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# \* \* \* SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY EDITION \* \* \*

### **DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY - COME ONE, COME ALL!**

Our Annual Christmas Party and Chinese Auction Fundraiser is **MONDAY**, **DECEMBER 3**. All Euclid Art Members and their guests are invited to attend. It will positively be a delightful evening....delicious food, lots of friends and amazing auction items to bid on! There is no charge. Dress is casual. Your party invitation is enclosed!

**RSVP by Friday, November 30th**, the sooner the better, please. *It's important!* This tells us how many place settings we will need. Contact Sue Herrle at 216-481-5105 or Lee Peters at 216-531-6349 or Sandi Richards at 216-732-8696.

**Location:** Fellowship Hall of East Shore United Methodist Church, 23002 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid. The entrance is through the back door of the church. There is an elevator to reach the lower level and Fellowship Hall. Parking is in the lot behind the church, across from the Marc's Pharmacy door, or on the circular driveway in front of the church. Please do not park outside designated areas as this impedes access of emergency vehicles to the rear entrance. If you do, you risk being ticketed. Regarding entrance into the Church....a new procedure is now in place! You must ring the doorbell to the right of the door...look for the BIG arrow. Someone will buzz you in.

**Time:** The doors of the Church will open at 4:00pm for those coming to help set-up and early arrivals. Appetizers and punch will be served starting at **5:30pm** with dinner at **6:15pm**. Please have all food items delivered by 5:30pm.

What Food Items to Bring: Bring your favorite dish (appetizer, entree, side, salad, dessert), enough to share with your friends. We hope to get more entrees and a few less desserts, please. The club provides a honey baked ham! Coffee, tea and water will be provided. We have the use of the church kitchen to keep items warm or cold. Sandi asks that you please provide utensils if bringing casseroles or something in a crock pot, label the back of your dish/utensils with your name so we can return the items to you, and include a brief description of your dish.

TIP for keeping your entree hot: This is an old Boy Scout trick, thanks to Joan Milligan. Take your dish directly from the oven, cover with foil then surround it in many layers of newspaper (folded, not crumpled). Place in a cardboard box and cover with a towel. Your food will stay hot for hours!

**What to Bring for the Chinese Auction:** Please donate one or more items for this fundraiser. Suggested items – gift cards, certificates from local merchants, restaurants, or movie theaters, collectibles, gift baskets, candy, wine, artwork, art books. Use your imagination! Use the signed letter of introduction, a.k.a., beggar's letter, that we included with your November newsletter, to approach a local business for a contribution. Need another copy, please call Lee Peters at 216-531-6349. All proceeds from the auction go to our Education Fund that allows us to offer an annual scholarship to a deserving art student from Euclid High School.

**Help Wanted:** We still need volunteers to help set up items on the auction tables. Please contact Sue Herrle, 216-481-5105 or <u>suetom.herrle@sbcglobal.net</u>.

### WHAT IS A CHINESE AUCTION

For the benefit of our newer members, a Chinese auction allows you to bid on the donated item(s) you may want by placing one or more tickets in the brown paper bag for that item. The tickets are only 3 for \$1. You can increase your chances of winning by buying more and more tickets. *Make sure you keep one ticket and place the other ticket in the bag next to the item*. The chance of winning depends on the total number of tickets bid by all individuals for each item. The auction begins after dinner. One winning ticket is drawn from the bag beside each item and if you hold that winning ticket, the item is yours. Remember, this is for a very good cause! And, it's a lot of fun....

### THANK YOU

We thank **Jacques Payne** for sharing his passion for glass and wood with us at our November meeting. Over 25 members and guests enjoyed his demonstration. Jacques gave us a very good description of the different steps involved in creating a glass mosaic....his experience with and knowledge of mosaics shined through. And even more interesting were the stories he told....he's an excellent story teller, too! Check out the <u>Demonstrations page</u> on our website for pictures and more information about his demonstration. Thank you to **Nancy Daly, Mary Ann Gambitta** and **Rozenia Cunningham** for hosting the November meeting. They set out a lovely fall table of goodies for us to enjoy.

## AND EVEN MORE THANK YOUS

We thank **David Rankin and his wife, Deanna**, too, for an absolutely amazing and fun weekend workshop, October 26, 27 & 28, on *How to Develop a Sketchbook and Travel Journal....*a tour of India. It was a full class with artists attending from all over NE Ohio, Columbus,OH, New Jersey, Michigan, Vermont and as far away as Big Canoe, GA. On Friday evening, as we entered into the Gallery through our own 'Taj Palace' gateway, we were transported to India. Indian music played in the background. The smell of Indian Chai tea permeated the space. We all enjoyed a cup of tea and Indian samosas compliments of David's beautiful wife, Deanna. All this set the mood for our weekend workshop with David. Before our tour of India came to an end, 16 of us enjoyed a delicious vegetarian thali dinner at the Taj India Palace located in the Hilltop Plaza in Richmond Hts. A fun time was had by all! To see more of our sketchbook tour of India, go to the Workshops page, under the archive section. There's lots of pictures and good information.....you'll be glad you did!

### **BRECKENRIDGE VILLAGE WINTER ART SHOW**

The show runs from November 19, 2018 through January 7, 2019 at the Mahan Cultural Center at Breckenridge Village, 36851 Ridge Rd, Willoughby. It's a superb and quaint gallery space and we thank Debora Erksa for inviting us back each year. It's well worth a trip to Willoughby to see our show. Thanks to all the artists who participated!

### **WORKSHOPS**

<u>May 31, June 1, 2, 2019 "Birds in Watercolor" by David Rankin.</u> David is one of an elite group of artists from around the world who paint birds. In this unique workshop he will walk us through several precise procedures that he uses to capture the beauty of birds in Transparent Watercolor. For more information, go to EuclidArt.com, Workshops page. Even though this workshop is **FULL**, you can add your name to the wait list....please contact Sue Herrle.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Mark your calendars for **Monday, January 7.** Every year at our January meeting, we feature several members and ask them to *Show & Tell* us about their artwork. This is always one of the best meetings of the season, as it highlights the talented people we have in our club. HOWEVER, we are still looking for four members who would like to share their artwork and talents with us. If interested, please contact Joan Milligan, 440-527-1917 or <u>artsiegirl826@aol.com</u>.



### MEMBER NEWS

**Mary Alice Valvoda** was selected to be part of the Holden Arboretum Holiday Show featuring her original photo art on canvas. The "<u>Gifts</u> <u>from the Heart of Nature Show</u>" will be held at Holden Arboretum from November 17 - January 3 from 9-5 daily. The annual holiday show displays and sells environmentally friendly and unique gifts featuring nature-inspired work from regional artists. Mary Alice will also be showing some of her work at the Mayfield Village Mistletoe Market on Saturday, December 1.

## **CLOSING THOUGHT**

"Christmas isn't just a day, it's a frame of mind." — Valentine Davies, "Miracle on 34th Street"

In celebration of our 60th year, we share this beautiful Christmas card created by our founder and first president, Marge Hain.