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# Workshops

We had an excellent watercolor workshop last month instructed by Nancy Nordloh Neville called "Interpret Spring". It was a well-attended informative workshop.

Terry Hreno will be offering a one day workshop on Saturday, June 13, 2015 titled "The Simple Truth About Acrylics". The workshop will focus on simplified approaches to painting and color mixing. The workshop offers ways for the beginner to make an easy entry into acrylics. It also offers the advanced painter a way to streamline his/her work with this sometimes difficult medium. Please call Brenda Kunkel at 825-3579 for more information.

Hector Perez will be offering a 5 week class in July on the Basics of Drawing. More to come on this via emails, Facebook and ShoutOut.

Ray Hassard of Cincinnati will give a Saturday workshop in October on "Getting a Strong Start in Painting" and you can do it in oils or acrylics. Look him up on his website at http://rayhassard.com/More information will be forthcoming.

# **Artzzy Party**



There have been several very successful Artzzy Parties recently two of which were for Victims Assistance in Rushville. An Artzzy Party fundraiser was also given for Kappa Kappa Sigma. WVAA once again cosponsored a free children's Artzzy Party with the Fayette County Library supplying all the essential needed items. A colorful caterpillar was painted by children in the age group of 4-7 and a whimsical keyboard by 8-12 year

olds. Cindy Holland instructed as she is a big kid at heart. They have asked to do the free party again in August for the kids before they go back to school.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Greetings!

It's so nice to look out your window and not see snow. The sunshine is inviting us outside to enjoy the natural beauty of this world. God is definitely the primo artist with all the palettes we see in nature from the flowers and trees to the beautifully colored birds. Spring is Art at its very best



We are going to be doing a mural campaign to raise funds to erect our "Mystery Mural" on the outside of the Smith building so it can be

enjoyed by everyone. It will be great to see it up only a couple of blocks from where the photograph was actually taken.

There will be an Open House at the Smith building on June 19-21 and June 26-28 to let visitors see what we are doing with an opportunity to donate time or funds to our project.

The Oxford Museum Association would like to invite members of our community to attend The 50th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair on June 13 -14,



2015. This outdoor juried show of over 80 artists is held on the historic grounds of the Hueston Woods Pioneer Farm 6924 Brown Rd

Oxford, OH. http://oxfordmuseumassociation.com As usual we are keeping busy. Enjoy the beautiful weather.

I leave you with this quote "The earth without Art is just eh."

Sharon



## **Art Shows**

We have had 2 very well received exhibits since the last newsletter. The Contemporary Art Group and Joe Swanson's One-Man Show gave us some new artwork to enjoy. It's nice to get to see so many different sides of art.



Now we are enjoying our Regional first regional competition exhibit in more than 30 years and a juried show at

that. I would like to congratulate all the winners and all the participants in a very well-rounded show.

- · Best in Show Advanced Division is Joseph Swanson
- · 1st Place Advanced Division is Judy Hreno
- 2nd Place Advanced Division is Terry Hreno
- 3rd Place Advanced Division is Lawrence Sexton
- Merit Award in Advanced Division is Stacey Torres
- Best of Show Amateur Division is Doris Martin
- 1st Place in Amateur Division is Venna Werner
- · 2nd Place Amateur Division is Kathy Bird
- · 3rd Place in Amateur Division is Jenelle Burns
- · Merit Award in Amateur Division is Carla Beard
- Purchase Award went to Cheryl Johnson

#### Good job folks!

WVAA members, Judy and Terry Hreno were invited to exhibit at the Plainfield Library Gala on April 10-12. The event featured works from over fifty Indiana artists. Terry will be having a one man show there in October with about fifty of his railroad paintings. Judy has been offered a one woman show at the library in 2016.

#### Canceled but More to come

ArtTalk and Art Movie Night has been cancelled for June due to vacations. Look for it to be back on the schedule either in July or August at the latest. If you haven't come down for these, you have been missing some fun. We have lively discussions on both the movies and the art critiques. It's very interesting to discover things about the various artists and to learn how to critique a painting.



A committee has been formed to develop a plan and make decisions as to how things are to proceed with renovations at the Smith Building. Grants are being sought for some of the

major projects. We are starting a campaign on our Website and Facebook to raise funds for renovations at the Smith Building. Donations will be collected through a PayPal account. We are a 501©(3) so these donations



should be tax deductible. Lilagraphics has kicked off the donations by giving WVAA a brand new 16 gallon Shop Vac for use at the building. Many thanks, Delilah and Brad! Several members of the committee have donated cleaning supplies and the use of personally owned tools to begin the clean up process.. And yes, we have a working bathroom. Some pipes had to be changed out but it's working just fine.

Work has started on the cleaning and renovation of the building. There will be scheduled times posted on Facebook and elsewhere but if you would like to go down and work at other times, it can be arranged. We have tasks written on a dry erase board so that anyone can help who wants to from scraping floorcovering remnants, tearing down a wall, or scraping peeling paint on the second floor. We can find something for you to do. Maybe you would just like to donate a needed item or money for whatever, that would be great too!

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