



December 10, 2009 Newsletter

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Look at the beautiful winter scenes, (skip the difficulties in travel, shoveling etc). I bet some of you are sketching, dreaming, and creating as I write. (Wish I had that talent.☺) We have a few more bits of information for you to consider this month before you sit up to wait for Santa.

Upcoming Exhibits

Please take time to view, participate and volunteer during these exhibits.

February Festival of Arts

Check the Festival of Arts information sent to you, the application included today, in the class schedule booklet, in the Festival of Arts brochure, on both websites. This is also an opportunity for a friend of yours to exhibit. It is a free exhibit, a chance to put their media out in the community, and perhaps become a member participant of Artworks. Take a few minutes and explore all of your connections with other folks, and invite them to participate.

March Art Attack

All school ages from our area schools is presented as well as Athletes in Art

April Sheryl Budnik

The paintings of Sheryl Budnik will be displayed. Sheryl describes her painting, "My approach to paint is physical and dynamic.creating a physical dance of oil and pigment. Lots of crazy good paint." Sheryl is a landscape artist.

We are also negotiating an artist created jewelry exhibit.

May Gala Exhibit

May will be the GALA EXHIBIT! Showing off our creativity on the theme "Hats Off to Artworks and Downtown Big Rapids"

June 5-6 ClayFest Downtown www.clayartandfire.com

We would encourage you to look at this website and see the nationally known potters that will be here and all of the wonderful presentations, and possibilities of fun. Artists, remember it is a time for you to participate WITH them, even if you are not a potter. Please put these dates on your 2010 calendar.

Opportunity for Additional Volunteer Hours

We are in need of docents to stand near the art exhibits in the special exhibit areas. Because of the amount of our wonderful space, we need more people to be actively working in the building. We would prefer not to have to limit the viewing hours of the exhibits. We would also welcome any of your friends that may be interested in art and would enjoy being a docent for one of the exhibits.

Artists – Special Note for the Area Artists Festival of the Arts Exhibit.

Regarding the included application for the Festival of Arts, there are two parts that you need to consider. One is the calendar (drop off on time etc.) and the other is the labels for your pieces. Remember your work is accepted because you are member artists. How many pieces that are displayed depends on the team hanging the exhibit...due to space and variety. We are looking forward to showcasing our artists for the Festival of the Arts Area Artists Exhibit. But remember to share the entire applications with friends who are not Artworks members. Perhaps no exhibit fee will encourage others to join the exhibit. Any questions: contact Pat Heeter or Julie Tilmann.

If you listen carefully, you may hear the bell of Santa's sleigh. A Very Merry Christmas and Safe Happy Holidays.