Once again, we hope this will give Wayne County something positive to talk about and experience.

Wrapping up the event will be the chair auction scheduled for Saturday,

August 6th, at the Texas 4 Fire Hall, Honesdale. Come and volunteer your help....hang out for the fun....or bid on your favorite county seat. Either way, mark your calendars!
The County Seats committee needs help with activities planned for Saturday, May 28th. If you can assist at the Fred Miller Pavilion on that day for an hour or so please contact Ellen @ 253-0285 Thanks to all of you who help make every event a successful one!

NATURE'S GRACE EXHIBIT

Mary Vivo will be the featured artist at the "Nature's Grace" showcase on Main Street, Honesdale for the month of May.

WCAA NEWSLETTER NEWS

The Public Relations committee welcomes Nancy Dymond to the Newsletter sub-committee. Without the talents of our members willing to give up their time to help realize the WCAA vision we could not exist. Many thanks to Nancy and to all our members working on WCAA projects.

Nancy is also our Volunteer Coordinator. She can be reached at 253-4964.

TIMID WRITERS

Have you read a book lately which you loved... one which was worth every minute of the time you spent reading it... a book which you feel inspired to share and recommend to other readers? If so, please consider submitting a brief book review to the WCAA Newsletter for possible inclusion in a future addition. Send submissions to Nancy Dymond at artsalliancenews@yahoo.com.

HAPPENINGS

Honesdale High School art department will hold their annual Art Show and Auction on May 26th from 5 - 9 p.m. at the High School. If you haven't visited the new art facility at HHS, this would be a perfect opportunity to do so while showing your support for the High School "art kids".

Wayne County Creative Arts Council announces its Summer 2005 Festival of Park Events:

Monday

Thursday

June 13th - Music and Songs
of Faith

June 16th - Young Musicians
of Wayne Co

June 20th - Grassmasters
Studio

June 23rd - Honesdale Dance

June 27th - The Silhouettes Baton
Group

June 30th - Oxford Depot
Lehman School of Dance

Sunday July 3rd - Independence Day Celebration
Fireworks (rain date July 5th)

July 7th - Choralaires

July 11th - Good Vibes

July 14th - Hickory Rose

July 18th - Jolly Joe and the Bavarians

July 21st - Old Time Fiddlers

July 25th - Dixieland All Stars

July 28th - N.E. Barbershop

August 1st - Them Again

August 4th - Stanky and the
Cadets

Milford Music Festival will take place on June 11 and 12 at the main stage in Milford's Ann Street Park as well as several locations around town. For details visit the festival website at www.milfordmusicfestival.org

Catskill Art Society (CAS) will hold a series of Wilderness Art Retreats for "those seeking a deeper relationship with their practice and those interested in exploring the art of living".

Each retreat is limited to 8 people and will be led by Executive Director of CAS, Richard Reeve. Dates for retreats are June 24 - 26, July 29 - 31 and August 12 - 14 and the cost is \$225 for CAS members and \$250 for non-members. For more information visit the CAS website at www.catskillartsociety.org email info@catskillartsociety.org or tel 845-436-4227.

OPPORTUNITIES

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) and the Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce are calling for fine art and craft vendors interested in taking part in RiverFest 2005. The festival, which celebrates the ecological, cultural and recreational wonders of the Delaware River, will be held on Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, on Sunday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The deadline for applications is May 21. For further information call DVAA at 845-252-7576 or visit their website at www.ArtsAllianceSite.org

Brahman Arts Conservatory is offering the following classes:
Do you have an artistic spirit and have not found the time to explore it? Here is your chance. This is a fun, hands-on workshop for ages 12-105. There is much to be learned whether you are a first timer, beginner, or practicing professional artist.

Ever wonder how Van Gogh applied his paint to get those extraordinary colors? Are you fascinated by different painting techniques but don't understand the mechanics of using them? Here is your chance to learn it all by turning the basic materials into ready to use mediums and explore some basic techniques that might turn you into the next Rembrandt.

Artist and teacher, Thomas Bosket will be offering a series of courses that will allow participants to create or alter their own paints and mediums and learn the various art techniques that have allowed everyone from Mummy portrait painters to Andrew Wyeth to complete their artistic visions.

Format:

Each session will begin with a small lecture in the materials usage and history (if appropriate). This part will include images that track the history of the material in artists' works. The lecture will be followed by a demonstration of the materials and a hands-on experimentation section.

Artist Biography:

Thomas Bosket did his graduate painting work at Yale University. He is currently teaching at Parsons School of Design and Pratt Institute. He teaches Foundation Courses (Color, Life Drawing, and Painting), as well as Advanced Courses in Anatomy and Painting Processes. The material from Painting Processes will be integrated into these weeks of study.

Week One: Encaustics (This hot wax technique was used to create the Fayum mummy portraits, and more recently used by Jasper Johns.)

Week Two: Egg Tempera (This technique uses egg yolk as a binder to create paint. Commonly used in Medieval painting, Byzantine iconography, and pre-oil paint Renaissance work. It is more recently used by Reginald Marsh and Andrew Wyeth.)

Week Three: Oil Paint and Mediums (Most people are familiar with oil paint, but not with the mediums. We will explore the constituents of mediums and how they can be combined to affect the application of paint.)

- cold wax techniques
- resins-canadian balsam, damar, mastic, and venetian turpentine
- oils- linseed, stand, walnut, poppy, and black
- solvents- turpentine, orange based, and mineral spirits

Week Four: Gouache and Watercolor (We will learn the common binders used in creating these paints.)

Week Five: Pastels and Oil Sticks (We will create our own pastels and oil/wax sticks. This allows the artist more control over the products qualities and also is far more economical.)

Week Six: Acrylic and Additives (Acrylic technology has changed so much in the last twenty years. The paint qualities are far reaching and the additives - that may also be used in oil/enamel/and encaustics- affect paint texture, drag, and rheology.)

- inert ingredients- blanc fixe, aluminum hydrate, dextrin, etc..
- texture additives- polycarbonates, garnet, rubber tires, etc..

Additional Sessions will be offered at the studio of Mr. Bosket to allow participants to practice with the materials further. These sessions will be three hours long, require a minimum of six people, and have a \$30 fee to cover materials and additional teaching time. (Private sessions can be arranged to explore materials issues as well as drawing/painting/color/design/and anatomy.) If you are looking for an opportunity to push yourself artistically, to explore your capabilities, and to learn new information about materials, this workshop is for you. Braman Arts Conservatory is a non-profit 501(c)3 arts organization offering classes in the arts. You can view a schedule at www.bramanarts.org or call them at (845) 887-1901.

Mr. Bosket can be reached at (845) 887-4782

Fee: \$15 per class (There is a discount if you sign up for all six sessions after the first class.) There is a \$5 materials fee per session in addition to the class fee, no discount.

Artists and Craftspeople interested in exhibiting at the Moscow County Fair can access information, eligibility, location, awards and exhibit forms at www.moscowcountyfair.org email www.moscowartshow@yahoo.com or tel 570-842-7278.