

Prepare for Spring!

Believe it or not Gallery 200 is preparing for Blooming Fest already. The City of West Chicago has had several meetings to organize the event in the downtown that will take place Saturday, May 21, 2011 starting at 9:00am and go till 3:00pm. The gallery will support the festivities by opening early so we will need extra staff that day. We also get many visitors to come in by holding a drawing of art work that has been donated by you. This is a popular event in the city and everyone is ready to get their Spring garden decorations so please start thinking about what you can contribute or if you can help with an activity in the gallery. A make and take for kids or a demonstration of art work for an hour would be great. Let Heide know soon since she will get the advertising out through the city and they are working on that now, deadline will be in March. I know it's cold but **THINK SPRING!**

Hello Gallery 200 Members,

Now that we survived the blizzard of 2011 we look forward to keeping the gallery open another year. In case we need it there is a snow shovel by the basement door. Most of our members have rejoined and we are over 30 strong again. I would still like to see a few artists bring in fresh artwork and you know who you are. If you have had the same pieces up for 6 to 9 months please check if you have something else, does not have to be new. My goal for the next month is to switch the window display and rearrange the walls. I am open to suggestions so send me ideas or let me know if you want to help. Our goal is not to look cluttered and still give every artist room to show off their work.

Sue Weibler, who has been keeping our accounting records and organizes the housekeeping, has agreed to also help send out staffing calendars via e-mail attachment. She will be updating this as needed but each member has to remember to sign up for their 4 hours before the end of each month. Members are responsible for sending their own e-mail to everyone if they need a staff time change. This has worked well so far so let Sue also know if you switch times, do not just erase your name from the calendar. She is also helping log the hours staffed and while not everyone does 4 hours each month, everyone should staff each month. Thanks Sue, you go above and beyond.

I also want to thank Lou Jacobson, who has agreed to be the secretary for our board meetings. We have not met since November but will try for March so let me know if there is something you want the board to address. Minutes will be on the desk once we meet so look for them, to read up on what's new. Don't know who the board members are? Find the list at the front of the handbook.

Keep in touch,
Heide

CONGRATULATIONS:

Member Paul Nemejc has been selected to show one of his paintings on the advertising for Blooming Fest this year. Keep an eye out for his yellow finch on the cone flower art work that was on display at Art Fiesta in 2010. It will be in press releases and on postcards to come out soon.

Margaret Bucholz was the February featured Gallery II artist at the DuPage Art League. Her latest work will then come to Gallery 200 as well for us to enjoy.

Classes for Gallery 200 and Studio

All classes will be held at Gallery 200/Studio. Please register on-line at www.gallery200.org
For more information, contact Gallery 200 at 630-293-9550

Staffers: Please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the class sign-up sheets. They are located on the table next to the desk. If students call for information, you can pass along the instructors' phone numbers or e-mail.

Introductory Watercolor Class

Saturdays:

March 5, 12, 19* & 26

April 16, 23 and 30

May 7 and 14*

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Lois Easley

The cost per session is \$10 per student and is open to ages 7 through adult. Persons may register for one or more sessions.

Recommended supplies:

Any watercolor paints- suggested colors include: Ultramarine Blue, Lemon Yellow, Alizarin Crimson, Yellow Ochre, Burnt Sienna, Burnt Umber, Chinese White, Ivory Black.

Minimum of one round brush, #8, #10 or #12 with good point. Watercolor block, tablet or individual sheets. (Include masking tape and board for individual sheets.)

Miscellaneous supplies - roll of paper towels, container for water, #2 pencil, sharpener and eraser.

For more information, questions regarding the supply list or to express an interest in a series of watercolor classes, contact Lois Easley at 630-293-8051.

*Please note: the March 19 and May 14, 2011 classes will be held upstairs in Gallery 200. The entrance is located at 200 Main Street.

After-school Art Class

Tuesdays:

March 1, 8, 15 & 22

April 12, 19 & 26

May 3, 10, 17 & 24

Time: 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Instructor: Lois Easley

Learn basic principles and techniques while drawing simple still life projects during one-time sessions. The cost per session is \$8.00 per student and is open to students ages 7 through adult. Persons may register for one or more sessions. Contact the Gallery at 630-293-9550, or Lois Easley at 630-293-8051 for further information and a supply list.

Various Vessels Class

Date: March 5, 2011

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Instructor: Heide Morris

Create a clay vessel (a vase, bowl or sculpture) of your choosing by using slab construction from patterns created by the student. Students will choose between a larger size for \$25 and a smaller size for \$20 to be made from low-fire clay. A second class will meet on Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until noon to glaze the fired construction. The class is limited to 10 students ages 9 and older with no experience necessary. All materials are included. If you have questions, please contact Heide at tomandheide@sbcglobal.net

Photography Workshops

Date: Saturdays,

March 19 and April 9, 2011

Time: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Professional photographer Mike Smith continues a series of introductory photography workshops on Saturday, March 19. The March topic is "Seeing the Light: Quality, Quantity and Direction" and includes techniques for shooting during "The Golden Hour" at sunset and "The Blue Hour" at twilight. The April workshop will cover basic composition and discuss what should and should not be included in an image. Workshops are geared toward beginner photographers with digital SLR cameras and the cost is \$30 per workshop. Participants must provide their own cameras.

For more information, contact Mike Smith at mike@photographic-services-international.com.

LOCAL MUSIC NIGHT Needs Volunteers

Mandy Rakow has done a great job bringing musicians out each month to perform at Local Music Night. This event is part of the West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission initiatives but it was her brainchild to get it started. She has invested her own time and funds to get it going and now some donations are keeping it alive, CAC does not fund this. If you can help in any way, setup, food donations, promotions etc. please let her know. Look at the flier posted on the bulletin board behind the desk for information. This has been such an enjoyable entertainment each month, all Gallery 200 members should stop in some time. ITS FREE!

What's New? Cheryl Mahowald has taken care of making the new post cards for Gallery 200. Members have e-mailed her images of their art work which she then uses to create the card. Each time we run out there will be new images for the next card. We have 500 cards that should last about 9 months. Please take some of them to give to people you think may want to visit us or put them at public places (church, library, club meetings etc.) with permission of course. You are our ambassadors so help get the word out.

March Featured Artist Show

Professional photographer Mike Smith and advanced photographer Scott Evans exhibit nautical photography throughout March featuring the 2010 summer arrival of the tall ships at Navy Pier in Chicago. A free Opening Reception of art on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Gallery offers an opportunity to meet the artists and includes light refreshments, songs of the sea performed by "Bounding Main" and a Captain Jack Sparrow impersonator.



Photographer Mike Smith captured the image "Sheets" from aboard the official media boat while photographing the arrival of the tall ships at Chicago's Navy Pier in 2010.

April's Artist: Margaret Bucholz

Award-winning artist Margaret Bucholz will display "Paintings by Margaret – Pets, Portraits and Petals" as the April Featured Artist at Gallery 200, 200 Main Street, West Chicago. A free Opening Reception on Friday, April 1, 2011, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Gallery will include light refreshments and an opportunity to meet the artist. Her exhibit in watercolors and oils will be on display throughout the month of April.



Margaret Bucholz combined imagination with photos of the peonies in her garden to create "Gardening at Twilight" as oil on canvas, which won a Special Merit Award at the DuPage Art League's monthly juried show in June 2010.



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See Local Music Night on Cable TV!

Local Music Night has been broadcast on channel 17.
It may run again in March. For the schedule, see this link:
(<http://cablecom-17.tripod.com/schedule.html>).
If you would like a preview, check out this on youtube:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAJag9o-iyA>.

2011 Local Music Nights

March 18, 2011
April 15, 2011
May 20, 2011
June 17, 2011
July 22, 2011
August 19, 2011
September 16, 2011
October 21, 2011
November 18, 2011
December 9, 2011