

Wayne County Arts Alliance – May 2006 Newsletter

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.

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New Members

We warmly welcome new individual members: Robert Townsend, Fred Chalmers, Anne Marie Delaney, Carol Olsen, Susan Lo Franco, Cynde Van Stone, Tamara Murray, Warren Schloesser, Esq., David B. Soete, Joan Polishook, Errol Flynn, Esq., Finca Alta Vista LLC, Bishop Animation

Please take note

May 13 Bus Trip to Corning Glassworks is filled! Thank you for supporting the Wayne County Arts Alliance!

Deadlines for Submissions to the Newsletter:
20th of the month before Online Newsletter
15th of the month before Hardcopy Newsletter

Call For Artists:

The Roots and Rhythm Music and Arts Festival is seeking members to show and sell their work at the 1st annual festival. This will be held rain or shine on Saturday, June 24th. 9th street will be closed to traffic to make room for the arts component of the festival. Each participating artist will get a 10 x 10 space in which to show their work. There is no charge for WCAA members. Are you interested? Set up is by 12 noon and you must man (or woman) your booth until 8 p.m.
Please call or e-mail Ellen Silberlicht(253-0285 or teachart@ptd.net) for more info and to arrange for your spot.

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

The last couple of months have been a very exciting time for the Wayne County Arts Alliance. With the help of volunteers and a hard working Board of Directors, we're successfully making the transition from a small group running out of our founder's home to a professional volunteer-run organization with an office on Main Street in Honesdale. It was not easy and we still have a lot of work ahead of us. The WCAA existence relies exclusively on our volunteer core. With over 100 of our members giving hours and hours of time to run committees, answer phones, stuff envelopes, hang flyers and paint signs, it's no wonder we've accomplished so much! When Nancy asked me to write a few "Director's Remarks," the first thing that popped into my head was to thank our volunteers!

For this month's remarks, I'd like to single out and thank our 2006 Foodtasting Committee. Folks, you can't possibly imagine how many hours these people have put into getting ready for our Fourth Annual International Foodtasting.

Hats off to Lynn Glinsky, The Queen of the Kitchen; Dolly Schleiff and Bob Mermell, the two most effective PR team I've ever seen; Phyllis Terwilliger who designed and built directional signs and said yes to everything that was asked of her; Sue Mycka who discovered that sign painting brushes really DO make painting signs easier; Carol Barrett who has helped us year after year compiling recipes; and last but certainly not least, an example to every Chairperson out there, John Kascht who has lived and breathed The 2006 International Foodtasting every waking moment of the last three months. Thank you!

The proceeds from this event go directly towards the cost of our Artists Open Studio Tour, our most anticipated event each year. I hope when you see these Committee Members, you will take a moment to thank them for all that they do. Lynn, Dolly, Bob, Phyllis, Sue, Carol and John, you have truly supported the arts in Wayne County and selflessly given back to your community and it is greatly appreciated.

--Liz Kedrick

Office Wish List:

- Paper towels
- Plates
- A paper clip holder
- Digital Camera
- Plexiglass inboxes (3)

A Big Welcome To New WCAA President Art Sorrentino!

At the last meeting of the WCAA Board of Directors Art Sorrentino was elected to be the third president of the 5-year old organization. Art, a semi-retired CPA and art lover has lived in Prompton with his wife, Patricia, and their two dogs, Moose and Cody, for the past 3 ½ years. He is a native of Bergen County, NJ., where he worked as federal tax manager for Best Foods.

Art has formerly served the WCAA as 1st VP as well as advisor and enthusiastic volunteer at many of the group's art events. When second president, Yanni Glykokokalos' letter of resignation was reluctantly accepted so that he could concentrate on cultivating his spectacular garden (see feature article in April 27 Weekly Almanac), Art's expertise and experience in the organization's doings made him a natural choice to replace the popular outgoing president. We look forward to Art's leadership in our continuing work to help Wayne County experience an outstanding and enjoyable art event season in 2006.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I thank you for your confidence in electing me president. I believe the organization's president should not be omnipresent. The president should make herself or himself available as a sounding board, promoter for consensus, and provide assistance when a member requests it

I must mention our director, who since the beginning of the year, has accomplished a great deal in such a short period of time.

I, personally, would like to thank the founding fathers and mothers of this organization for accomplishing so much in such a short period. The dedication, hard work, and perseverance of these members have created one of the premiere community organizations of Wayne County.

With this increased prestige and recognition come new responsibilities to the community we serve. We must reach a broader constituency.

We must remember that the most important people in the organization are the volunteers. I am asking all who receive this letter to promote volunteers for this organization.

--Art Sorrentino

The Lakeside Players are at it again!

The Lakeside Players are at it again! Now playing at Community Hall, Route 590, Lakeville, is the classic Neil Simon comedy, "The Odd Couple" – with a twist. This time, it's the female version! Instead of slovenly Oscar and fussy Felix, it's messy Olivia and fastidious Florence.

The show opened April 21 and has been playing for two weekends. If you haven't seen it yet, you can still catch it on Saturday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m., or Sunday, May 7, at 3 p.m.

Coming to Community Hall for ONE WEEKEND ONLY on May 19, 20 and 21, is an encore production of "Mixed Emotions," by Richard Baer, the heartwarming but hilarious story of two feisty senior citizens who find love the second time around. Lakeside first produced this show in October 2003, and it was such a big hit, we've decided to bring it back for one weekend before we take it on the road. May 19 and 20 shows are at 7:30 p.m.; May 21 is at 3 p.m.

Tickets for both shows are \$12; \$10 apiece for groups of 10 or more. To make reservations, call 226-6207. Visit www.lakesideplayers.net

Honesdale High School Student Show Opening Friday, June 2

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is organizing an exhibit of recent work by students in the art program at Honesdale High School. The show will open Friday evening June 2 at Central Park Gallery 914 Church Street in Honesdale and will run through Sunday June 11. The gallery will be open each day to allow convenient visits in conjunction with the many graduation activities taking place that week.

WCAA program leaders for the event are Ellen Silberlicht and Jerry Swendsen. Curators are HHS Art Department faculty Patty Jung, Stacy Stone, and Ellen Silberlicht. This event will benefit greatly from WCAA volunteers who want to pitch in and help present this work to the community. Please call Jerry or Ellen or let Liz know at the office.

Some of these young artists are very talented and will be leaving Wayne County for college and the world beyond. Let's see what is on their mind now as they express themselves with paint and clay. We'll be able to say, "We knew them when..."

Library Fest 2006

What do you get when you take a beautiful day - add a big top tent, an ensemble of highly talented artists displaying their work, and lively children's activities including singer and performer Rick Kelly? Wait! There's more! Mix in - a table full of delectable goodies baked by the Friends of the Wayne County Library, stacks of free flyers and brochures describing the local art scene, and a couple hours of live music permeating the sweet Spring air?

If that sounds like a recipe for Library Fest, you are absolutely correct! For the third year in a row, the Wayne County Arts Alliance with the help of the Wayne County Public Library will host its much anticipated art show and sale on the beautiful grounds of the library on North Main St. in Honesdale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Some of the art you will see are paintings, hand-pulled and digital prints, marionettes, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, dolls, pastels, photographs, shadow boxes, greeting cards, decorated aprons, small wall hangings and quilts.

Artists participating this year include Mary Vivo, Lisa Lucrezi, Susan Bieier, Trix

Render, Beverly Ketterer, Yanni Glykokokalos, Hana Gorman, Linda Krause, Nancy & James Morgan, Bianca Davis, Raymond Wallace, Karen Schmeckpepper, George Farley, Michael Brown, Nancy Wells, and Donie Schmidt. For more information please call Nancy Wells 570-224-4192 or Donie Schmidt 253-0194

Nature's Grace Showcase

Irma Sheard, painter, will be the featured artist at the "Nature's Grace" showcase on Main Street, Honesdale for the month of May. Many thanks to Nature's Grace proprietor, Jamie Stunkard, for providing the showcase for the Wayne County Arts Alliance artists!

"SHORT READINGS" MAY 27th-CONTEMPLATING THE MEANINGS OF LIFE

Join us for our second meeting of the year of the Wayne County Arts Alliance "Short Readings" series – Saturday, May 27th at 7:00 PM at Joan Hill's Art Studio in Bethany. This program, now in its third year, is devoted to the literary arts and is open to the general public. The theme for May 27th is "the meanings of life."

Daniel C. Dennett posed the following question in his book, "Darwin's Dangerous Idea," (National Book Award finalist, '95) page 372:

"If termites can create elaborate, well-ventilated cities of mud, and weaverbirds can weave audaciously engineered hanging nests, and beavers can build dams that take months to complete, couldn't chimpanzees tend a simple fire?"

Have you devoted time to and written about life and its meaning, or pondered the big questions? How has man used his superior intellect? Come share your written thoughts or come to listen. Do others share your insights?

Please be prepared to leave a copy of your work with WCAA, as we are compiling a collection. The program is 50% planned speakers and 50% open mic, which can be on any subject. We will end promptly at 9:00 PM. Refreshments are offered.

Future 2006 meetings, on various topics, for the spring and fall are the last Saturday of the month: June 24th, September 30th, October 28th, and November 25th.

To reach Joan Hill's Art Studio from downtown Honesdale: follow Route 6 to Route 191 North, (N. Main St.) ½ mile, bear left to Route 670, approximately 3 miles, pass Bethany, turn right on Ash Street. Joan Hill's house is white, 8/10 mile on left. For additional information, please call Frances Gruber at 570-253-5400 or email: frangruber@aol.com. Visit our website often to stay current with other WCAA events: www.waynecountyartsalliance.org.

LIFE DRAWING

Life Drawing meets 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 May 4. 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 Hugh McCammon (224-0077), Sue Mycka at (570) 224-4598 or Joan at (570) 253-6824.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND in HONESDALE, MAY 26, 27 & 28TH

ARTS & ANTIQUES WEEKEND:WHAT TO SEE AND DO FOR 3 GLORIOUS DAYS!

Art and Antiques Weekend, which runs from Friday, May 26, through Sunday, May 28, is expected to draw a large crowd of out-of-towners and natives. Both will be seeking sweet deals on nostalgic items of the past as well as viewing the displayed art works and taking part in the downtown activities planned by the Greater Honesdale Partnership, the Wayne County Arts Alliance, and many other organizations.

FRIDAY

Artists and merchants participate together in the unveiling of the giant, decorated birdhouses that will be on display throughout the summer at many locations in Wayne County. These eye-catching aviaries known collectively as "Home Tweet Home," will serve as a fundraiser for the WCAA when they are auctioned off to the highest bidder on August 19 at the Texas No. 4 Firehall.

SATURDAY

The WCAA will provide musicians performing under the pavilion on Main Street. Nearby will be a table where you can purchase "Home Tweet Home" tee shirts in many colors and sizes. There will also be a Stained Glass Walking Tour through some of the local churches led by WCAA member, Mort Malkin. Tours will be leaving the Presbyterian Chapel on Church St. at 11 a.m. And 3 p.m.

SUNDAY

MORE music at a different location and a children's project called "Bird Buddies," co-sponsored by the Greater Honesdale Partnership and the WCAA. "Bird Buddies" is an artist-supervised activity that ties into the "Home Tweet Home" program with its miniature, wooden birdhouses to paint and take-home for a minimal materials fee of \$5. Email Meegan at meegs3@aol.com to make reservations. Reservations will guarantee you a birdhouse for the "Bird Buddies" children's activity, which will be held from 12 - 4 p.m. in the parking lot next to Gretchen's Grotto on Main Street.

ARTIST-DECORATED BIRDHOUSES TO BE UNVEILED FRIDAY DURING ARTS & ANTIQUES WEEKEND IN HONESDALE

Area bird 'families' will be flocking to get a bird's-eye view of WCAA's "Home Tweet Home" artist-decorated birdhouses when they debut Memorial Weekend on Main St. in Honesdale and at merchant sponsors throughout Wayne County. Viewed by air or from the ground, the 67 avian habitats receiving designer treatment will be highly visible highrises. Two feet tall before artistic embellishments, the birdhouses will be elevated on poles that rise seven feet above their sturdy bases.

Each of our birdhouses has its own unique look and is entirely practical, as well. Committee members sought advice from the Audubon Society so that the birdhouses would conform to area birds' preferences. It was learned that birds judge the distance between perch and entryway an important consideration along with the size and shape of the entrance.

We are grateful to the art lovers of the region who expect the best from us, and for the support of our Wayne County merchant sponsors who inspire us each year to dig deeply into our imaginations for new ways to color the lives of Wayne County!

STAINED GLASS TOURS ON SATURDAY

The Wayne County Arts Alliance will sponsor tours of the extraordinary stained glass windows of three Honesdale churches on Saturday, May 27 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mort Malkin, an independent scholar specializing in archeology and art history, will lead the two tours.

The art of stained glass originated in the Carolingian Empire of France and Germany before the 10th Century. That period was characterized by a revival of the Classical arts during the Golden Age of Greece. The techniques of ancient glass making—bead making, core-forming, free and mold blown vessels, cane reduction and millefiore—were thus expanded with the art of stained glass in the Middle Ages.

Stained glass making and the use of lead came continued through the Gothic period, then into the turn of the 20th Century with Matisse, Tiffany, and Chagall. The art is alive and flourishing today. Although most early stained glass was commissioned by the church, many windows also were made for public buildings and private residences, from castles to colleges to taverns. The circular windows of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris and the windows of the Cathedral of Chartres are justly famous, but there are also many superb works at abbeys and parish churches.

Here in Honesdale we are blessed with many outstanding stained glass windows in our churches. The Presbyterian Church's windows are grand in height and detail and, though paired, each window has a different Biblical focus – grapes, wheat, lilies, and an anchor. The back window contains a white dove. The windows of the Grace Episcopal Church, across the park, exhibit a different artistic style with a series of smaller windows. One of these exquisite windows depicts Jesus and two disciples in an outdoor setting. It was commissioned by the Tiffany Studios. The Church of St. John the Evangelist is a veritable museum of stained glass of the mid 19th Century, many containing Biblical figures, the Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalen, and John the Evangelist in one; John baptizing

Jesus in another; and Roman soldiers in fear of seeing Jesus resurrected in another.

Each of the two tours, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. will start from the Chapel of the Presbyterian Church on Church Street in Honesdale. The morning tour will visit all three churches; the afternoon tour will include only the first two churches. There is no charge for the tours. Please call WCAA at (570) 253-6850 for reservations.

Come See the Daffodils!

The rotating Children's Art Exhibit on the walls of the WCAA office consists of about a dozen selected pieces created around a theme and will rotate every four weeks. The first theme was friendship and diversity relating to the January celebration of Martin Luther King Day. The current display is called "Interpretations of Daffodils" and features the artistic expressions of Mrs. Israel's first grade class at the Stourbridge Primary Center. Future plans are to include artwork from other grade levels in the Wayne Highlands public school district.

Everyone is invited to drop in downtown to enjoy the Children's Art Exhibit, to pick up flyers and brochures, or to fill out a volunteer application. Office hours are Monday through Saturday 10-12N.

Artists Exhibiting

Sun. May 21, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Opening reception for Artists Jerry Samson's and John Kascht's new show. Jerry Samson's sculptures and John Kascht's portraits and caricatures will be on display at Lizza Studios, 155 Bridge St., Tunkhannock, PA,

The exhibit--titled NOWHERE TO HIDE--will run from May 21st through the end of June. For more information, call Lizza Studios at 836-8806.

Fri. May 26, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Meet-the-Artist reception for Artist Joan Polishook's new show. MORE THAN JUST LANDSCAPE will be the opening art event at Delaware Water Gap's Dutot Museum in May. The show runs from May 26 through June 11, 2006.

Joan Polishook is an award winning artist whose work is an expression of what she sees and feels. She is especially fond of painting en plein air, interpreting the effects of light and the changing seasons. The popular artist is also known for the encouragement she gives to other artists through "Come Paint With Me," an outdoor painting and sketching group that she began some years ago.

Sat. May 27, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Opening Reception for Artist Trix Render's new exhibit.

The show is called: INTO THE GARDEN and features her new

flower paintings inspired by Spring and the natural beauty of this area. The opening is on the 27th of May, from 4-8pm at: Lisa B, 1023 Main Street, Honesdale, 570.251.9659.

The paintings will be on view all summer.

Friday, June 2, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Meet the Artist Reception for OF FLOWERS & METAL, an exhibition of works by Artists Lucille Norella & Tauni Ruvolis at David R. Chant Realtors, Route 739, Lords Valley, PA. Exhibition open June 2 to June 30, daily 9 to 5. Presented by The Hemlock Community Association Cultural Arts Department. Info: 570-775-7337

June 28 – July 30

Photographic artist James Edgar Morgan's new show, IMAGES OF THE PAST, will be featured at the Mifflinburg, PA Buggy Museum's Visitor Center auditorium. The exhibition will include many covered bridges, old mills, and historic subjects for which he is well known. The opening reception will be Sunday, July 9th 1-4 at the museum.

The works are all created on film with various Hasselblad cameras. All processing, printing, matting and framing is done by the artist in his workshop at From a Distance Farm. You can visit the site at www.buggymuseum.org for more information and directions. To contact Jim or Nancy via email: nanjim@socantel.net

Sculptor Naomi Teppich exhibiting new marble work, "Swanlake," at Jerico Fine Arts Gallery, 21 Lower Main Street, Callicoon - next to Matthew's on MAIN. 845-887-5990

Artist Jeff George Designs Logo for Honesdale's First

Roots and Rhythm Music and Arts Festival

According to artist Jeff George, the music tree he designed as a logo for the upcoming Roots & Rhythm Music and Arts Festival symbolizes many things. Honesdale, the community hosting the festival, was known years ago as the 'Maple City,' a testament to the huge maple trees that once arched majestically over its main thoroughfares; thus, the tree image. Carrying the image of the tree even farther, Jeff exposed the roots, symbolizing both the 'roots' in the festival's title, standing for roots music – blues, country, bluegrass, gospel, zydeco, and Native American – as well as making a reference to this year's 175th anniversary of the founding of Honesdale.

Interlaced among the branches of the tree are musical notes and symbols, giving a feeling of leaves with light gently visible through them. Across the trunk, dividing the ‘leaves’ from the roots, is a rectangular marquee displaying the name of the festival underlined by a paintbrush to signify the Arts segment of the June 24th event. “We showed half a dozen ideas from which the tree was chosen,” said Jeff of the selection process. Of the creative process, he remarked, “The inspiration for the design fit the shape and just kind of worked.”

On June 24 - Rain or Shine - Focus Your Ears on Central Park in Honesdale

Honesdale’s First Annual Roots & Rhythm Festival cosponsored by Greater Honesdale Partnership and WCAA will be held on Saturday, June 24, rain or shine. It will feature top name **Roots Music** performers including The Rocketmen, Steve Guyger, Little Sammy Davis, Junior Watson, Sleepy LaBeef, and more!! The festival is completely FREE to local residents and visitors to our area. It will feature Main Street performances in addition to the main event in Central Park.

Stay updated! Keep checking the Festival Website !!

<http://www.honesdalerootsandrhythm.com/>

WCAA WRITERS' GROUP

The Wayne County Arts Alliance proudly announces an extension of the “Narrowsburg Prose Group”. The first Wayne County Arts Alliance meeting was held on Saturday, April 15th and was attended by an assortment of Wayne County Arts Alliance members and “Narrowsburg Prose Group” members at the WCAA Office.

For a period of years meetings were held at Prose Group member’s homes on the third Saturday of each month from 10 am – 12 pm. Through permission granted from WCAA Board of Directors on April 10th, the office conference room has been designated for use by The Writers Group in a rotating monthly schedule.

Our meetings will continue to be held from 10 am to 12 pm on the third Saturday of each month at the Wayne County Arts Alliance Office at 742 Main Street, Suite 201, Honesdale, PA (downtown above Coldwell Banker Offices, across from CVS).

The meeting format provides for short readings of prose from the works of attending members followed by constructive analysis as to word usage, grammar, clarity, flow and direction, genre specification and character development. Individual “style” considerations are not debated. Additionally, vocabulary expansion, style and writing inspiration discussion and dedicated study or writing exercises which utilize writing enrichment publications is strongly encouraged. All reading materials and exercise assignment is decided by attending members. Each member is required to supply their own materials.

Though all writers are encouraged to come prepared to share a written work there is no requirement to do so. WCAA member attendance is complimentary. If members would like to bring or refer guests, any guest’s first visit is complimentary. We encourage non-members interested in continuing to attend to become Wayne County Arts

Alliance members. Membership information is available at the Office or online. At this time this is an adult writing group with no facilities for child care.

Our next meeting will be held in the WCAA Office Conference Room; Saturday, May 18th from 10 am – 12 pm. For additional information please contact Jennifer O'Reilly; 570-729-7989, jennsmaill@hughes.net.

Please come and share something you've written, or your thoughts about something you'd like to write.

WCAA Book Discussion Group Forming

The Arts Alliance is happy to announce the formation of a monthly book discussion group. The inaugural meeting will be held Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. We will continue to meet at 7:30 on the third Tuesday evening of each month thereafter. At this first meeting we will decide on the types of books the group would like to read and discuss. All participants are responsible for acquiring their own books.

No charge for members. Want to bring a friend who is not a WCAA member? That's fine--friends can check it out by participating in one discussion, but will be required to join WCAA to continue in the group.

The group will meet in the WCAA office conference room in downtown Honesdale at 742 Main Street, second floor, Suite 201. If you are interested in participating, please contact Suzanne Putzi @ 251-7888 or lulusuz@aol.com.

News 'N' Notes

did you know? – A quarterly newsletter is mailed out to members 2 weeks prior to the quarterly members meeting. The monthly online newsletter is still available by clicking on the word “News” at www.waynecountyartsalliance.org.

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

do 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!

Do you write or take photos at WCAA events? Please consider contributing to the WCAA Newsletter. Email us at artsalliancenews@yahoo.com.

WATCH FOR NEWS ON UPCOMING MOVIE NIGHTS!

Texas No. 4 Fire Hall Seeking Afghan Creators

The Texas Fire Hall No. 4 Ladies Auxiliary is holding their Annual Afghan Bingo on Sept. 30. They are looking for crafters to knit or crochet afghans for this major fundraiser for the fire company. 16 hand-crafted afghans are used as prizes for winning bingo. Crafters can choose their favorite pattern and the Auxiliary will pay for the yarn. Please contact Jackie Murphy if you can help out, 253-8910.

Crochet's Artistic Roots Stem From Ancient Craft of Lacemaking by Jackie Murphy

When the word crochet is mentioned, most people can name someone in their family or a friend who crochets. Nearly everyone has a soft, warm, cozy afghan that is readily at hand for snuggling. Many mothers have cherished crocheted layettes that were lovingly made for their newborn babies. But few people know the origins of crocheting.

It has been well documented that crochet has been around since ancient times. Crocheting was first recognized as lace making art during the Renaissance. It was prominent in Belgium, France, England, & Italy. Crochet is a French word "cro" which means "hook" referring to the tiny hooked needle use in the lace making.

Because the popularity of lace making waned, patterns and supplies were limited or unavailable, and so the art fell to near oblivion with only small bits being done as embellishments over the next several hundred years.

After the great potato famine in Ireland in 1846 English ladies charitably offered to help the women of Ireland learn how to earn money to alleviate their suffering by teaching them crochet lace making. The Irish learn quickly and did indeed create an industry that helped them through the aftermath of the famine. They also developed intricate patterns such as the roses and shamrock.

When the Irish immigrated to America, they brought their craft with them. Americans appreciated and admired the work but had little spare time to devote to the intricate art form of lace making. Some well bred American ladies in high society became devotees of the craft, which was often taught to them by their Irish household servants, adorning day and evening wear with lace trim. Although upper class homes were decorated with lace curtains, tablecloths and doilies, most Americans in those early days needed more durable and serviceable items necessary for daily life.

The popular conclusion is that someone, somewhere, somehow in those days of the early American settlers must have finally applied the crochet technique to a bit of wool. At that juncture, a whole new world opened up. Wool was easier to work with than lace, warmer and more durable. Items could be made that were functional, such as blankets, shawls, scarves, and rugs.

Manufacturers, complying with demand, began to provide more and different kinds of wool along with different size hooks. Pioneer women created items to serve their needs, inventing a variety of stitches. Crochet became a marriage of the practical and the artistic.

With the advent of the industrial revolution, household items began to be mass manufactured. Because the need for crocheted goods lessened, creativity returned to the craft. People could make things for fun. Individual expressions of creativity emerged in the patterns and intricate designs that we still share today.

Blessed be the early crafters. They have left us with a charming and wonderful craft that is also an artistic expression.

GET INVOLVED WITH THE ARTS....WE NEED YOU!

To Volunteer, stop by the WCAA office on the second floor of 742 Main St., Honesdale or call (570) 253-6850. Here are some programs we need volunteers for:

High School Students' Gallery Show, June 2 forward, needs hosts and setup persons

Artists' Studio Tour, Aug. 25, 26, and 27, needs brochure distributors.

Short Readings, 7 p.m. at Joan Hill's - refreshments, press releases, coordinate artists, more.

Library Fest on June 17, Contact Donie Schmidt 253-0194 to volunteer.

Home Tweet Home (artist-decorated birdhouses) For Aug. 19th auction at Texas No. 4 Firehall.

Writers' Conference in October

Mentoring Program

WAYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ART EXHIBITION

On the first day of Spring, thirteen works of art were hung in the David Katz Conference room in the new wing of Wayne Memorial Hospital. Marilyn Swendsen, Wayne Memorial's corporate compliance officer and member of the Wayne County Arts

Alliance, facilitated introductions that resulted in a year-long partnership between the two organizations to 'enhance and inspire lives through the color, shapes, and images of artists and the healing hands and hearts of healthcare workers.'

“It was a great experience,” says Yanni Glykokokalos who, aided by Lisa Champeau, the hospital's public relations manager, installed the exhibition. “These people know it is not enough just to heal the body. They respect art for helping to heal the mind and the spirit.”

Works of art that have been chosen for the first of three, 4-month 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 are 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.

Artists wishing to display their work at the hospital may call Yanni Glykokokalos, at (570) 253-1000 for more details.

SAVE THESE DATES...

Ongoing ~ Every 3rd Tue. is Book Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m., WCAA office

Every Wed. nite is Open Mic at the Fireside~ 8 to 10 (or later)

Every 1st Thurs. is Life Drawing, 7 p.m. Joan Hill's Studio

Every 3rd Sat. is Writers' Group, 10-12, WCAA office

Every last Sat. is Short Readings, 7 p.m., J.Hill's Studio, (April, May, June, and Sep., Oct., Nov.)

Nature's Grace Showcase on Main St., Honesdale, rotating monthly

Children's Artwork in WCAA office, rotating monthly

MAY

4 (Thu) – Life Drawing, 7pm-10pm

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

6 and 7 - Lakeside Players doing Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple," 7:30 p.m. Sat, 3 p.m. Sun., Marylou-226-6207 for info/res

13 (Sat) – Bus Trip to Corning Glass Museum (Sold Out!)

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), WCAA Office Open House 12 - 4

JUNE

TBA - Rotating Wayne Memorial Hospital Art Gallery Opening

1 (Thu) - Life Drawing, 7pm-10pm

17 (Sat) – LibraryFest: Volunteers Contact Donie Schmidt (mrsdonie@ptd.net, 253-0194) or Participants Contact Nancy Wells (nancywellsart@yahoo.com, 224-4192)

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

24 (Sat) – Roots & Rhythm Music and Arts Festival in Honesdale

HAPPENINGS

Fri., May 5, 7:30 p.m. Open Mic, 8 p.m. Local Writer, 8:30 p.m. Visiting Writer

May's Local Writer is work from NaCl Project, Book of Days; Visiting Writer is Dan Solis
Signup for Open Mic begins at 7 p.m. First Fridays at the Western Sullivan Public Library, Tusten-Cochecton Branch at 198 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY. Call 845-252-3360 for info or email lmoran@rcls.org

Sat. and Sun., May 6 at 7:30 p.m. & May 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Lakeside Players doing Neil Simon’s “The Odd Couple (Female Version),” Marylou-226-6207 for info/res

Sun., May 7, 3 p.m.

Choir Festival on the Park. Ten church choirs of the Honesdale Ministerium will present "Easter Fanfare", a glorious program of song and music culminating in a combined choir presentation of Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus on Sunday, May 7, 3PM at the Presbyterian Church on the Central Park green. Free will offering.

Sun., May 7, 12 Noon - 5 p.m.

Peters Valley Open House/Bevans Day – Peters Valley Craft Center is collaborating with community heritage orgs to celebrate the village of Bevans, that pre-dated Peters Valley Craft Center. At 2 p.m. there will be a ceremony to officially announce erection of commemorative sign. Day will include studio tours, craft demos, craft exhibitors, 50/50 raffle, barn sale, live music by The Lost Ramblers and more. 973-948-5200 or www.petersvalley.org

Fri, 7 p.m., Sat, May 6 & 8 p.m., May 12 & 13

Charlotte's Web, award-winning production based on the family classic by E.B. White to be presented at Grey Towers, Milford. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$10 for children under 12. 570-296-9630

Fri – Sun, May 12 – 14

Journeys: A Cultural Celebration – a performance uniting ethnic dance styles, presented by the World Dance Theatre from NYC at the Ritz Theater in Hawley. \$12 adm., \$8 seniors & children under 12. 570-226-9752 (Ritz Theater box office) or www.worlddancetheatre.com.

Mon. May 15, 7 p.m.

Harpist, singer and storyteller Fionn Tulach is performing at St. John's Catholic Church May 15th at 7:00. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for teens and seniors. Under 12 free. Tickets available at: St. John's Parish Center 570-253-4561, Quality Printing 570-253-1006, St. Clair Graphics 570-253-6692, Minerva Educational Center 570-253-8060

Tues. May 16, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

"Help Whip Cancer with The Pampered Chef"

Come see all the new products and shop for a cause! All proceeds benefit the Reach to Recovery of Wayne County and the American Cancer Society. This event will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Community Room, 303 Commercial Street, Honesdale. You can also order online at www.pamperedchef.biz/cherylbatcher.

Sun. May 21, 2 p.m.

The Way of the Drum– Artist Lisa Facciponti will discuss the history of drumming and its use as a way of exploring human consciousness in connection to the world. Wayne County Public Library, 1406 Main St., Honesdale – 253-1220

May 22 & 23

The the PA Rt. 6 Artisan Trail Association is sponsoring an Arts Business Institute Workshop in Mansfield on May 22 & 23. Topics include Developing a New Product Line; How to Price Your Work; More Time in the Studio, Less on the Road; Profitable Partnerships With Galleries; Web Concepts. For details contact Jennifer Swain: jen@bcrac.org.

Sun. June 4, 1:30 p.m.

The Nuts and Bolts of Selling Art– a one-time workshop on how to market yourself and your art. Nancy L. Boyer Morgan, studio manager for From A Distance Farm & The Country Studio, will give a 1 ½ to 2 hour presentation covering all the basics an artist needs to know to locate a venue, approach gallery owners and artist representatives, prepare for the auditioning process for juried shows, become well-versed in the legalities of exhibiting, and more. Cost for the workshop is \$15.00 for WCAA members, \$25.00 for nonmembers. Reservations are required. Call or email Nancy: 570-253-2637 or nanjim@socantel.net.

Sat. June 17, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Art! Children's Events! Food!

LIBRARY FEST - WCAA OUTDOOR EXHIBIT on the grounds of the Honesdale Library. Paintings, hand-pulled and digital prints, marionettes, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, dolls, pastels, photographs, shadow boxes, greeting cards, decorated aprons, small wall hangings and quilts. 11 a.m. Rick Kelly - Children' performer & singer. For more information please call Nancy Wells 570-224-4192 or Donie Schmidt 253-0194

Ongoing on Thursdays

“Come Paint With Me” – Plein air painting group for adults. Free. Many different and beautiful locations including Grey Towers and Dorflinger-Suydam Sanctuary. Call Joan Polishook for details – 570-775-6896.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS

2006 NEPA Regional Art

Call for entries! Exhibition dates are October 21-November 15, 2006. To request an application, contact Sandra Povse at the Marywood University Art Galleries (570) 348-6278. Deadline October 9th

The “Business Side of Art” Workshop Series

The Lackawanna County Council on the Arts has announced a series of workshops that are designed to teach artists the "business" side of their craft. All workshops are free and open to all artists and supporters in Lackawanna County and the surrounding area. For additional information, contact Michael Taluto, Lackawanna County Council on the Arts, at 570-963-6800, ext. 1815.

The Roots and Rhythm Music and Arts Festival is seeking artist members to show and sell their work at the 1st annual festival. This will be held rain or shine on Saturday, June 24th. 9th street will be closed to traffic to make room for the arts component of the festival. Each participating artist will get a 10 x 10 space in which to show their work. There is no charge for WCAA members. Are you interested? Set up is by 12 noon and you must man or woman your booth until 8pm, when the music ends. Please call or e-mail Ellen Silberlicht for more info and to arrange for your spot. 253-0285 or teachart@ptd.net

Call for Entries - Everyday Life- Genre Art Northeast

The Blue Heron Gallery in Wyalusing, PA in Conjunction with the Laura Craig Gallery in Scranton, PA will be presenting a very special exhibit of genre art during the summer and fall of 2006. Historical precedents we have in mind: Vermeer, De Hoogh, Jan Steen or modern Americans like Thomas Eakins, Thomas Benton, and others or French and American Impressionists. The Blue Heron exhibition will take place from August 1 to September 16, with a selection of pieces to open at The Laura Craig Gallery on Saturday, October 7, 2006. As with last year's Watercourse show we will be publishing a full color catalog again that will reproduce selections from the show along with the poetry by regional poets. Deadline for submission of 5 slides: June 14, 2006. Mail \$35 entry fee (payable to; "Blue Heron- Genre Art Show") with entry to the Blue Heron Gallery at PO Box 813, Wyalusing, PA 18853. Email jpegs to: Brian Keeler- Gallery Director bkeeler@epix.net. Phone: 570-746-1187.

Pennsylvania Craft: Opportunity for cash prizes and exhibition and sale of work. Inaugural juried exhibition opens November at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. The museum will also purchase once piece from the exhibit to place in its permanent collection. Open to state craftsmen of wood, ceramics, fiber, metal, paper, jewelry, glass and mixed media. Deadline for entry is May 31, 2006. Applications for submission available at PA Guild of Craftsmen Web site. For more information on the inaugural exhibition, call Radius, HACC Gallery and Museum Shop at 717-787-5590. Jessica L. Lantz Curator of Arts/Asst. Mgr., 300 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120 Ph: 717-787-5590, jllantz@hacc.edu, www.statemuseumpa.org, www.pacrafts.com/radius

Arts Workshop presented by the Arts Business Institute. Classes led by industry experts such as gallery owner Bruce Baker, artist Alisha Vincent and online sales instructor Mark Zelis. Meet and spend time with other artists. Display your artwork in our informal gallery (limit 3 per artist).

For Whom: Experienced & beginning artists, gallery owners, small business owners or suppliers within the arts

Location: Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA

Dates: Monday, May 22 & Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Cost: \$85

Register online now at www.artsbusinessinstitute.org.

Course descriptions at www.ntculturalalliance.org under "News Center".

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