

DECEMBER CALENDAR PLUS

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MEETINGS:

Tuesday, December 8: Annual Holiday Party at the Jackson Country Club. Doors open at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm

Friday, January 8: Board meeting 1-3 pm at Ella. All members welcome.

Tuesday, January 19, JCAA meeting. Kellison King will speak on "Artistic Vision". Artist of the Month for February will be selected. Theme: Snow. Doors open at 6 pm. Meeting starts at 6:30.

SKILL SHARPENING:

Figure Drawing from a nude model is offered each Friday (except Christmas Day) from 9 to 12 noon in December (4, 11, 18). In January, (except New Year's Day) the dates are: 8, 15, 22, and 29. Dry media only. At Ella Sharp. Drop in any time. Fee: \$8. Where in Michigan can you get a better deal?

Costumed Drawing: On the final Friday of each month, draw or paint from a costumed model from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at Ella. In December, because of the holiday, the date will be the 18th. In January, it will be the 29th. If using wet media, please bring drop cloth. Fee: \$8

Drawing Dancing: To be clear, this is not drawing *while* dancing. But to draw dancers dancing while one is motionless is not easy either. This rare opportunity is yours courtesy of the **Toledo Museum**, in connection with its current exhibition "Degas and the Dance". The date is Thursday, December 17, from 7 to 9 pm.

Also offered in connection with dance are movies in the Little Theater on Dec. 12 and 13, showing at 2 pm. These are all full-length features. Call 419-255-8000 for further info on the movies and drawing opportunities. Information about the programs has changed from time to time. "Degas and the Dance" closes on January 10, 2016.

ABSORBING ART:

Detroit Institute of Arts has 365 days of weather for you in the form of videos taken every minute by Susan Goethel Campbell. Apparently one gets to see weather patterns emerge as you view. A 'heads up' on the current Rembrandt exhibition, "Guest of Honor": It closes soon, on Saturday, December 13. See how Rembrandt was able to paint himself forty times without being repetitive.

At 634

Art 634's Second Sunday (December 13, 12-4 pm) helps Jackson celebrate the season with carolers caroling while cookies are cooking, and shoppers are shopping for hand-made gifts. Vendors will be offering jewelry, handbags, handmade soap, and skincare products, and much more.

At Ella Sharp

Christmas at Hillside returns you to the Victorian era on Thursday, December 18 from 5:30 to 7 pm at Ella. Tour guides will lead you through the museum grounds, showing what Christmas would have been like when the Sharp family lived there. Cost is \$20/member, \$25/non-member

Following your tour, take a few steps to the **Hurst Planetarium** and enjoy "Let it Snow"—a full-dome video-imaging, choreographed to seasonal music that includes hits by Frank Sinatra, Chuck Berry, and the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Admission is \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, and \$3 students. The showing is also scheduled for Friday, the 19th at 7 pm, and Saturday, the 20th at 4 pm.

JSO Holiday Concert

The Jackson Symphony Orchestra will get into the holiday spirit during its annual holiday concert at 4 pm Sunday, December 13.

The event will be at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, 301 S. Mechanic St. The concert will feature performances from the Jackson Chorale and Children's choir, which includes elementary and middle school-aged children.

Tickets cost \$10 for general admission, \$15 for VIP seating, and \$5 for anyone under 18. They can be purchased at jacksonsymphony.org, and will be sold at the box office.

Enjoy peaceful holidays!!