

What's New This Year?

The Gallery has purchased two large 6' tables for our use. We returned a couple that were borrowed from the museum and now keep one in the basement area and one upstairs behind the storage panel. Any member can use them for classes or display as needed. We also bought a Shop Vac to use mainly in the basement for the debris. Total \$\$ spent was around \$90.00.

The Underground Art Club, or UAC, has moved meeting nights to Monday. They still meet 6-9ish pm. and welcome any one who would like to use the basement area to work on their art. Ken LeVey organizes the group so if you have questions contact him.

Also, new to the Gallery200/Studio area is the Theater Group. Their first performance, in December, was "A Gift Worthy of Giving". Mark Fortman did a wonderful job playing O'Henry. Future performances are planned and you can contact Janet Gilleland for information janet@accentonhistory.com.

Local Music Night has a schedule for the rest of the year with all listed in the 2011 Museum calendar along with all the Featured Artist receptions. Calendars are for sale for \$10.00 to the City Museum.

Hello Gallery 200 Members,

The new year has arrived and we look forward to a successful 2011. Our calender is filling up with classes, events in the Studio area and the Featured Artist months are scheduled. Look for information in this newsletter.

January is the month to rejoin your membership for the year. We do need you to sign a contract since we made changes to the waiver section. Also there is different language for the bin use area and all dates and fees have been updated. When you sign the new contract please remove your old one and update any inventory lists. You can write a check to The City of West Chicago at the Gallery or mail it to Sue Weibler at 29W170 Donald Ave. in West Chicago. You should get a receipt as well.

The support of our members has been great and helps us with the commitment we have to the city, Thank you to all. We welcome 3 new artists who joined in 2010. Michale Bryant has added his scratch board and colored pencil work, Dennis Edwards does oil and acrylic painting and Kristine Plum has several water color pieces on display. Stop in when you can to say HI and get to know each other. Soon we will schedule a Membership Social but that will be announced by e-mail.

Two of our members have other plans for 2011. Lori Majcen, a pencil artist, will be married and moving to Missouri and Leslie Surta is looking for new studio work space for now to continue her glass work. All the best to both in the new year.

Happy New Year wishes to you all,
Heide

TO DO:

Members should take care of their membership dues during the month of January 2011. Heide will remove artwork from members who have not rejoined by the end of the month. Also any art work that has not been switched out for 6 to 9 months may be removed to make room for newer pieces. Lets keep the Gallery looking fresh.

Marge Hall and several local artists (Jacque and Gordon; Marge Hall; Kay Wahlgren; the late Leonard Fumarolo; George Shipperley; and Thomas Trausch) have been published in an artist's how-to book entitled "*The Complete Photo Guide to Creative Painting*" written by Geri Greenman and Paula Guhin. Marge has the opportunity to order books through the publisher at a discount - between \$12.50-\$14.00 - depending upon how many are ordered. Amazon.com lists the book at ~\$19.00.

If you are interested please contact Marge at 630-668-5549 by January 20. If you leave a message make sure to include your telephone number. Note that there is a book signing for this book at the DuPage Art League on February 12th from 2-4pm.

2011 Local Music Dates

Anyone interested in performing music or helping to organize these or future events should contact

Mandy Rakow at
rakowarts@gmail.com

January 21, 2011
Cassandra Henwood,
First Star Destiny, and
TriTone Sax Trio
February 18, 2011
Evan Konc, Brynn Mawr,
and Von Angel
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

Call for Art

The West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission has finalized the 2011 Community Banner Project. This year's theme is: *Motion – The way things move*. Examine how you would depict this subject and get your submissions ready by February 15, 2011. Entries will be accepted on line if your image meets the specific format and rules. An information session will be held at the West Chicago City Museum on January 15th, 2:00-3:00pm. Fliers will be at Gallery 200 as soon as Heide gets copies. Questions can be directed to her.

Fredericka Howard has also been organizing a display of art work at the State Bank of Illinois located on Rt. 59 in West Chicago. She is looking for new art work for 2011 so if you would like to participate and show your work for a few months contact her to work out the drop off and pick up dates. She can be reached at 630-231-0814.

Classes for Gallery 200 and Studio

Lois Easley will again start her introduction to water color classes in January. Please see her sign up sheet on the Classes Table if anyone asks about information. She also has a materials list for students. Classes start Jan 8th and continue the 15th, 22nd, 29th and go through Feb and March. The City web site also has this listed under www.gallery200.org when you click on to the classes area. Students can also sign up for the class this way by clicking on the sign up box.

Member Mike Smith will have a Basic Digital Photography work shop on January 8th at 12:00 in the Studio area of Gallery 200. Contact him if you would like to attend, 630-330-3595.

FYI – West Chicago City Museum

The Museum will only be open one Saturday a month during the winter time. They will be open at noon on Jan. 15, Feb. 12 and March 12. All other Saturdays we will need to organize an alternative Gallery key/ packet procedure. Fredericka Howard has agreed to pick up the packet on Friday eve, get it to the staff person on Saturday noon and then will pick it up again on Saturday 4:00pm and drop it off noon Sunday. Anyone who can stop by her home to pick up the packet would help her greatly. She lives at 449 Elite in West Chicago so contact her if you can help. Others who have keys are listed on your phone/e-mail list so be sure you get an updated copy when you rejoin membership.

January Featured Artist Show: The Book in Review



The Bookies are a passionate group of women dedicated to the art of hand bookbinding. Meeting monthly in each other's homes, Cheryl Mahowald, Mary Hagerty Sabo, Marilyn L. Schweitzer, Barbara Erickson and Carla Klausler hone their skills and learn new bookbinding techniques, growing both artistically and socially from the community atmosphere. Their combined works, entitled *The Book in Review*, will be on display throughout January.

Looking for a way to continue learning that did not involve traveling long distances for classes, a group of women from The Book and Paper Arts Guild expressed an interest in forming a small, self-taught group as an offshoot, which they later named The Bookies.

As an extension of their exhibit, The Bookies are offering a free workshop on January 23, 2011 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The artists will teach a simple Japanese stab binding and how to fold an origami mouse. The class is for beginners from ages 8 through adult for a maximum of 10 students. All supplies are provided. Prior registration is required by contacting Gallery 200 at (630) 293-9550 or online at www.gallery200.org.

An Opening Reception, at which you can meet the artists, will be held on January 7, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., and is open to the public. On display will be 24 different bookbinding technique samples as well as educational information regarding book arts and the "Artist's Favorite" display. Regular Gallery hours are Thursday and Friday 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Coming In March

Our next newsletter will highlight the Featured Artist Shows for March and April but mark your calendars for this special event brought by Mike Smith, a photographer. He will feature Tall Ships and has "Bounding Main" scheduled to perform along with an appearance from a "Jack Sparrow". The Opening Night Reception will be on a Saturday, March 5th, 7:00pm-9:00pm and Mike could use a member's help to staff the desk. Please contact him or Heide to help out. See his postcard at the desk for more information.

February's Artist: Paul Nemejc

Artist Paul Nemejc's introduction to the medium of gouache painting while learning photographic airbrushing techniques has led to an award winning style of vibrant and detailed wildlife portraiture. His exhibit, "Wildlife and Pet Portraits," will be on display throughout the month of February at Gallery 200, 200 Main Street, West Chicago. A free Opening Reception on Friday, February 4, 2011, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Gallery will include light refreshments and an opportunity to meet the artist. Contact Gallery 200 at (630) 293-9550 for more information.



"Golden Retriever"

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Keeping Up With News in 2011

Sign up to get the E-NEWS that the City of West Chicago puts together for us. Rosemary Mackey has created wonderful articles and press releases that are sent out to anyone who will log on to the E-News site. All our featured artist shows and special events, or CALL FOR ART can be accessed this way.

Log on to the website home page:

www.westchicago.org<<http://www.westchicago.org/>>.

Go to JOIN OUR MAILING LIST box (on right side of page), follow the prompts...first type in your e-mail address and it will take you to the page to select the categories you wish to receive. That's it! You won't miss the information we work so hard to put together. Look at the Gallery 200 web site too while you are at it.