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WCAA AND WAYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL COMBINE HEALING WITH ART IN NEW GROUP SHOW

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,” the Wayne County Arts Alliance and Wayne Memorial Hospital have signed a twelve-month agreement to allow area artists, who are members of the Wayne County Arts Alliance, to display their work in the new wing of the hospital. The exhibits will be changed at four-month intervals.

Works of art that have been chosen for the first of three rotating exhibits were selected for their ability to portray artistic elements that represent an influential movement, genre, or national culture as well as to speak to practical purposes such as space. They include watercolors, oils, acrylics, prints, fiber arts, photographs, and mixed media. The artists whose works will be featured in the first segment include Rob Sepanek, Janet Gaglione, Nancy Wells, John Rocklin, Jeff George, Ellen Silberlicht, Yanni Glykokokalos, George Puchmajer, Liba Puchmajer, Karen Schmeckpeper, Charles Woods, Roger Hill, and Naomi Teppich.

Please watch the local papers for an announcement of the art opening. The exhibit will be free and open to the public. Artists who wish to display their work at the hospital may call WCAA President, Yanni Glykokokalos at (570) 253-1000 for more details.



WCAA OFFICE GRAND OPENING

The date for the Grand Opening festivities at the new WCAA office in downtown Honesdale will be set after the installation of the WCAA sign. Plans for the special occasion, which will be announced in local newspapers, include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the official opening of the rotating Children’s Art Exhibit.

Designed by artist, Jeff George, the sign will be installed on the building announcing the presence of the Wayne County Arts Alliance headquarters on the second floor of 742 Main Street. Owners of the building, WCAA members Steve and Suzanne Putzi, graciously donated a 2-room office suite at nominal rent for the use of the WCAA to conduct its meetings and other business. WCAA funds were used to furnish the office with a computer and printer, a conference table, and other necessary office furniture and equipment.

When all that was necessary for an office startup had been furnished, WCAA director, Liz Kedrick, set up the phones and fax and held an orientation for the volunteers who would staff the office. Office hours were established and the computer began its eternal

humming sound. But one important thing was missing – ART!

The rotating Children’s Art Exhibit became a reality through the efforts of Suzanne Putzi, who approached officials and teachers at the Stourbridge Primary Center and Lakeside Elementary School. Mrs. Paula Brennan, the principal of the Primary Center, directed the WCAA to art teacher, Nicole Curtis. Mrs. Curtis made available the artwork of Mrs. Short’s first grade class, which resulted in the creation of the Children’s Art Exhibit on the walls of the WCAA office.

The exhibit consists of about a dozen selected pieces created around a theme and will rotate every four weeks. The first theme is friendship and diversity relating to the recently celebrated Martin Luther King Day. Near the end of March a new display featuring cardinals will be provided by Mrs. Hadley’s first grade class. Future plans are to include artwork from other grade levels in the Wayne Highlands public school district.

Although we are still pre-Grand Opening, everyone is invited to drop in downtown to check out the new digs and enjoy the Children’s Art Exhibit. Office hours are Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

LEPRECHAUN’S WISH LIST FOR THE WCAA OFFICE



- paper towels
- coffee for coffeemaker
- copy paper
- freestanding coat rack
- Post-it type sticky notes

“Fine Arts Students of the Month” Program Encourages Youthful Talent

In January 2006 three very talented young people became the first recipients of the new Wayne County Arts Alliance *Fine Arts Student of the Month Award Program*. The program was created to recognize outstanding students from Wallenpaupack, Western Wayne, and Wayne Highlands school districts each month.

Chosen to receive awards in January were: Anne Martha Myers of Honesdale High School, Schuyler Sinclair Grant of Wallenpaupack Area High School, and Anthony

Rennekamp of Western Wayne High School. “Annie” Myers has participated in several Ritz community Theatre Productions, studies voice and dance, and can often be seen performing at the WCAA sponsored Open Mic night at the Fireside Restaurant on Wednesday evenings. Schuyler Grant has designed the costumes for two of his high school’s plays, is active in the Fine Arts Program at WAHS, and has participated in our Literary Evenings by reading some of his own poetry. Anthony Rennekamp plays drums in his high school’s Marching Band, Pit Orchestra, and Jazz Band and has received the Scholastic Art Achievement Award.

Encouraging young people to develop and pursue skills in the arts benefits the community as a whole by giving a practical voice to fine arts opportunities in the wide spectrum of career choices. Three pupils each month are selected to receive the WCAA “Fine Arts Students of the Month” Award based on the recommendations of their teachers.

4TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FOODTASTING EVENT
SET FOR LAST SUNDAY IN APRIL

Tastebuds, prepare to be tantalized! Once again the Wayne County Arts Alliance has called upon the culinary aficionados within our ranks to provide a veritable feast of flavors from cultures around the world. In the past we have been privileged to experience tasty samplings from Greece, Czechoslovakia, France, Italy, Portugal and many other countries.

This year the venue has moved to a new, larger facility at the Honesdale High School on Terrace Street. Not only will there be more room for the chefs to move around, but there will be more space to accommodate the annual increase we have been experiencing in the number of visitors to the International Food Tasting.

Tickets are still only \$10 for 8 generous tastings, often enough to take some home to enjoy later. The date for the event is Sunday, April 30, 2006, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Honesdale High School on Terrace St.

Are you a good cook with a tasty ethnic specialty to share? This event has been an excellent fundraiser for the Wayne County Arts Alliance, but most importantly lots of fun for our chefs, volunteers and the community! If you are interested in participating as a cook call John Kascht at 253-2203, or email: jkascht@ptd.net

Also, there are still a few volunteer positions left to fill on the day of the event such as greeters, ticket sellers, table bussers, and others. To volunteer, please give John Kascht a call at 253-2203.



*Are you
ready
for the
summer*

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

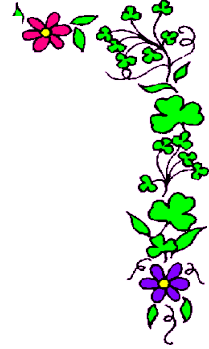


The decorated deer of *Wayne Deer Games* kicked off our first season, the Adirondack chairs we called *County Seats* were everyone's favorites, and now we are ready to flock to our third venture – giant birdhouses. *Home Tweet Home* will be a great marriage of creativity and functionality! The artists 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.



Birdhouses were designed by Jeff George and are being produced by The Human Resource Center. The HRC Committee in charge of the construction of the birdhouses includes Mark Hoover, Director of the Human Resource Center, Margaret Gaardemoe, a long time employee, and Bev Burleigh, the HRC production coordinator.

If you are an individual interested in decorating a birdhouse or a business interested in sponsorship, give Ellen a call at 253-0285 or send her an e-mail at teachart@ptd.net. At a cost of \$125, your business can sponsor one birdhouse to be on display at your location all summer long. For a pair of birdhouses, the cost is \$225, and for three, \$325. You will also be featured in our printed brochure distributed throughout the surrounding areas. This year promises to be the best yet!



GET INVOLVED IN THE ARTS!

Below is 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., Honesdale or call WCAA Director, Liz Kedrick, at (570) 253-6850.

Volunteer opportunities exist for the following events:

Artists' Studio Tour, Aug. 25, 26, and 27, needs 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 ***4th International Food Tasting on April 30 at the Honesdale High School*** needs good cooks, flyer distributors, table bussers, crowd handlers, and more.

Put your energy to work during the ***LibraryFest*** on June 17. Volunteers may contact Donie Schmidt (mrsdonie@ptd.net, 253-0194). Artist participants may contact Nancy Wells (nancywellsart@yahoo.com, 224-4192).

Home Tweet Home (the artist-decorated birdhouses) debuting in May. We are looking for volunteers to help out with 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. Call Ellen Silberlicht at 253-0285 or send her an e-mail at teachart@ptd.net.

It may seem a bit distant right now, but you might want to help out at the ***Writers' Conference*** in October or consider participating in the ***Mentoring Program***.



WHY WALK WHEN YOU CAN TAKE A BUS TRIP?

(TO CORNING GLASS MUSEUM)

The Wayne County Arts Alliance will sponsor a one day excursion to the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, New York on Saturday, May 13, 2006. One of the premier glass exhibits of the world, the museum offers a visual panorama of artistic glassworks as well as glass treasures made by internationally renowned artists and others made at The Corning Glass.

The days activities will also include a visit to the Rockwell Museum, holding several pieces by famed western artist Remington.

The bus will be leaving at 8:30 a.m. from 4th and Main St. (Behind St. Mary's Church) and will return on the same day in the early evening. The fee for WCAA Members is \$39.00 and for Non-Members \$49.00. The fee includes bus fare, entry to Corning Glass with guided tour and Rockwell Museum. Lunch on your own in downtown Corning, New York. To register, please send your name, phone number and a check payable to Wayne County Arts Alliance to 742 Main Street, Suite 201 Honesdale PA 18431. Deadline for registration is April 1st. For more info please call the WCAA Office between the hours of 10 a.m and 12 p.m. Monday through Saturday at (570) 253-6850.

LIFE DRAWING begins again April 6.....We meet on the first Thursday of each month from 7 pm to 10 pm at Joan Hill's Studio in Bethany, PA. 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.

LITERARY SERIES begins again April 29...Our Spring Literary Evenings will start up again in April and are always the last Saturday of the month. Literary Evenings are an open mic setting in which we encourage reading of all types of short literary works, poetry, short stories, excerpts, songs. They are held at 7 p.m. at Joan Hill's Studio, Ash Street, Bethany. For more info or to be included in the printed schedule call Frances at 253-5400.

MIDWEEKMAGICATTHEFIRESIDE

by Pauline Glykokokalos

By day they're carpenters, photographers, teachers, clerks, salesmen, students, administrators and craftsmen. By night they're singers, guitarists and instrumentalists and making music is their passion. Thanks to local businesswoman Debbie Ranner, Wayne County musicians now have a place to perform and music lovers an opportunity to hear good live music every week at Ms Ranner's Restaurant, The Fireside, just 3 miles north of Honesdale on Rt. 191.

Co-sponsored by The Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA), Wednesday's Open Mic nights at The Fireside have become a weekly highlight for both performers and audience alike. They are, as photographer/bluesman John Rocklin points out, "a vehicle for seasoned musicians to try new things and an opportunity for new players to gain performance experience."

“Open Mics can be competitive and ego driven”, added finish carpenter/guitarist Mike Jung. “Here it’s not like that. It’s friendly and neighborly - and inspiring.” Live music has an energy no CD can replicate. It’s fresh, intimate, multi-dimensional, unedited, stimulating and from the heart. Would you know that Tie-Dye Dan performs without his shoes if you were listening to a tape? Or that crowd pleasers Pete Florance and Dave Corazza’s infectious good humor is transmittable via their accomplished and spirited performances? Or that conversation comes to an abrupt halt when young Annie Myers takes to the microphone?

So if you need a mid week tonic, folks, check out Wednesdays Open Mic nights at The Fireside Restaurant. It’s a little bit of magic right in our own backyards. For more information visit the WCAA website at www.waynecountyartsalliance.org or call the WCAA office at 570-253-6850.



CALL FOR ARTISTS – DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2006

Benefit Art Show & Sale

Hosted by Himalayan Institute Main Street ...

Himalayan Institute Main Street Yoga Cafe will be hosting a region-wide, Benefit Art Show & Sale which will result in a Main Street gallery. We have come to you to request your gracious participation in this art show. The event will be held on May 6th, 2006, and will also include live entertainment, and a silent auction.

What we need from you to show your work is your consent, your art, a brief bio of yourself, and your contact information. For submission by artists, we are asking for up to five examples of your art work to determine which would be best for our first show. Please note, we will be keeping all examples to refer to for later shows, ie: a spring

themed show, a macabre Halloween show, etc. For the silent auction, we will be encouraging you to donate one piece of art work which will be auctioned off on the day of the event. We're asking you to also include the donated piece's value. One hundred percent of all moneys earned from the silent auction will go to The Wayne County Arts Alliance.

Although this is a perfect opportunity to sell your art, you may include pieces in the art show that are not for sale. If interested in selling your art, you will be accountable for pricing and the sale of your piece(s). In the case where a prospective buyer is interested in your work but you are not available we can provide the buyer with contact information and have them get back to you at a later date, or we can take their information and contact you at a later date.

We will not be storing artwork at Himalayan Institute Main Street unless of course it is the art that has already been hung or displayed, or in the case of the following two situations; 1) we are preparing to use the art work in an upcoming show, but it has yet to be hung, or 2) we are holding art work until the artist comes to retrieve it. Below is a list of criteria for submitting your art.

Criteria for Art Work:

***Art work must be family oriented;** no violent images and/or sexuality. This is not a means to purposefully censor work, but we do have a family geared establishment. (Although it is not an obligation, we would like you to come visit our business to get a better idea of who we are and what we do as well as how and where the work will be presented.)

***We need a sample of your art work** to determine how it will fit into the show. Please note: we do keep all samples given to us and may call upon you later for more work. These samples give us an on-record visual of your particular style and tastes. Pictures and samples of art work can be given to us via: CD, ground mail, e-mail, or hardcopies of pictures, slides, etc. delivered personally.

***Art work that has been prepared for display** via wall mounts is preferable, but other methods of display can be accommodated.

Please contact Jeremiah Tapper: JTapper@HimalayanInstitute.org, Ph.:(570)647-1550 ext. 3403, Fax: (570)647-1552

News 'N' Notes

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.

HARDCOPY NEWSLETTER – Have you been printing out the newsletter to read later? Many members have been doing just that for the enjoyment of reading it at their leisure or because they find that it is more relaxing to read from paper than from a computer screen. Beginning in April, a special, quarterly newsletter will be mailed out to members about 2 weeks prior to the quarterly members meeting. The hardcopy newsletter will contain a

synopsis of events just past and a listing of future events as well as remarks from the Director and the President of the WCAA. There may even be a recipe or two, depending on the space available. The monthly online newsletter will still be available by clicking on the word "News" at www.waynecountyartsalliance.org

Are you currently exhibiting your work? Let everybody know! Call or email the newsletter at artsalliancencnews@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 artsalliancencnews@yahoo.com.

SAVE THESE DATES...

*Remember ~ Every Wed nite is Open Mic at the Fireside~ 8 to 10 (or later)
Every first Thursday is Life Drawing (beginning in April)
Every last Saturday is Short Readings Literary Series (April, May, June, and September, October, November)*

March

Date TBA - Rotating Wayne Memorial Hospital Art Exhibit Opens for its first 4 months

April

Date TBA - Grand Opening, Ribbon Cutting, Children's Art Exhibit Opening

6 (Thu) – Life Drawing, Joan Hill's Studio, 7 pm to 10 pm

26 (Wed) – WCAA Members Meeting, 7 pm, Fireside

29 (Sat) – Short Readings Literary Series, Joan Hill's Studio, 7 p.m.

30 (Sun) - International Food Tasting, Honesdale H.S. on Terrace St., 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., \$10 per ticket for 8 tastings

Lakeside Players doing Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" (Female Version)

Check their website (<http://www.zyworld.com/Lakesideplayers/schedule.htm>) for times and dates.

May

4 (Thu) – Life Drawing, 7pm-10pm

6 (Sat) – Himalayan Cafe Benefit Art Show and Sale

13 (Sat) – Bus Trip to Corning Glass Museum

26 (Fri) – "Home Tweet Home" unveiling of birdhouses

27 (Sat) – Musicians performing under pavilion on Main St., HTH tee shirts table, Stained Glass Walking Tour of downtown churches, WCAA Office Open House 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

27 (Sat) - Short Readings Literary Series, Joan Hill's Studio, 7 p.m.

28 (Sun) – Musicians playing downtown, "Bird Buddies" children's booth decorating wooden birdhouses in parking lot beside Gretchen's Grotto (co-sponsored with GHP)- parents must make reservations for children, WCAA Office Open House 12 N to 4 p.m.



OPPORTUNITIES!.....

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 or call her at 570-488-6742.

2nd ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WOOD... *A Celebration of the Natural and Cultural Heritage of Wood!* August 12-13, 2006, Sponsored by US Forest Service at Grey Towers, US Forest Service, Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry, Pocono Arts Council. This year's festival will include items made from wood and will add fine crafts that utilize wood at some point in the creative process, such as spinning & weaving, paper making and basketry. Booth fee \$125. Deadline April 1, 2006. For application and more information call PoconoArts at 570-476-4460 or email mcac@epix.net.

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 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, 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. Deadline March 10, 2006.

2nd 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.

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.

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. website: 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. 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 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. 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. 5th FL, Pittsburgh, PA 15260 or visit 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. Deadline May 31, 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. Deadline Feb. 3, 2006.