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APRIL MEETING

The Euclid Art Association's next monthly meeting is **Monday, April 4**, starting at 7:00pm. The meeting is 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.** Call Lee if you forgot it.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The hosts for April are Mary Alice Valvoda and Mary Ann Gambitta. At this meeting, we will start asking members to sign up to host for our 2016-2017 season. So, think about it, please!

The next weekly **Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 5 at 10:00am** in the North Street Gallery on the 2nd floor of the Euclid History Museum, 21129 North St. in Euclid. The Board meets every Tuesday from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Chairpersons of committees are asked to be present and all members are invited. Please join us.

PROGRAM

It's APRIL and that can only mean one thing....Lirpa Loof is back! Lirpa will be demonstrating her groundbreaking techniques in the area of monochromatic and aromatic painting. We will be offering a pre-meeting dinner which will consist of a scrumptious serving of Lirpa's famous barbecued ribs. Please make your reservations early. Lirpa will then use fingers and rib bones as brushes and BBQ sauce as paint. Her picture for the night is part of a series called "Apoplectic Cardinals Harvesting Tomatoes on the Shore of the Red Sea". At the end of the night one lucky member will get to go home with a picture that smells, in a good way, and looks good enough to eat.

OUR REAL PROGRAM

Our *REAL* meeting features artist and teacher **Daniel Whitely**. Dan is a well-known artist in the Cleveland/Akron area, who specializes in oil paintings and drawings, public murals, figurative work and teaching art to those with a passion for it in schools and out of his studio. In his demonstration called *Technology and Art Today*, Dan plans to demo an oil painting, using the most current teaching digital techniques. Not only is Dan an excellent artist and teacher, we understand that he is also a very entertaining and inspirational speaker.

Dan is currently the Art Instructor at Orange City Schools. "My students will tell you that I am passionate about visual arts and I will stand on my head to get them to reach deeply into their imagination as they give form, dimension, and color to their work." His commissioned works include the creation of murals in urban settings that mirror the "inexhaustible spirit of those neighborhoods". When asked who had the biggest influence in his artist career, he says Dottie Geisert, who is one of Euclid Art's newest members. Dottie was his teacher from the 7th to 11th grades. For more about Dan and to see some of his artwork visit the home page of our website <u>www.EuclidArt.com</u> or visit Dan's Facebook site at <u>www.facebook.com/artistdanwhitely</u>.

THANKS TO ALL

Thanks to our March demonstrator, **Michael Winston** for his demonstration on Magic Marker art. We enjoyed hearing his life story and how he started on the path to creating this unique art form. Through his use of vibrant colors and unique floral designs, Michael's artwork brings visual joy to everyone who sees it. Michael's popularity with EAA members is reflected by the great attendance at our meeting. We had 38 people, including 2 guests and 4 new members. Thanks to **Annette Fiorelli** and **Lee Peters** who provided us with tasty refreshments. Make sure to visit our <u>Demonstrations page</u> to see pictures and read more about Michael's presentation.

We had a fantastic and fun Zentangle workshop on Saturday, March 26. Didn't know that Tangles have such unique names...Opus, Verdigogh, Quobog, Cyme, Mooka....to name a few. We thank certified Zentangle instructors, Launie McDevitt and Lisa Ruschman for teaching these to us, plus more....and for the give aways, pizza and salad. GREAT TIME had by all. Thank you, thank you!

COLLABORATIVE FINE ART SHOW AT LAKE FARMPARK - MARCH 29 - APRIL 30, 2016

The Creative Artists, Euclid Art and Hillcrest Art groups first ever *A Collaborative Fine Art Show* at Lake Farmpark is currently underway with 34 local artists displaying their work. This is a **reminder** that our "**Meet the Artists Reception**" is **Wednesday, March 30 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**. Cookies and punch will be served in the lobby of the entrance to Lake Farmpark. Most of you should receive this newsletter in time to make plans to attend. Come, meet other artists and invite your family and friends to join you.

2016 SPRING FINE ART SHOW AT EUCLID PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our BIG Spring Fine Art Show at the Euclid Public Library is May 14 - May 21, 2016. It's right around the corner! This is a judged show and awards are given. The show instructions, entry form and label page are included with this newsletter. Entry forms <u>MUST</u> be returned by Friday, April 29, 2016, to our show chairperson, Ellen Howard...so mark your calendar. These forms are also available on our website on the <u>Art Shows page</u>.

We will pass around the 'sitters list' at our April and May meetings, asking members to volunteer a few hours of their time sitting at the Euclid Art information table during the show. Or, you can schedule a time by calling Mary Ann Gambitta at 440-269-1432. Thanks in advance to all. Winners will be announced and awards handed out at our reception on Wednesday, May 18 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Artists and members are asked to bring finger food for the reception....we'll remind you again in the May newsletter.

CITY HALL EXCHANGE

Our next City Hall Exchange is **Friday**, **April 15**. Please be there a little before **10:00am** for the best chance of having your pictures picked by the office staff. We would like to have large pictures to hang in the lobby. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about this opportunity to display your work, please call Lee Peters at 216-531-6349.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR 2016

Not only is David Rankin's April 23 workshop full, but his second watercolor workshop, *Flowers in Nature* on Saturday, June 4 is now FULL, too. We are taking names for the wait list. Details can be found on our website on the <u>Workshops</u> page. Contact Sue Herrle on 216-481-5105 or email <u>suetom.herrle@sbcglobal.net</u>.

LOOKING AHEAD

Reminder - Some have asked when membership dues are due for the next season....at the June meeting, please.

MEMBER NEWS

Member, Dottie Geisert teaches a 10-week Multi-Media Art Class at the Wildwood Cultural Center in Mentor on Wednesday afternoons now through May 25. You have the opportunity to create art in the media of your choice....oil, acrylic, watercolor, pencil, pastel and more! Students receives a continuous one on one education. Visit www.cityofmentor.com/play/takeaclass/arts-crafts/ to sign up or call Dottie on 440-255-4261 for details.

Member, Sandra Johnson's photograph, *Yellow Umbrella Belle*, was accepted in the Barbara Lutton Art Show at the Shaker Heights Public Library, 16500 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Hts. 44120. The show runs from April 3 to May 1, 2016. Congratulation, Sandy....she invites you to stop by and see the show.

Our belated sympathy to honorary member and friend of Euclid Art, Jon Boyton, owner of Driftwood Gallery, on the loss of his wife Joyce last December.

ABOUT TOWN

One of our members thought you would like to know...Medina artist, Frederick C. Graff, one of today's foremost watercolorists, is holding a "Beginner Watercolor Workshop" in Hinckley, OH from May 9-12. For more info about this class and his other upcoming workshops, see <u>www.fredgraff.com/html/workshops.html</u>.

Watercolor artist and former EAA demonstrator, Christopher Leeper let us know that he is offering watercolor workshops in the upcoming months. Visit his website <u>www.christopherleeper.com</u> for the schedule details.

Please tell us what's going on! Call 216-531-6349 or email <u>info@EuclidArt.com</u>. Include EAA in the "Subject" line of the message header. We are always happy to publicize your event.

MEMBERS ART PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE

Our webmaster, Kirk Ramsey now has his own art page. Great artwork, Kirk. <u>Check it out</u>. EAA members are encouraged to have their own personal Members Art page on our website, <u>www.EuclidArt.com</u>. Go to our <u>Members Art page</u> and click the link at the top of the page for information on how to get started.

CLOSING THOUGHT

"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month." — Henry Van Dyke, Fisherman's Luck, 1899