

*The Newsletter is a monthly online publication that welcomes input from members of the Wayne County Arts Alliance and others interested in extending the beneficial influence of the arts.*

## **WAYNE COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE.... NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2006**

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### **New Members**

We warmly welcome new individual members:  
*Jennifer and John O'Reilly, The Bliss Brothers,  
Lisa Lucrezi, and Anita McKenna-Murphy*

The Wayne County Arts Alliance Thanks These Businesses For Their  
Recent Donations

- Unilever United States Foundation, Inc.
- Art and Pat Sorrentino
- Highlights for Children
- Honesdale National Bank
- Quality Printing and Copying
- ReMax of Wayne County
- DVC Construction Inc
- Penn Security Bank and Trust Co
- Woodloch Pines
- Howell, Howell & Krause
- The Dime Bank

***WCAA Welcomes New Director, Liz Kedrick***

*Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible,  
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*

These famous words of St. Francis of Assisi contain the core concept that has driven the Wayne County Arts Alliance on its 4-year path of discovery and development. What was necessary was a powerful vision that would facilitate a practical connection between the community of Wayne County and the untapped potential of the artists within the community. Positive energy generated initially by a small group of artists grew into the possibility of a county-wide arts organization. Now that the dreamed-of possibilities have expanded into eagerly anticipated annual events such as the Artists' Studio Tour, the International Food Tasting, and the late summer art event auctions, the Wayne County Arts Alliance has taken the logical next step of appointing a Director.

Liz Kedrick, well known for her tireless volunteer contributions both in front of and behind the scenes, has been hired as a part-time Director to coordinate the efforts of the growing organization. Liz will continue to maintain the WCAA website as she formulates strategies to bring the arts alive in a way that will benefit the artists and the community. She looks forward to developing relationships with the membership in her new capacity as Volunteer Coordinator and to expanding the arts offerings in the area by means of grant funding, aided by grant consultant, Tamara Murray.

Anyone wishing to contact the Wayne County Arts Alliance should call their new phone number (570) 253-6850.

#### ***Director's Remarks...***

Newly appointed WCAA Director, Liz Kedrick reaffirmed her commitment to the mission of the Wayne County Arts Alliance with these words...

***As Director I will work to support the mission of the WCAA: to promote the arts in Wayne County. Much has been accomplished already. Programs have been set up in many different creative fields providing opportunities for visual and folk artists, craftspeople, writers, musicians, performers and emerging artists in every discipline. I encourage members of the community to join WCAA and become a part of this very exciting grassroots endeavor. Organizations and individuals together can help keep our community healthy, vibrant, and an exciting place to live, work and raise families. With the community's support, we will keep bringing you activities like Wayne Deer Games and Wayne County Seats, Short Readings, group shows, Writers' Conferences, Open Mic Nights at the Fireside, theater performances, and so much more.***

***I would like to thank the Board of the Wayne County Arts Alliance for this unique opportunity they've given me to be a part of something I believe in, using arts and our cultural heritage to enhance our community.***



## **WCAA GETS A REAL OFFICE**

***(with a desk, computer, phone & everything!)***

Another dream manifests on Main Street! Suzanne and Stephen Putzi graciously offered the WCAA full use of a downtown, 2-room office on the second floor of a building they own. Already, Director Liz Kedrick and volunteers have been busy moving a computer, furniture, and equipment into the new headquarters at 742 Main Street, Suite 201, Honesdale, above the Coldwell Banker office.

After the General Members' Meeting Wednesday evening at the Fireside Restaurant, Suzanne Putzi said, "We are happy to help the Wayne County Arts Alliance in this way. It helps us, too, because it is our desire to share our enthusiasm for the arts with our community."

The new office will be staffed by volunteers answering the phone and performing other duties as needed by the organization. The office will help to keep the WCAA visible in the community all year long and serve as a place to hold board and committee meetings. The phone number for the new WCAA office is (570) 253-6850.



## **WCAA BUILDS PARTNERSHIP WITH AREA SCHOOLS**

Beginning in January 2006 the Wayne County Arts Alliance will be presenting three, fifty-dollar ***Fine Arts Student of the Month Awards*** to outstanding students from Wallenpaupack, Western Wayne, and Wayne Highlands school districts each month. Students will be recommended for the awards by their teachers.

At a recent board meeting, Peter Paulicks, a Honesdale High School instrumental music instructor, and Lori Gearhart, Fine Arts Faculty Department Chairman at Wallenpaupack Area High School, presented the ideas that faculty at the three schools had discussed in reply to the WCAA's suggestion that an organization outside of the school district sponsor an award to recognize students' accomplishments in the arts.

The board, agreeing that the program was in step with the mission of the WCAA to encourage and promote the arts in Wayne County, approved funding for the awards through May 2007.

## ***WAYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO HOST ROTATING ART EXHIBIT OF REGIONAL ARTISTS***

Soon artists will have a chance to participate in a rotating art exhibit at the Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale. Agreeing that their common mission is to “..enhance and support their community by uplifting and inspiring lives through the color, shapes, and images of artists and the healing hands and hearts of healthcare workers,” Wayne Memorial Hospital and the Wayne County Arts Alliance have signed a twelve-month agreement to allow area artists, who are members of the WCAA, to display their work in the new wing of the hospital. The exhibits will be changed at four-month intervals.

The idea of an art exhibit in the hospital has been in talks for months while details were being ironed out. Selection criteria are based on a set of standards that speak to practical purposes such as space, artistic elements representing an influential movement, genre, or national culture, and content that is consistent with the mission of Wayne Memorial Hospital.

Artists who wish to display their work at the hospital may call WCAA President Yanni Glykokokalos at (570) 253-1000 for more details.

***Are you ready for the summer buzzzzzz?*** No, not the bees, but the birdhouses that will populate Wayne County! The WCAA fun....draiser this year will be very visible, very large birdhouses on poles that will be on display all summer at local business sites.

The decorated deer of ***Wayne Deer Games*** kicked off our first season, the Adirondack chairs we called ***County Seats*** were everyone’s favorites, and now we are ready to flock to our third venture – giant birdhouses. ***Home Tweet Home*** will be a great marriage of creativity and functionality! The artists get a wonderful “canvas” in the form of a 2-foot high birdhouse. Two different types of birdhouses are available to participating artists. Artists may also elect to design a birdhouse from scratch.

Although we are leaving the decoration up to the artist, we do ask that the pieces be made weather-resistant so they can serve their intended use outdoors. Each birdhouse will be attached to a pole and planted in a 5-gallon bucket for summer display.

This year Sloane Creech, a high school student, will be helping Ellen coordinate the event. One thing she will be doing is calling artists who’ve participated in past events. If you are interested in decorating a birdhouse, give Ellen Silberlicht a call at 253-0285 or send her an e-mail at [techart@ptd.net](mailto:techart@ptd.net). This year promises to be the best yet!

So, join in the fun.....sign up to “do up” a birdhouse today!

*Volunteers Needed...*

We are looking for volunteers to help out selling t-shirts, supplying maps to local businesses throughout the summer, helping out at the auction which will be August 19th at the Texas No. 4 Firehall and more. Let Ellen know if she can count on you for your helping hands!

**2006 SEASON OF ART EVENTS  
NEEDS COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS**

Even though the snow is still falling and Spring seems so far away, the WCAA event committee chairpersons are hard at work planning for the next successful season. There are many exciting choices for volunteer activity. For starters, the new office needs people who can commit as little as an hour a week to answer phones and do clerical work.

Each of the major events needs people to help. Here's an abbreviated list of the events and tasks available. You may pick up a complete list and volunteer form at the new WCAA office on the second floor of 742 Main St., Ste. 201, Honesdale.

*Open Studio Tour*, Aug. 25, 26, and 27, needs artists to participate in the juried tour (Deadline for artists is Feb. 28), brochure distributors, and someone to organize hanging the banner on Main Street in Honesdale.

*Literary Evenings*, beginning again on Sat., April 29 at 7 p.m. at Joan Hill's studio, needs someone to organize refreshments, a PR person to write and distribute press releases, and someone to coordinate artists and print evening schedules.

The *4<sup>th</sup> International Food Tasting* (Tentatively scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>) needs good cooks, flyer distributors, table bussers, crowd handlers, and more.

Choose from the above or put your energy to work during the *LibraryFest* in late Spring, the *Writers' Conference* in October, *Home Tweet Home* (the artist-decorated

birdhouses) debuting in May with an auction in August, or consider participating in the *Mentoring Program*.

Volunteers are at the heart of the Wayne County Arts Alliance. The WCAA needs and appreciates the talents and energy of all those people who love to help expand the role of the arts in Wayne County. To get involved, call WCAA Director, Liz Kedrick, at (570) 253-6850.

## 🎵 News 'N' Notes 🎵

Are you currently exhibiting your work? Let everybody know! Call or email the newsletter at [artsallianceness@yahoo.com](mailto:artsallianceness@yahoo.com).

If you like music - Open Mic at the Fireside Restaurant needs you to come out and have fun every Wed. evening from 8 - 10 p.m. Note the new later times!

If you write or take photos at WCAA events - Please consider contributing to the WCAA Newsletter. Email us at [artsallianceness@yahoo.com](mailto:artsallianceness@yahoo.com).

### Just Suppose.....

- *Just suppose... the art community held an 'Art Swap' where artists could buy, sell, or swap used or surplus supplies for other supplies or for artwork?*
- *Just suppose... all our readers sent in a crazy (or no-so-crazy) "Just Suppose..." for this column?*
- *Just suppose...the tax code were written in rhyming couplets and you could pay what you owed with a piece of original artwork?*
- *Just suppose...the Courthouse created an office for a Poet Laureate of Wayne County?*
- *Just suppose...a group of artists worked with the Historical Society to restore the still visible merchant signs on the old Honesdale buildings such as the one on the police station that reads: Furniture and Undertaking?*

## ***Artists Exhibiting...***

WCAA member ***Lucille Norella*** is presently exhibiting her work at Lizza Studios, 155 Bridge Street, Tunkhannock, Pa--The Gallery is open M to F 9 to 5 and Saturday 10-5.

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## ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS

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**FOR THE FIRST YEAR EVER**, the *Wayne County Visitors Guide* will include a section heading called *Art & Antiques*. Besides featuring the Artists' Studio Tour, there will be space available for artists to run a 2, 3, or more line ad. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to be in the public eye 12 months a year. To find out more, call Yanni at 253-1000.

### ***OPEN MIC AT THE FIRESIDE*** ***(Later and Greater)***

“It used to be 7 p.m. to 9 or 10 p.m.,” says John Rocklin, Open Mic Chairperson, of the growing popularity of the weekly music get-together at the Fireside Restaurant. “Things have changed. By about 10 o'clock there will be 100 people in here. They really get into the music and sing along sometimes.”

Warm up with your friends (and make some new ones) on any Wednesday evening at the Fireside Restaurant a few miles north of Honesdale on Route 191. The music starts around 8 p.m. and continues till 10 or later. Musicians, please arrive early to get a spot on the list.

***LIFE DRAWING Is Taking a 2-Month Break Until April.....We*** meet on the first Thursday of each month from 7 pm to 10 pm at Joan Hill's Studio in Bethany, PA. The next monthly meeting will be held on April 6, 2006. Fees are \$15 for members and \$30 for nonmembers for each 3-month season. Single sessions are \$10 per session. To sign up or for information please call Sue Mycka at (570) 224-4598.

***NATURE'S GRACE EXHIBIT.....Sue Bleier*** will be the featured artist at the “Nature’s Grace” showcase on Main Street, Honesdale for the month of February.



## ***OPPORTUNITIES!.....***

### ***CALL FOR STUDIO TOUR ARTISTS***

WCAA is seeking artists to participate in its 2006 Artists Open Studio Tour scheduled to take place August 25, 26 and 27, 2006. The event is juried and open to artists who maintain a studio in Wayne County. Interested artists are encouraged to contact WCAA as soon as possible. The deadline for application is February 28. For information call 570-785-5322.

**Connections Magazine** is offering an opportunity for Artists to exhibit and sell their artwork through their CM Artscene Gallery. Your artwork will be exhibited in three separate issues of Connections Magazine. The next available rotation is May, June and July. Circulation is approximately 25,000 families and is distributed in three States: Pennsylvania, parts of New York and New Jersey.

If you are interested please contact Lucille Norella, Artscene Coordinator at [Lnorella@echoes.net](mailto:Lnorella@echoes.net) or call her at 570-488-6742.

***CALL FOR AUDITIONS...*** Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" (The Female Version) The Lakeside Players will hold auditions for their Spring production of The Odd Couple (Female Version) on Sunday, February 19th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm and on Monday, February 20 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at The Lakeside Players Actor's Attic at 14 9th Street, Honesdale, PA. (This is the Spotless Cleaners building. The Actor's Attic is on the second floor and the entrance is on the right side of the building) Needed are 4 women and 2 men ages 30 and up. The roles of Florence and Olive have been cast, all other roles are open and no experience is necessary. The show will be performed the end of April and beginning of May. If you have any questions you may contact Debbi Chambers at 570-842-4731.

The **2006 Chelsea International Fine Art Competition**, Agora Gallery of New York City is pleased to announce its 21st International Juried Competition. The competition is open to all artists 18 years of age or older working in all media with the exception of video art, film and interactive art. Exhibition - July 21st to August 10th, 2006.

\$1000 in prizes will be awarded to three artists (\$500, \$300 & \$200). Internet Promotion will be awarded to six (6) artists to be placed on [www.Art-Mine.com](http://www.Art-Mine.com) for a period of one year. Review by an art critic will be awarded to one (1) artist one-page review with color images in ArtisSpectrum magazine. Internet - images of the exhibited artwork will be placed on the Agora Gallery web site, [www.Agora-Gallery.com](http://www.Agora-Gallery.com), for one year.

Website:<http://www.agora-gallery.com/> Prospectus:<http://www.agora-gallery.com/2006>  
Deadline March 8, 2006.

## **EQUINE ART CONTEST**

Seeking art on equine themes in any medium for exhibition May 25 – June 24, 2006. For prospectus, send SASE to New Jersey Equine Artists' Association, Box 177, Lebanon, NJ 08833 or [xochitlb@earthlink.net](mailto:xochitlb@earthlink.net). Deadline March 10, 2006.

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MILE HIGH NATIONAL 2006 EXHIBITION** sponsored by the Pastel Society of Colorado. June 8-Aug. 2, 2006 at the International Plaza building in Denver, CO. Send SASE to Diane Fechenbach, 2204 Stratford Ct., Highlands Ranch, CO 80216-4256. Deadline for receipt of Entries: April 10, 2006. Website: <http://www.pastelsocietyofcolorado.org/> Deadline April 10, 2006.

**ALPAN INTERNATIONAL 2006**, Huntington, Long Island, NY - 2D, 3D Any artist over 18 years of age working in two and three dimensions in any media (including photography, digital art, installation). Maximum size of 6 ft. in height or width for 2D works, and 6 ft. in any dimension for 3D works. For more information, download the prospectus. Website: <http://www.alpangallery.org/events.aspx> Prospectus: <http://www.alpangallery.org/prospectus/Alpan2006Prospectus.pdf> Deadline April 29, 2006.

**Wanted:** Creative artist for ceiling mural work. For information call Ron Whitiak at 947-7964.

## **Art Biologic SlowArt Productions (Phoenicia NY)**

ART BIOLOGIC is a thematic exhibition based on art inspired from the biological world. It is open to all artwork dealing with the biological world that does not include figurative art of human beings. All forms of landscape, fruits, vegetables, flowers and animals are included. The exhibition will be held at the Limner Gallery, May 11 - June 3, 2006 and is open for entry to all artists. The exhibitors will also be published in Direct Art Magazine. Deadline: February 28, 2006 Application Fee: \$30 for four, \$5 each additional Contact [slowart@aol.com](mailto:slowart@aol.com) or obtain info from web site at <http://www.slowart.com/prospectus/biologic.htm>

**The ARTS FOR THE PARKS competition** was created in 1986 by the National Park Academy of the Arts. Our program is designed to celebrate representational artists, to enhance public awareness of the National Parks and to contribute to programs benefiting the National Park System. It is an annual competition that honors artists who have best captured the spirit of our National Park System. <http://www.artsfortheparks.com/>

## **Call for Women Photographers**

Photographer Joan Glase is curating an exhibit in the Delaware Arts Center's Loft Gallery in June 2006 titled *As We See Us*. Women photographers with a flair for portraiture and self portraits are encouraged to submit. Those interested in participating can contact Joan

at 845-932-8499 or email samples of your work to [glasephoto@earthlink.net](mailto:glasephoto@earthlink.net).

### **Wildlife Artists Wanted**

The Catskill Center's Erpf Gallery is looking for artists working in all media for its 2006 season of exhibits. The theme will be the diverse Catskill fauna, wild or domesticated. Photographers, painters, illustrators, watercolorists, sculptors and the like who have incorporated the subject into their art are encouraged to submit slides, photos or CDs to: Inverna Lockpez, Erpf Gallery Curator, The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development, P.O. Box 504, Route 28, Arkville, NY 12406. For more info call 845-586-2611 or email [inverna@catskill.net](mailto:inverna@catskill.net). website: [www.catskillcenter.org](http://www.catskillcenter.org)

### **Poetry Prize Contest**

Seeking poetry by U.S. Poets for \$1,000 honorarium, book publication, reading, and residency. Electronic submissions preferred. Entry fee. Contact Four Way Books, Box 535, Village Station, New York, NY 10014 or [www.fourwaybooks.com](http://www.fourwaybooks.com).  
Deadline March 31, 2006.

### **Call for Writing From Saranac Review**

Seeking poetry (3 poems) and fiction/nonfiction (1 piece) from new and established writers for journal issue. Multiple submissions accepted. Email [saranacreview@plattsburgh.edu](mailto:saranacreview@plattsburgh.edu) for more information.  
Deadline April 1, 2006.

### **Poetry Contest**

Seeking humorous poems with a special twist. Top prize \$1,190. No fee. For complete guidelines, please contact Wergle Flomp Poetry Contest, Winning Writers Inc., 351 Pleasant St., PMB 222, Northampton, MA 01060 or email [adam@winningwriters.com](mailto:adam@winningwriters.com).  
Deadline April 1, 2006.

### **Annual Poetry Prize**

\$5,000 and publication for a first collection of poetry, 48-100 pages. Entry fee. For complete guidelines, send SASE to University of Pittsburgh Press, Agnes Lunch Starrett Poetry Prize, 3400 Forbes Ave., Eureka Bldg. 5<sup>th</sup> FL, Pittsburgh, PA 15260 or visit [www.pitt.edu/~press](http://www.pitt.edu/~press).  
Deadline April 30, 2006.

### **Call For Writing**

Seeking short stories, poems, personal essays, novel excerpts, and reviews for quarterly publication with circulation of 2000. Entry fee \$10/page; fiction and nonfiction under 10,000 words; up to six poems any length. Submit hard copy. Contact New England Review, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753 or 802-443-5075 or [nereview@middlebury.edu](mailto:nereview@middlebury.edu).  
Deadline May 31, 2006

### **International Short Film Festival May 4-6, 2006**

Seeking short films and videos in all genres (up to 30 min.). Entry fee. For complete guidelines, contact Movies On A Shoestring Inc., Box 17746, Rochester, NY 14617, or <http://RochesterFilmFest.org> or [president@rochesterfilmfest.org](mailto:president@rochesterfilmfest.org)  
Deadline Feb. 14, 2006.

### **Brooklyn International Film Festival**

Seeking feature, documentary, experimental, short and animation films for top prize of \$5,000. All formats accepted. Preview on VHS/DVD (non-returnable). For more info, contact Susan E. Mackell, Brooklyn International Film Festival, 180 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 2S, Brooklyn, NY 11211 or [www.brooklynfilmfestival.org](http://www.brooklynfilmfestival.org) or [susan@wbff.org](mailto:susan@wbff.org).  
Deadline March 5, 2006.

### **Photography Exhibition March 11-April 9, 2006**

Seeking submissions for exhibition featuring alternative representations of urban life and exploring the city as a "contact zone" as defined by Mary Louise Pratt. Submit up to 3 entries. Entry fee. For prospectus please send SASE to Arts & Literature Laboratory, 35 Peck St. New Haven, CT 06513 or [allgalleryct@yahoo.com](mailto:allgalleryct@yahoo.com).  
Deadline Feb. 3, 2006.

### **National Juried Art Exhibition April 18-May 7, 2006**

Seeking entries on the theme of realism. Open to all media except photography and computer art. \$10,000 in awards. For more info, please send SASE to Helen, Hudson Valley Art Association, Box 4137, Stamford, CT 06907 or [jstatge@yahoo.com](mailto:jstatge@yahoo.com)  
Deadline Feb. 27, 2006.

### **78<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition May 13-June 15, 2006**

Seeking entries in all media. Entry fee. For prospectus, please send SASE to Art Association of Harrisburg, 21 N. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17101 or [www.artassocofhbg.com](http://www.artassocofhbg.com).  
Deadline Feb. 28, 2006.

### **Juried Northeast Art Exhibition May 2-June 9, 2006**

Seeking artwork from artists residing in CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT. \$4,000 - \$8,000 awards. Open to all media. Entry fee. For prospectus, send #10 SASE to Art of the Northeast, Silvermine Guild Arts Center, 1037 Silvermine Rd., New Canaan, CT 06840, or visit [www.silvermineart.org](http://www.silvermineart.org) or [guild@silvermineart.org](mailto:guild@silvermineart.org).  
Deadline March 3, 2006.

### **41<sup>st</sup> Annual Juried Fine Arts And Craft Show May 13-14, 2006**

Over \$2,000 in awards. For a prospectus, log on to [www.bfac-lv.org](http://www.bfac-lv.org) or send SASE to Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission, 2015 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18017, or call 610-868-1229.  
Slide deadline: Feb. 17, 2006.