



Hello JCAA Members,

On a recent errand, I happened upon an eye-catching, colorful, appealing picture book called "The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse" written and illustrated by talented Eric Carle who is probably best known for The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Carle created the book as a tribute to German Expressionist Franz Marc who painted "The Blue Horse" in 1911. Apparently, Marc, a German soldier, died during WW1 and his Art was banned by the Nazi's soon after for being degenerate. Years later, a German Art teacher told Carle about Marc and even showed him some of the controversial Art. Carle was profoundly influenced by what he learned as evidenced by his later work. Carle's book starts out with a young boy saying "I am an artist". Then we see all the colorful ways the boy paints animals...blue horse, yellow cow, orange elephant, polka dotted donkey....The book ends with the boy saying "I am a good artist". What a great message about creative expression and imagination for people of all ages!

Thank goodness for individuals who dare to experiment and explore new techniques! Vincent Van Gogh, Georgia O'Keefe, Henri Matisse, Romare Bearden and Pablo Picasso certainly did. Many of you, did too, at our "Replicating the Masters" evening. Becky, Gary, Beth and I enjoyed sharing some fascinating facts about those Artists who dared to be different.

Bill Bippes will be joining us November 1st to give Art Critiques. Please remember to bring a piece of your Art for this occasion. Recent 21st JCAA Juried Art Exhibition participants are encouraged to bring their Exhibit entries. We'll hope to gain insights into the jurying process.

Check out the exciting JCAA Landscapes and Cityscapes Non-juried Exhibit at the Potter Center, 2nd floor Gallery during the month of November. You're also invited to attend the Reception at Jackson Community College on Saturday, November 19 at 7:00 PM.



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Figure Drawing on Thursdays

...with Live Model

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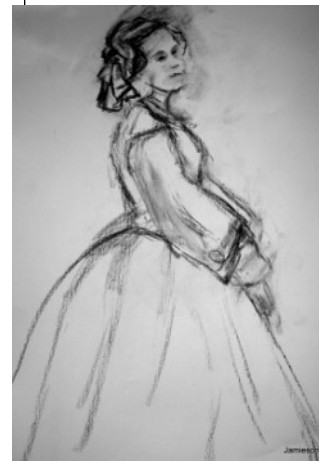
Nov. 3-10-17

Dec. 1-8-15

Open to the Public

Third Thursdays ~ Wet media allowed~ Studio 1

Ellyn Painter civil war model joined the figure group on Thursday from 9-12. Artist Collette



Peckham JCAA member created this drawing in charcoal. The figure group continues to invite all members and interested community members to join us at Ella Sharp Museum.



Artist of the Month

JCAA Member, Dick Stanton won the popular vote for Artist of the Month in October with his intricate drawing inspired by motorcycles.



JCAA Newsletter is published monthly so the members can keep up with what is happening in the group. Meetings, events, opportunities, discounts, member news, etc.

Send news or information to Jana Jamieson for publication in the monthly newsletter. Email to Janasewhat@comcast.net

NATURAL WONDERS

If you're interested in communing with nature, looking for beautiful places in all seasons, seeking inspiration or wanting a scenic place to walk or paint, be sure to visit

Haehle Audubon Sanctuary, Seymour Road, Waterloo Recreation Area (site of the recent and memorable Heiner Hertling Plein Air Workshop and stop-over for migratory Sandhill cranes),

Dahlem Nature Conservancy, 7117 S. Jackson Rd.,

Jackson and Mac Cready Reserve, 9243 Skiff Lake Rd., Jackson.

Art a' Loan

Many, many thanks to all of the many, many members who gave of their time, energy and expertise for the once again successful Art a' Loan project.

Letters out to schools, following up on letters, picking up art, sorting art, jurying art, returning art to schools with letters to participants, photographing chosen pieces, framing, letters to renters, following up on renters' letters, planning the reception, gathering the goodies, decorating, hosting and serving at the reception, delivering the artwork to renters, picking up last years' pieces and getting them back to the schools, . . . and next: preparing a brochure of where the art is displayed around the county.

This is a project that requires a great many hands, eyes, feet and truly great hearts. Thanks to ALL of the people who make it happen. If you were at the reception you saw why we do this. This is a great project.

We also thank Brad Zenz and the Ella - our wonderful partners without whom it could not be done.

Special thanks to committee chairs who made their part work like clockwork: Jana Jamieson - Jurying, Julie Highlen - Framing, Susan Beredo - Reception, Beth Voulgaris - Renting, Sylvia Wymer - Finance, . . . and they are just the tip of the iceberg. Thanks to many more who gave countless hours and miles.

Fran Parker

"If you hear a voice within you say 'you cannot paint', then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced". Vincent Van Gogh

The Wall of Art, sponsored by JCAA, at the "Ella" is a perfect way to display your art and more importantly, sell it! Not only do you benefit from the exposure of the Wall, but the "Ella" benefits from the sale of your art. Thirty percent of the the proceeds go to "Ella" seventy percent goes to you! The wall is changed out every two months. The next change of the Wall of Art is Nov.15,2011. If you are interested, please email Betsy Youngdahl at e_youngdahl@hotmail.com or call her 517- 784-7361

"I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn't say any other way-things I had no words for".
Georgia O'Keefe

Gerald Hill received "Best in Show" at the recent Toledo Art Club Exhibit. The theme was Water, Water Everywhere. Jerry's Watercolor painting, "Rum Runner" was of a boat surrounded by heavy fog.

"Creativity takes courage". Henri Matisse

Refreshment Corner

At the next meeting you attend if you could connect with **Dianne Grose** to arrange a meeting date to provide snacks or beverages.

Call her at 750-3081

or email her at—

dianne.grose@yahoo.com

Calendar of Events

Save the Dates..... Please note that flyers containing more detailed info about JCAA Exhibits and Workshops will be on our website at jacksoncivicart.org along with the Newsletter. Flyers will also be sent out with the Newsletter.

- * Thursday Morning Drawing a Costumed Model Sessions thru December 15 at Ella
- * November 1 Art work from 21st Annual Potter Exhibit should be picked up 9:00- 1:00
- * November 1 thru November 30 JCAA Potter Center Landscapes and Cityscapes Non-juried Exhibit in 2nd Floor Gallery
- * November 1 Deliver Art work to Potter Center for Landscapes and Cityscapes Exhibit 9:00-1:00, 2nd floor Gallery
- * November 1 "Art Critique with Bill Bippes" 7:00 PM, Tuesday, Community Room at Ella. Members, please bring one piece of Art to be critiqued as time allows. Juried Show participants are encouraged to bring their Exhibit entries.
- * November 1 We will be voting for November Artist of the Month at our Art Critique Meeting with Bill Bippes.
- * November 15 "Wall of Art" changes. Please contact Betsy Youngdahl if you would like to display/sell your Art at that time. 517-784-7361
- * November 15 Tuesday Aaron Bivins- Acrylic Demo at Ella 6:30
- * November 15 We will be voting for December Artist of the Month at the Aaron Bivins Acrylic Demo.
- * November 19 Reception at Potter Center for JCAA Landscapes and Cityscapes Exhibit 7:00 PM (one hour before Coasters, Drifters and Platters Concert)
- * November 23 JCAA Holiday Party reservations/payment due to Becky Mehall
- * November 30 Pick up Landscapes and Cityscapes Art 9:00-1:00
- * November 30 (Wednesday) Aaron Bivins " Acrylic-Keeping Things Simple" Workshop from 9:00-4:00 at Redeemer Lutheran Church
- * December and January MareAn Flanders' Art Exhibit at Potter Center
- * December 6 JCAA Holiday Party Jackson Country Club, 6:00 PM Social Time, 7:00 PM Dinner
- * January 17 There will be one Tuesday night JCAA meeting in January. Movie Night About Art, 6:30 PM Redeemer Lutheran Church
- * February " Dick Stanton Art Exhibit" at Potter Center 2nd Floor Art Gallery Jackson Community College
- * February 7 Barbara Locke "Art History and Slides" 7:00 PM meeting, 6:30 socializing and refreshments

Congratulations Nancy Angelo, new Board Member for the Jackson County Arts and Cultural Alliance!

Letter from President Candice continued...

Aaron Bivins is coming to town to give an Acrylic Demo on November 15 at Ella. He'll be returning Wednesday, November 30 to offer a workshop "Acrylic-Keeping Things Simple" at Redeemer Lutheran Church from 9-4. He does amazing things with color and explains his painting process in a matter of fact, down-to-earth way. Remember how his watercolor and acrylic paintings livened up the Community Room when he gave a Demo a few years ago? Due to popular demand, he's coming back.

Please save the date and plan to attend our JCAA Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 6 at the Jackson Country Club. Of course, spouses and guests are more than welcome to share this special celebration.. See enclosed flyer for details and be sure to return your check and dinner choice(s) to Becky Mehall by November 23.

Happy Holidays to all! Wishing you and those near and dear to you..
Peace, Love, Joy, Health, Hope,
Friends, Adventures and Art.... now
and always,

Candice



**Congratulations to the 21st Annual
JCAA Potter Center Juried Art Exhibition
Winners!**

1st Place- **Gerald Hill**, "Lake's End", Watercolor

2nd Place- **Joan Larsen**, "Night Garden",
Monotype Print

3rd Place- **Jean Blais**, "Wellsboro, Pennsylvania,
Grand Canyon", Pastel

Honorable Mention -**Kay Fill**, "Glory", Pastel
Sharon Sunday, "Fun Lily Pads", Pastel

Special thanks to **Lori Swope Sten**, JCAA Exhibit
Coordinator and **Bill Bippes**, Juror.

The Exhibit and Reception were wonderful
celebrations of Fine Art and Artists!

Thank you to everyone who worked and continues to work countless hours to make the Art a Loan Program so successful...Fran, Beth, Julie, Sylvia, Jana, Susan, Patti, organizers, planners, framers, drivers, photographers, hosts etc. The smiles on all the students' faces and their proud family members and friends is heartwarming to see.

Candice



Urgent Special Request... Volunteer Webmasters Needed to help share tech tasks necessary in maintaining our wonderful jacksoncivicart.org website and keeping it updated. Please contact Sylvia Wymer ASAP if you or anyone you know is interested, willing and able. Many hands make light work....or something like that. Great concept!

Be sure to visit the Potter Center, 2nd floor Art Gallery at Jackson Community College during December and January to enjoy an Exhibit of **MareAn Flanders'** beautiful Art.

Another Music and Art Collaboration

Susan Beredo, Julie Highlen, Becky Mehall, Beth Voulgaris and Carolyn Siler heeded the call from the Jackson Symphony Guild and are currently painting and decorating wooden junior violins which will be used as center-pieces and auctioned for the upcoming JSO 30th Holiday Ball on December 3.

GIFT IDEAS.....GIFT REQUESTS

JCAA Memberships and Gift Certificates for Workshops and Drawing Sessions would make great gifts for Family members and Friends who are also Art enthusiasts. (When asked, I told a little birdie that that's what I would like and the little birdie was happy to take me up on it.)

"I have touched with a sense of art some people- they felt the love and the life. Can you offer me anything to compare to that joy for an artist?"

Mary Cassatt