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DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY - COME ONE, COME ALL!

The Euclid Art Association's Annual Christmas Party and Scholarship Fundraiser will be held on **Monday, December 8** in Fellowship Hall of East Shore United Methodist Church, 23002 Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid. The entrance is through the back door of the church. Please remember the door code. We are including a card with the door code for you to keep safely in your wallet. 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. The doors will be open as early at 3:30 p.m. for those coming to help set-up and early arrivals.

All Euclid Art Members and their Guests are invited to attend. Bring your favorite dish (appetizer, entree, dessert), enough to share with your friends. Please note appetizers will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:15 p.m. *Dress is casual*.

Also, please donate one or two items for our Chinese Auction fundraiser. Suggested items - gift cards, certificates from local merchants, restaurants, movie theaters, collectibles, gift baskets, candy, artwork, art books. Use your imagination! If you need a signed letter of introduction to approach a local business for a contribution, please call Lee Peters at 216-531-6349. Lee will mail one out to you or send you an email copy. 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 are asking that you **RSVP by Friday, December 5th, the sooner the better.** 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 Joanne Naroski at 440-942-7495.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE PARTY

We would appreciate help setting the tables. Helpers should arrive at the church by 4:00 p.m. Also, we still need someone to **volunteer to make our Christmas punch** - it's tradition! The club has a punch bowl and the club will reimburse you for your expenses. If you can help, please let us know when you RSVP for the party. Thanks!

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 that you keep one ticket and place the other ticket in 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

We would like to thank artist and president of Creative Artist Association, Stuart Abbey, for his watercolor demonstration at our November meeting. Over 30 members enjoyed his French history lesson and his artistic talents, as he showed us how he would paint the arched bridge over the Dordogne River in Bergerac, France. For more info and pictures, visit the Demonstrations page on our website www.EuclidArt.com.

We also thank both Sharon Collins and Betty Kovacs for their wonderful fall table of goodies. We enjoyed eating their homemade cookies, veggies, cheese & crackers, chips & dip and apple cider. What yummy treats!

WORKSHOPS

Sign up now and pay later for these upcoming workshops!

Good News! **David Rankin** will be back on **March 28, 2015** doing a workshop for us on "**Faces in Watercolor**". David will provide us with two faces to draw on watercolor paper in advance of the workshop. You will learn a simplified procedure to create faces in watercolor. Details and pricing can be found on our website.

Then, on **April 25, 2015** we have invited **Kerry Remp** back to do another workshop - "**Layered Cut Paper Portraits**". Check out our Workshop webpage for details. Also, see more of Kerry's Layered Portraits at http://www.paperart4u.com/.

If you are interested in either of these upcoming workshops, call Sue Herrle (216) 481-5105 now to sign up.

EAA MEMBER NEWS

Our Fine Art Show at Lake Farmpark is now over and it was a big success! Three pieces of art sold. We are invited back for the fall of 2015. Sold at the show: Aerie/Magee Marsh by Dennis McDonnell, Sunflowers by Sandi Richards and Nature's Silhouette by Mary Alice Valvoda.

Euclid Art was well represented at the 35th Annual Fine Art Show and Sale in November at the East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Kirtland, with Connie Adams, Martha Germano, Stan Klak and Joanne Naroski participating.

Also, Martha Germano's "Change in Direction" painting was accepted into 43rd annual juried art exhibit at the Valley Art Center, 155 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH from Nov. 7 to Dec. 17, 2014. Congratulations, Martha!

Our own Melanie Herbruck is judging the Creative Artist Show at Fairport Harbor Senior Center, Nov. 30 - Jan. 5, 2015.

The gallery at Euclid Public Library will be exhibiting the work of Joanne Naroski and Stan Klak during the month of December. Stop by and take a look.....

ART NEWS AROUND TOWN

Flo Smith, a good friend of Euclid Art, is having a showing of her artwork at the Federated Church, 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio for the month of December. There will be a reception for her on Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m. She says that "....it would be so nice to see you and your members! Most pieces will be my 'thing' - watercolor on gesso. Hope to see you there.....".

Artistic By Design Center, located at 438 Euclid Square Mall (North Center Entrance) will host its first "Holiday Open House" on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, special music and artwork by some of our community partners and participate in a raffle for great prizes! They are looking for artists who would be interested in exhibiting their artwork at this event. The artwork can be exhibited to sell and those attending the Open House will be made aware of that fact. You may exhibit 5-7 pieces. You can install your exhibit as early as Tuesday, December 2, between 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If you would like to sell smaller prints, space will be provided for you to do so. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Diane Winfree at 216-375-8321. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

WEBSITE

Don't forget that EAA members are encouraged to have their own members art page on our website. We wish to welcome aboard Mary Ann Hagen, Noah's Child and Sandi Richards, all of whom have recently signed up for us to host their personal page. If you would like to join them, go to our Members Art page on www.EuclidArt.com and click on the link at the top of the page for information on how to get your own personal art page.

NEWS WANTED!

Any news? Call 216-531-6349 or e-mail <u>info@EuclidArt.com</u>. Include EAA in the "Subject" line of the message header.

CLOSING THOUGHT

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day; their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the word repeat of peace on earth, good-will to men!" — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

