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DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Euclid Art Association's Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and Chinese Auction Fundraiser is **Monday, December 4,** 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. There is a **\$5.00 charge per person** (children under 12, free) 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 1, 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**.

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.

Volunteers: Thanks to everyone who signed up at our November meeting to help with the various tasks...i.e., setting tables, setting up auction tables, greeters, selling raffle tickets, helping Sandi in the kitchen, serving punch, cleaning up, etc. We will be in contact with you before the party. Most volunteers are asked to arrive at 4:00pm.

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 be provided. We have the use of the Henn's kitchen to keep items warm or cold. Sandi asks that you include a brief description of your dish and label the back of the dish with your name...use those free address labels.

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 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 our November demonstrator, **Augusto Bordelois**, for his presentation on **Structure in Portraits**. Augusto demonstrated how to draw a perfect portrait, where all the features, eyes, nose, mouth, ears, are proportional. He was

classically trained to see a person's face in proportion....to see shapes. Thank you, Augusto, for demonstrating yet another, very interesting technique for drawing faces! For more information and pictures, check out the <u>Demonstrations</u> <u>Page</u> on our website EuclidArt.com. "The Falling Leaves of Autumn" was the theme for the evenings refreshments, served to us thanks to **Sue and Ray Lokar** and **Mary Ann Gambitta**. We enjoyed lots of delicious treats....thank you all.

We also thank **Dottie Geisert**, for a fantastic and very successful workshop on Saturday, October 28. Dottie taught 17 participants how to develop a "<u>Portrait in Black and White</u>", using a live model. Afterwards, everyone asked when her next workshop will be....we'll see! Go to the <u>Workshops Page on our website</u> to see pictures from the class.

BRECKENRIDGE VILLAGE WINTER ART SHOW

Our Breckenridge Village Winter Art Show runs through January 8, 2018 at the Mahan Cultural Center at Breckenridge Village, 36851 Ridge Rd, Willoughby. They provide a superb gallery space and we thank them, especially Debora Erksa, for inviting us back each year. It's well worth a trip. Joanne Naroski saw the show and said "it looks great".

EAA 2018 WORKSHOPS - SIGN UP NOW

Saturday, April 28, 2018 <u>"Trees in Watercolor"</u>, instructor, **David Rankin**. To quote David... "The ability to paint trees in transparent watercolor has been a basic skill set in many watercolor painter's repertoire for a couple hundred years or so." Learn how to apply additional layers of branches onto top of earlier brushwork... in order to develop the illusion of visual depth....and more. Cost is \$50 for members, \$65 for non-members and \$45 for students w/ID.

Three-day series, June, 1, 2, 3, 2018 "Coolest Watercolor Techniques...More Essential Training", instructor, David Rankin. Learn how to create many of transparent watercolor's very coolest visual effects. This workshop is about learning how to "do it right"... especially with watercolor's coolest washes. Cost is \$150 for members, \$195 for non-members and \$135 for students w/ID. Members, sign up & pay now...only \$135.00 through March 5, 2018.

To register for these workshops, call or email Susan Herrle at 216-481-5105 or <u>suetom.herrle@sbcglobal.net</u>, include EAA in subject line. More details about each workshop can be found on the Workshops page at www.EuclidArt.com

MEMBER NEWS

Cheryl Brickman and **Ellen Howard** will be selling their handcrafted and homemade items at the Fair Trade Boutique at St. Joseph Academy, 3470 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland 44111 on Thursday, November 30 from 5:00 - 8:00pm.

Meet artist, **Christine Siarka**, for Creativity and Art for the Holidays, Saturday, Dec. 2 from 2-5 pm at Shore Cultural Centre, Room 139c. She's offering Coloring for Relaxation (\$5) & Original art. Call 216-372-4498 for more info.

Rozenia Cunningham is holding "Train of Art - Teen Art Program: Community Tile Project", at the Euclid Public Library on December 5. Check out the Library's calendar or call Rozenia for more info at 216-776-9114.

Suzette Cohen's poured acrylic paintings are hanging at the Euclid Public Library Gallery through the end of November. There's still time to see finished paintings using the same technique she demonstrated at our September meeting.

CLOSING THOUGHT

"If you've ever watched a butcher wrap pork chops, you've seen me wrapping Christmas presents."

— Just Bill @WilliamAder

(I resemble that remark - Lee)

