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***** SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY EDITION *****

A WINTER WONDERLAND AWAITS YOU . . . COME ONE, COME ALL

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, POTLUCK DINNER & CHINESE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

It's **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th**. 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, December 6th, 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....someone will be at the door to let you in. If not, **ring the video doorbell and we'll buzz you in.**

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

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 (those free address labels work well), 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! But, please...no political artwork this year! 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.

We already have three beautiful, original watercolors for the auction donated by our 'out-of-town' members - thank you Kirk Ramsey, Laurie Braman and Jack Hickson. Also, some lucky person can win the Honey Baked Ham bone - look for the 'bag of beans' on the auction table.

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

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....

THANKS TO ALL

Many thanks to **Mike and Kaitlyn Ballard** of **4 Corners Custom Framing**, 825 E 185, Cleveland, for their informative and entertaining presentation about framing your art. They gladly answered all our questions, giving us practical tips for hanging, wiring and cleaning artwork. They welcome visits by artists who may want to stop in for free advice and assistance. For more info and to read the tips, go to the [Demonstrations page](#) on www.EuclidArt.com.

Thanks to **Pam Montagno** for hosting our November meeting, assisted by Sandi and Rozenia. They put together an inviting table of assorted cookies, pound cake, veggies and fruit for all to enjoy.

Special thank you to artist, **David Rankin** for another outstanding Sketchbook Workshop on November 8, 9, 10. He shared his process of sketching in India for over 30 years. We sketched some challenging subjects from the Amber Fort in Jaipur and a camel to the Taj Mahal. On Saturday and Sunday morning David guided us through his Meditative Drawing technique to quiet and center us. He also shared why he paints India...how it all began. On Saturday evening, many of us enjoyed a delicious vegetarian thali dinner at the Taj India Palace. Thanks also to **Dianna Rankin** for bringing hot chai tea and spicy samosas as snacks on Friday evening. This was a great weekend workshop in so many ways.

Regarding Sketchbooks - Did you notice the article in the November/December 2019, Cleveland Museum of Art magazine on "*The Frances Taft Archive*"? Frances P. Taft traveled the world and took her sketchbooks everywhere. Some of her amazing watercolor sketches are featured in the article. Worth a look see! Available in the archive that bears her name in the Ingalls Library and Museum Archives.

WORKSHOPS

May 29, 30, 31, 2020 - "[Lighthouses, Seascapes and Skies I](#)" with internationally acclaimed artist, **David Rankin**. Painting lighthouses requires a special skill set that includes both drawing & painting skills. In this workshop David will help you create distinctive landscapes that include all of the main features that are common to lighthouse subjects. His approach will speed up your creative process and help you create better compositions with confidence. With *Lighthouses...* it's always about the light, time of day, and weather, which can evoke powerful and emotional moods to even the simplest *Lighthouse landscapes*. This workshop is **FULL** and there are two people on the waitlist.

NEW . . . We've added [Lighthouses, Seascapes and Skies II](#), **June 12, 13, 14, 2020** with **David Rankin**. Same description as above, except with 'different' lighthouses. This workshop is already half full. Don't wait...sign up now.

[Details of each workshop are on EuclidArt.com, Workshops page.](#) **To sign up contact:** Susan Herrle to register, phone: 216-481-5105 or email: suetom.herrle@sbcglobal.net, include EAA in subject line.

MEMBER NEWS

Ellen Howard is selling original art note cards and textile products at the Christmas Fair Trade Boutique at St. Joseph Academy, 3470 Rocky River Drive, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12.

Flo Smith is holding a 2-day workshop on Gesso, Wednesday, January 15, and Friday, January 17, 2020 (need a day for Gesso to dry), from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6621 Wilson Mills Road. Flo will share everything she knows about gesso from the application on paper, the texturing of and finally the actual painting of watercolor on this unique surface. Cost is \$100. Materials list available upon registration. Class size is limited. To register call Donna, 440-919-2332. For questions, call Flo, 440-946-3019. Makes a nice Christmas present!



CLOSING THOUGHT

*"Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality." —
Washington Irving*

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY HANUKAH
HAPPY HOLIDAYS