

# JCAA CALENDAR FOR JANUARY PLUS 2016

## MEETINGS

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

Tuesday, Jan 19: JCAA meeting. Kellison King will speak on "Artistic Vision". Doors open at 6 pm. Artist-of-the Month selected. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, Feb 2: JCAA meeting. Movie Night. Doors open at 6 pm; meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

Friday, February 5: Board meeting 1-3 pm. At Ella. All members welcome.

Tuesday, Feb 16: JCAA meeting. Peer Critique. Artist-of-the Month selected. Doors open at 6 pm. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

## SKILL SHARPENING:

**Figure drawing** from a nude model is offered every Friday at Ella Sharp. In January, those dates are: 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 9 to noon. In February the dates are: 5, 12, 19, and 26. Dry media only. Drop in any time. Fee is \$8.

**Costumed drawing** or painting is offered on the final Friday of the month from 12:30 to 3:30pm, also at Ella. In January this is the 29<sup>th</sup>. In February it is the 26<sup>th</sup>. If using wet media, please bring a drop cloth. Fee is \$8.

**Studio 21:** The Studio 21 project at Ella (Thursdays 5:30-7:30 pm) continues.... Reserve your seat for paint and pour. This week's painting (January 7) will be inspired by Wassily Kandinsky. Members \$20/non-members \$25.

**Ceramics:** "Try to get it a little bigger" is the motivator in the adult ceramics class being held this winter. Beginners and intermediate class meets at Ella on Wednesdays from 1-4 pm, Jan 13 to Feb 3; 1-4 pm or 6-9 pm. Advanced class meets Thursdays, Jan 14 to Feb 4, 6-9 pm.

"Inspired by Architecture" is the presumption and promise behind a different approach to clay. The class looks to buildings and the architectural for artistic energy. Students will work at their own level throwing and hand-building clay. Beginner/Intermediate: Wednesdays, Feb 24 to March 16, 1-4 pm or 6-9 pm. Advanced: Thursdays, Feb. 25 to Mar 17, 6-9 pm. Call the museum at 787-2320 for further info.

## ABSORBING ART:

**Ella Sharp Museum:** Three exhibitions at Ella close before the end of January. The most arresting is "Behold Revelation: The Fairy Tale Paintings of Katherine Ace" in the Emmet

Gallery. These large, dream-like oil paintings seem to have mystical powers. Ends Jan 16. Closing Jan 13 are select works from the Albion College Collection which include prints by Grant Wood, Childe Hassam, and other artists from 1900 to 1950. Also from that general time period is an exhibit entitled "Form and Function: Collecting the Mid-Century Modern". It highlights select pieces from a private collector, and features furniture, textiles, and other accessories by famous designers such as George Nelson, Harry Bartoia, the Eames, and many others from the mid-century era. It closes on Jan. 20.

What really is weather? The **Detroit Institute of Arts** offers you 365 days of weather in the form of videos recorded once every minute of every hour of those days by artist Susan Goethel Campbell. In all of that you may find the answer. The showing closes on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Also on exhibition at the DIA, "30 Americans" brings you a showcase of African American artists from the Rubell Family Collection. Among the artists shown are: Jean Michel Basquiat, Nick Cave, and Carrie Mae Weems. Photography is encouraged! Closes Monday, January 18.

**Finding Art:** What's the Pointe? It's a bar and grille on Clark Lake where JCAA member Sharon Sunday has found a temptingly large glass area on which to paint and repaint the seasons as they come and go. Another restaurant, "In Good Company", on S 127 just north of Wetherby, will be looking for new work as the current showing by area artists closes on February 4. Still time to see it. Several JCAA artists are included.

Looking for something closer to you? Try Art 634 on the Second Sunday (that's Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> in January). There's always something to catch your eye.

**Helping Potters Plot and Plan their Priorities:** The Arts and Cultural Alliance of Jackson County brings news that the Jackson Pottery and Clay Guild is hosting its annual 3 Days of Clay Conference at Ella Sharp Museum on March 4 to 6. Cost for the three days is \$165. But early birds (before Jan. 30) pay \$150. Presenters at this conference will be 'Boomer' Moore and Mark Nafziger. More at their website: <http://www.jacksonpotteryguild.com/3days.html>

**A Happy New Year to Everyone!** For an example of goodwill to all, click on to the St. Neot's Town Football Club's (est. 1879) website that actually welcomes its next adversary—King's Lynn Town-- as "its old friends".

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