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### **DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Euclid Art Association's Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and Chinese Auction Fundraiser is **Monday, December 5**, at the **Henn Mansion**. All **Euclid Art members and their guests** are invited to attend. Please see the enclosed invitation and diagram of the Henn Mansion. This year there is a **\$5.00 charge per person** to cover most of the cost of renting the Henn. Special souvenir tickets can be purchased at the door....but you must rsvp! **Dress is casual.** 

**RSVP by Friday, December 2, the sooner the better, please.** *It's important!* This tells us how many place settings we will need, plus we are limited to 74 total guests. *First come, first served.* In the past, our turnout was around 60 guests. **Contact Sue Herrle at 216-481-5105 or Lee Peters at 216-531-6349 or Sandi Richards at 216-732-8696.** 

**Location:** Henn Mansion, 23131 Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid. The Mansion is almost directly across from the East Shore Church on the north side of Lakeshore Blvd. It is fronted by Sims Park and is not visible from the street but there is a non-illuminated sign at the start of the driveway. There is ample parking in front of the mansion and handicapped parking on the right side of the building.

**Time:** The doors will be 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 also be provided. Sandi asks that you please include a brief description of your dish. We have the use of the Henn kitchen to keep items warm or cold.

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 two items for this fundraiser. Suggested items - gift cards, certificates from local merchants, restaurants, movie theaters, collectibles, gift baskets, candy, wine, 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 can email a copy to you. 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.

## 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**

We thank Michael Vary, an attorney specializing in patents, trademark and copyright litigation, for his presentation on "Protecting Your Artwork - Patents, Trademark and Copyrights" at our November meeting. Michael is a practicing patent lawyer. He has a PhD in Chemistry from Yale University and a JD from Case Western…a very impressive bio.

Mike provided us with very good information about this very complex subject. For details and pictures, make sure to go to the <u>Demonstration page</u> on our website.

We also thank our November hosts, Sandi Richards and Ellen Howard for the evening's refreshments....a Celebration of the Presidents' Favorite Foods. We enjoyed gingerbread, election cake, Ellen's grandma's chocolate chip cookies, peanuts, jelly beans, deviled eggs, veggie tray w/o broccoli. We had fun guessing which President went with which delicious treat.

## BRECKENRIDGE VILLAGE WINTER ART SHOW

Our Breckenridge Village Winter Art Show runs through January 4, 2017 at the Mahan Cultural Center at Breckenridge Village, 36851 Ridge Rd, Willoughby. They provide a superb gallery space and we thank them for inviting us back. It's well worth a trip.....so stop in and see our show.

### WORKSHOPS

Lee Peters, *Photoshop Elements - The Basics for Photographers and Artists*, April 1, 2017. Photographers, learn to make your images better. Artists, learn how to take your images and breakdown the value structure. Details can be found on the <u>Workshops page</u>.

Launie McDevitt and Lisa Ruschman, *Zendalas - Tangling in Sacred Circles*, May 6, 2017. Mandala meets Zentangle in this journey to discover Sacred Circles. Details can be found on the <u>Workshops page</u>.

We have 'penciled' in David Rankin for June 3, 2017 for a one-day workshop on *Basic Skills in Watercolor*, like beaded washes, kissed edge blends, brush skills, etc....developing. Even established watercolor artists can benefit from a refresher on these skills.

**SIGN UP NOW** for these workshops and pay later, contact Sue Herrle on 216-481-5105 or <u>suetom.herrle@sbcglobal.net</u>.

### **MEMBERS ART PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE**

Check out our newest member, <u>Laurie Braman's Members Art Page</u>. Laurie lives in New Jersey and has commuted to Euclid to attend our last three David Rankin workshops!

We encourage members to sign up for their own <u>Members Art page</u> on EuclidArt.com. It's only \$15 per year for 10 images and you can change your images up to 3X per year without additional cost. As an added bonus, we will feature a Members Art page on our Facebook site. Did you see the last FB postings for artists, Eddie Mitchell and Bev Krueger?

#### **MEMBER NEWS**

**Baseball fans!** On Saturday, December 3rd....member, **Thomas Woodman's** artwork will be featured in an exhibit at the The Baseball Heritage Museum, located at 6601 Lexington Avenue. "Using his architectural background and Computer Aided Design software, visitors to the exhibit will be able to see what these ballparks looked like when they opened over 100 years ago." Tom will be doing two presentation on that day. The exhibit runs through January 28, 2017. For more information visit the Museum's website www.baseballheritagemusuem.org or call 216-789-1083.

Mary Alice Valvoda is part of the juried show, *Gifts from the Heart of Nature*, Holiday Gift Show and Sale, that runs to Sunday, January 8 from 9am to 5pm at the Holden Arboretum, 9550 Sperry Road, Kirtland, OH 44094. Ladies Night is Wednesday, December 7, from 5 - 9 p.m., featuring massages, wine and shopping! You will have a chance to meet artists and shop more of their collections. Mary Alice's mini photo canvases, note cards and framed prints will be featured. Visit www.holdenarb.org for details.

Euclid Art was well represented at the **37th Annual Fine Art Show and Sale** held on November 12 & 13 at the East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Kirtland, with Connie Adams, Dorothy Geisert, Martha Germano, Joanne Naroski, David Simmerer participating. Several pictures were sold.

## **CLOSING THOUGHT**

"Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action." - W.J. Cameron



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

