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FEBRUARY MEETING

The Euclid Art Association's next monthly meeting is **Monday, February 2**, starting at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall of East Shore United Methodist Church, 23002 Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid. Parking is behind the church or across from Marc's Pharmacy door. The entrance is through the back door of the church. There is an elevator to reach the lower level and Fellowship Hall. The doors of the church open at 6:00pm. The meeting is open to the public. A \$3.00 donation is suggested for guests. **Remember the Church's <u>Door Code</u> to enter the building.** In the December newsletter, we mailed everyone a card with the door code for you to keep safely in your wallet or purse.

Refreshments will be served after the program. The hosts for February are Joanne Cartor and Annette Fiorelli.

A 'GREAT BIG THANK YOU IN ADVANCE' to the person, as yet unknown, who will **volunteer to co-host our May 4th meeting** with Nancy Daly. We know you're out there! Please call Sandi Richards, 216-732-8696 and let her know.

The next **Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 3rd at 10:00am** in the North Street Gallery on the 2nd floor of the Euclid History Museum, 21129 North St. in Euclid. Chairpersons of committees are asked to be present and all members are invited. The Board meets every Tuesday from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Please join us. Your comments, suggestions and help are always welcomed. Come hungry, we go out to lunch afterward!

PROGRAM

Our February meeting features the artwork of a very talented local artist, **Susan Cone Porges**. Susan will demonstrate **portrait painting** using charcoal, white pencil and pan pastels. She graduated from Massachusetts College of Art in Boston, where she received honors and awards for outstanding achievement in Drawing, Printmaking, and Calligraphy. For the past 35 years she has had a successful career as a freelance artist and calligrapher, painter and teacher. "There is no better way for me to spend my days than creating art. I work in a wide range of mediums, as well as subject matter, and I hope you'll enjoy viewing my work as much as I do creating it." She regularly exhibits her oil, watercolor and pastel paintings in art exhibitions and galleries and her work is collected internationally. Susan's artwork has been commissioned by major corporations including the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, KeyCorp Bank, Progressive Insurance Corporation, The Cleveland Clinic, Radio City Entertainment in NYC, The Merchandise Mart in Chicago and KetubahKetubah in Toronto, to name a few. Please venture out on February 2nd and join us....you'll be glad you did!

THANKS TO ALL

Thank you to everyone who turned out for our January meeting and made the evening a big success. A very special thank you to our members - Wali Neil, Melanie Herbruck, Ellen Howard - for sharing their talents and artwork with us at our annual January "*Members' Show and Tell*" event. We were also treated to a slide show by our president, Lee Peters, on IngenuityFest 2014, plus a special video - a segment from Akira Kirusawa's "Dreams" about an encounter with Vincent Van Gogh. There were 21 members and guests who braved the cold, frigid weather and came to the meeting. Comments heard at the end of the meeting.... "we are so glad that we came; almost didn't because of the cold, but this was one of the best meetings ever!".... "what talented people we have in our organization!" We encourage everyone to visit the Events page on our website www.EuclidArt.com to see lots of pictures and details from the evening's presentations.

Thanks also to our hosts for the evening, Sandi Richards and Dennis McDonnell. We enjoyed delicious brownies, apricot kolachky, chocolate chip cookies and healthy veggies, along with hot coffee and tea.

Belated thank you to Dog Daze Grooming Salon, 778 E 200th Street, Euclid 44119, 216-486-4856 <u>dogdazegrooming.com</u> for graciously donating the giant doggie gift basket to the Chinese auction at our Christmas party. An oversight lead to our lack of acknowledgment of this most generous gift in our last newsletter. Please continue to frequent this establishment and all others who helped replenish our education fund. Visit our Sponsors page on our website for more information.

EAA WORKSHOPS

Sign up now for these upcoming workshops! Contact Sue Herrle at 216-481-5105 or via email at suetom.herrle@sbcglobal.net.

David Rankin, Cleveland's most accomplished watercolor painter and instructor will be back on **March 28, 2015** doing a workshop for us on "**Faces in Watercolor**". David will provide us with two faces to draw on watercolor paper in advance of the workshop. You will learn a simplified procedure to create faces in watercolor. His very unique training methods make watercolor enjoyable and more effective. Artists of all skill levels including beginners are encouraged to sign up. There are only 4 more spaces left for this popular workshop PAYMENT IS NOW DUE for David's workshop, please.

Then, on Saturday, **April 25, 2015** our workshop is "**Layered Cut Paper Portraits**" by Kerry Remp. Kerry uses sheets of colored card stock that are cut with an X-acto knife and stacked together into a 3-D portrait with depth. Learn about...selecting an appropriate image, posterization, rendering layers, color selection, cutting and putting it all together. You will create a cut paper portrait to take home. See more of Kerry's Layered Portraits at www.paperart4u.com. This workshop is already half filled! Did you see the Art Section of Sunday's PD about Henri Matisse's Paper Cut Outs?

Details for both workshops can be found on our website www.EuclidArt.com under the Workshops page.

EAA MEMBER NEWS

The Creative Artists Association Winter Art Show at the Fairport Senior Center ended on January 5th. Our own Melanie Herbruck was the judge. Winners that are also EAA members are: Best of Show: "Lily" by Noah's Child; Watercolor: 1st place "Great Time in India" by Noah's Child; Honorable Mention: "Coming For Apples" by Suzette Cohen and "Lost Time" by Connie Adams. Congratulations to all!

Several EAA members including Mary Alice Valvoda, Pat Simmons and Linda McGreevy are entered in the "Frozen Artistry" installation of ice and snow themed artwork celebrating the beauty of winter, sponsored by the Geauga Park District. Their artwork can be seen at The West Woods Nature Center, 9465 Kinsman Road (Rt. 87), Russell Township from 10am - 4:30pm daily through April 19. A reception will be held Sunday, February 1, noon to 4pm. Sounds interesting! Visit if you can.

EAA SPRING SHOW

The EAA Board has started planing for our Spring Fine Art Show at the Euclid Public Library, May 2 - May 9, 2015. While May weather may seem like a far distant fantasy at this point in time, it will be here before you know it. Let's hope so! So, now is a good time to start creating your next masterpieces for our upcoming show. Special thanks to Ellen Howard who volunteered to be our next Show Chairperson.

ART NEWS AROUND TOWN

The Cliffside Artists Collaborative is offering a number of workshops at the Highland Library in Medina, featuring one of our previous demonstrators, Bob Moyer, among others. For more information go to www.cliffsideartistscollaborative.org.

WEBSITE

EAA members are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to have their own Members Art page on our website. On our website, you can now view the artwork of: Connie Adams, Betty Kovacs, Dennis McDonnell, Eddie Mitchell, Joanne Naroski, Lee Peters, Harry Pierson, Michael Wardrope, Sue Herrle, Melanie Herbruck, Noah's Child, Pat Simmons, Eileen McAndrew, Mary Ann Hagen and Sandi Richards. Check back often as artists frequently change their pictures. Dennis McDonnell being the latest to do so...check out his stunning new images! If you would like to join them, go to our Members Art page and click on the link at the top of the page for information on how to get started.

Also, check out the new "Events" page. That is where you will find images from our Members' Show and Tell night, Ingenuity Fest, as well as past events, like our 2014 Christmas Party.

NEWS WANTED!

If you are having an art show or are involved in an artistic event, send us your art news and pictures. Email info@EuclidArt.com or call 216-531-6349. Please include EAA in the "Subject" header line of your email message.

CLOSING THOUGHT

The earth without art is just "eh" - author unknown











