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From the President's Pen

Greetings, Members! If you have not had a chance to see our updated website, please do so at delawareartguild.com. The site not only looks great but is easy to navigate. The team who put this together is awesome! Thanks so much. Although all of our programs are interesting and educational, there is always one each year that you really look forward to. For me, it's our upcoming meeting on March 28th. Michelle Stitzlein is an incredible artist and will have a wonderful presentation for us. If you have not been at the Castle to see her work with five other "found object" artists, please try to make the effort. (Reception for the Artist is April 3rd at the Castle). Besides the exciting program, we will have details on our All Member Exhibit at the Castle in April and an update from Jim Fought on our by-laws. Don't miss this meeting!

Mary Williams

Monthly DAG meetings are at the Delaware Public Library's community room at 7:30 on the fourth Monday of the month. This month's meeting is on March 28th.



Have something that you'd like to include in the next newsletter?
Please send as Word documents and/or jpegs to Kris Kolb at
hyland_kolb@columbus.rr.com.

Michelle Stitzlein has been involved with the marketing and curating of art and contemporary craft since 1984, organizing exhibits for over twenty galleries and organizations. Working for Ohio Designer Craftsmen Enterprises, Stitzlein assisted over 300 Ohio artists in promoting their wares on a wholesale and retail basis. She served on the board of the Quilt Surface Design Foundation of Columbus, OH, and as a member on the committee of the CraftView workshop series at the Ohio Craft Museum.

Stitzlein has visited remote villages in Peru and Colombia as a consultant with Aid To Artisans of Hartford, CT, to assist artisans in the preservation of indigenous craft techniques. As a collector of folk art, she has also travelled extensively to South Africa, Namibia, Guatemala, India, Mexico, and France to support and learn about artisans and their creations.

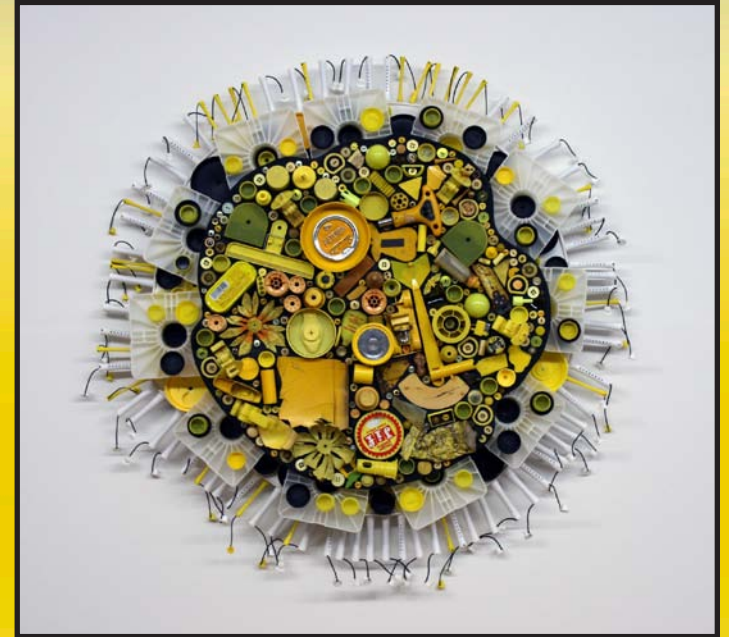
A graduate of the CCAD of Columbus, OH, Stitzlein is also an accomplished sculptor. Her work from recycled materials has been exhibited and acquired by galleries and museums nationwide. Her first pieces using found object were a series of crosses or crucifixes, inspired by her trips to Mexico during the Day of the Dead celebrations. The rust and peeling paints on the materials she was using suggested patterns and textures of subject matter derived from nature. After finding a variety of exotic moths in her own back yard, her 16 piece moth series developed. Asked why she uses recycled materials in her work, she replies “ I enjoy the challenge of looking at ‘things’ differently in all aspects of life. Studying a set of bicycle handle



bars, a box of piano keys, and an assorted group of bottle caps for a few hours and contemplating the many uses

they could potentially have in a visual format is, to me, a great exercise. I also like that the materials I use have a history and a natural patina of being weathered and/or used. Plus, most of my materials are free and there is very little fear of ruining a project.”

Michelle lives and works in a former grange hall built in the 1950s. Her studio is located on the second floor she shares with her artist-husband.



Ohio Wesleyan University proudly presents

Serenity

an exhibition of paintings by

Dianne Almendinger '66

February 7 - March 31, 2011

Alumni Gallery in Mowry Alumni Center
16 Rowland Avenue (the JAYwalk)

Gallery Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

*This letter comes to Mary and Lindsay from Lyn St. Clair
who is looking for an artist for Artful Spaces.*

Dear Mary and Lindsay,

We are planning an artist's showcase in conjunction with Main Street Delaware's Artful Spaces on the first Friday of June. I believe the hours are 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

We are fairly new, with a limited amount of experience, and we are interested in recruiting one more artist to join us for this event.

I found your names on the Delaware Artist Guild's website, and I am hoping that you may be able to help us.

What we do have: we have an indoor location; we have a bead artist, a polymer clay artist, and a painter. We have the Delaware Community Band. We have tables and chairs.

We have room for one more vendor.

What we are looking for: a ceramist, potter, wood carver or other artist type not mentioned above. Willing to vend with us. Has a decent to sizeable inventory to sell. Someone who would be just starting out in their chosen art field and/or has had limited exposure to this point. A Delawarean.

I appreciate any suggestions you may have and of course, if you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Lyn St.Clair

*There is no fee involved.
Check with Mary or Lindsay for contact information.*

This letter comes from Blick Art Materials on Sawmill Road.

To central Ohio artists:

You may already know that Blick is celebrating 100 years of business this spring. We will be having an in-store event on Thursday, April 27th, and I am looking for an artist that would be willing to spend a few hours in the store during the afternoon/evening working in their medium. This would not be a class or workshop, per se, but more of an open forum for customers to see an artist at work, ask questions, etc. Payment will be made to the artist in the way of a Blick gift card to be used at the artist's discretion, either the day of the event for supplies or to use at a later date.

Interested parties should direct all inquiries directly to my attention either by email or phone no later than Saturday, March 26th. Please feel free to forward this email to anyone you know that may be interested. Thanks for your continued support. I'll be sending more info about the celebration as the time gets closer.

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