



A NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Well the show season is just about here. We hope your winter has been productive and you have a full inventory. We've gotten together a shows calendar in this issue which we'll also post on our Yahoo Users' Group. We've also posted directions to join the Users' Group at the end of the newsletter since we've had a number of requests to join.

In 2008, we hope to continue to expand opportunities and activities available to our members and to make DBH a vital influence in the arts and crafts industry of Delaware. As always, send your comments, arts and artisans' news, show dates and feedback to us at wesnerstack@comcast.net.

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NEW DBH MEMBERS

Welcome New Members!

In the first quarter of 2008, DBH expanded its membership with the addition of 15 new members and one new association. They are:

- [Karla Swarthout - Glass](#)
- [Paula Stapleton - Glass](#)
- [Beverly Frederick - Drawing](#)
- [Mac McKeown - Mixed Media](#)
- Denise Bendelewski - Basketry
- [Anne Hanna - Painting](#)
- [Jane Mayer - Pottery](#)
- [Aubre Duncan - Watercolor](#)
- [Anita Peghini-Raber - Painting](#)
- Delores Pye Josey - Ceramics
- [Donna Teleis - Painting](#)
- Deidre Comer - Jewelry
- [Kathy Bell - Gallery - The Village Shops on Main](#)
- [John Donato - Painting](#)
- [Robert Benko - Wood](#)
- [Justin Cavagnaro - Glass](#)

Click on a link above to check out our new members' work on the DBH web site.

New Board Member:

[Heidi Lowe](#) - Artisan and Gallery Owner

DBH RELATED EVENTS

DBH 2008 Spring Show

The DBH show at Bellevue State Park is shaping up to be an "eventful" event for our organization. It looks like we will have about 40 artisans included, and we are looking for additional people to offer demonstrations of their craft at the Barn for visitors (interested parties should contact Judi Jeffers, Judi.Jeffers@state.de.us, the program specialist at Bellevue). If you have registered for the show, the response letter that Bellevue is sending to the artisans along with images of the Figure Eight Barn (site of the craft fair) will be sent out soon.



Entrance to the Figure Eight Barn

More Bellevue pictures at the end of the newsletter

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

The Newark Arts Alliance

The Newark Arts Alliance is experiencing a metamorphosis as they move across town into a warehouse space which they are converting into two galleries and teaching space. Their previous home at 100 Elkton Rd. has been demolished to make way for a new retail and apartment building. The NAA chose their new home to be in the Market East Plaza, on Main Street, in downtown Newark. "We are excited about our new home and it's location," said NAA director, Terry Foreman. "While moving is never easy, the visibility and merchant mix at the new site will benefit us overall. We've already collaborated with Newark Natural Foods and Captain Blue Hen Comics on some upcoming special events." The NAA closed its doors on January 15th and had their grand re-opening on Friday, April 11th, from 6-9pm. A new art exhibit, titled "Impressions of Newark" features artwork inspired by Newark, in honor of the town's 250th anniversary which was celebrated that weekend and continues throughout the month. The NAA also created a large, three-piece sculpture of the numbers 250 which they worked with the community to cover with Newark memorabilia. The sculpture premiered at the grand opening and was featured in Newark's Anniversary Parade the following day on April 12th. The NAA will have regular hours for visiting starting April 12th. They are Tues.-Fri. 12-7pm, Sat. 10am-4pm, and Sun. 12-3pm. To learn more about the Newark Arts Alliance, visit their website at www.newarkartsalliance.org, or call 302-266-7266, or visit them in their new location at 276 E. Main St. Suite 102, (Market East Plaza) Newark, DE 19711.

Thanks to Terry Foreman for providing the above information.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

DBH Driving Map

The DBH Driving Tour Map has been published and is being distributed to organizations and agencies throughout the state. Members will be provided with copies to also promote the work of DBH artists and artisans. Thanks to all (including our members) who made this huge effort a success!



DBH and Delaware's Legislators

A new opportunity for DBH members is taking shape. Delaware's Senator Tom Carper has agreed to display wall artwork by Delaware artists who are DBH members. DBH Board members Ryan Grover and Barbara Warden met with the Senator's staff in March in Washington DC to discuss the logistics for choosing and displaying the work. The Senator is interested in hanging artwork on the walls of his personal office and one of his conference rooms. If you are interested in including examples of your work (slides are preferable) in a portfolio that will be presented to the Senator and his staff for their review, please contact Lorraine Dion at lorraine@delawarebyhand.org. Bear in mind that the Senator's staff told DBH that some artwork would be on loan on a long-term basis (for a year or longer) and other artwork would be rotated for display. We will have more details in the coming weeks.

Barbara Warden

DBH BOARD NEWS

Fund for Women

The fund for women has contacted several members of DBH to participate in its show on Sunday, April 27, from 1-5 p.m. at the home of Susan and Tom Trezise, 908 North DuPont Road, Westover Hills, Wilmington, DE 19807. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Please join the following members and contribute to a great organization; Deb Appleby, Paula Camenzind, Judy Hagen, Max Rosenthal, Rick Rothrock, Pat Staby, Besty Von Dreele and Barbara Warden.

The mission of the Fund is to provide funding to enhance the worth and potential of women and girls in Delaware.

The Fund for Women is one of more than 500 funds of the Delaware Community Foundation, a statewide, nonprofit organization that manages charitable funds and awards grants to community organizations. Since 1993, the Fund has addressed critical needs of women and girls in the State of Delaware. The Fund for Women encourages all women to be philanthropists by becoming Founders (women who donate \$1,000) to build the Fund's endowment and grant-making capacity. Click on the following for more information. http://www.delcf.org/FFW_contributing_%20home.htm

Deb Appleby

Message from Deb

Note from the DBH Board President, Deb Appleby

I wanted to take a moment and thank Grant Massey and his wife Lynn for all they have done for DBH.

Grant has been a Board member since the beginning of DBH, helping to create the foundation of the organization and leaving us with the Driving Tour Map completed! Lynn's articles for the several publications has brought us some much needed exposure and her keen proofreading eye lets nothing pass out of place. I hope that we will still be able to call on both of them for their help as it has been invaluable to DBH's success.

Please join me in welcoming new board members Deb Wool of the Agriculture Museum (Kent County), Joyce Schiller of the Delaware Museum of Art (New Castle County), and Heidi Lowe, Artisan and gallery owner (Sussex County).

NETWORK WITH LOCAL ARTISTS

The idea for establishing regional artists' networking opportunities sprang spontaneously and independently from DBH membership. One DBH Board member heard of their interest in local networking from three of the ten DBH members he surveyed. Members from Kent, Sussex and New Castle Counties were interested in local, informal, networking opportunities where artists could get out of the isolation of their studios and meet with other local artists. Given the member interest, DBH thinks this is a great project to support. The benefits of collaborating and networking are well known, with opportunities for making contacts, sharing resources, solving problems and talking with folks who might have a clue as to what you are experiencing. The intent is for these meetings to be open to non-members as well as members to help promote DBH. Additionally, this is something DBH can try to implement without the need for securing ever scarce funding.

The next question is--Are there more artists who would like to begin to meet for informal local networking?

To help determine if there is interest, DBH has three member artists who have volunteered to be coordinators for their areas. They will field the responses and come up with the where and when for their locale.

Please call or email the closest coordinator with your interest and help determine the time and place for your locality. DBH will email the sites to members and post them on the web site.

New Castle County / Newark
Ingrid Jackoway
ingrid@jackoway.net
302 235 1434

Kent County / Dover
Clorice Thomas-Haysbert
cdt_haysber@verizon.net
302 697 0212

Sussex County / Rehoboth
Marti Marino
Martied3@aol.com
302 226 1551

If you would like to help establish a networking meeting site for another local area contact Lorraine Dion at lorraine@delawarebyhand.org.

DBH OUTREACH

DBH Members Assist the Lewes After School Program

In the last newsletter, we reported that as part of our community outreach program, Delaware By Hand will provide art workshops on a quarterly basis for the at-risk 6-10 year old students in the Cape Henlopen School District who participate in the Lewes After School Program held at Lewes Presbyterian Church. We are pleased to tell you that Wes Stack, potter, led our first art workshop over a five-day period in March. On days one and two, the children had a wonderful time learning how to make "coil pots." Using varying thickness of rolls of clay, the children built their pots on a circular base. After pressing each coil together, they decorated their pots using a variety of instruments. Wes took all the pots home and fired them in his kiln. On day three, Wes brought the pots back and the children glazed them. Wes fired them again, and brought several back in on day four to show the children what their pots looked like after glazing and before sealing. On day five, Wes brought all the pots back in and distributed them to the children. The Raku pots turned out great and the children had a lot of fun. It was a wonderful learning experience for them. I had a great time helping Wes and taking pictures, some of which are pictured here.

Thanks to Wes for such a great effort on his part to bring this experience to the children of our community, and thanks to the Rehoboth Art League for providing the materials for the project. Next month Sandra Ridgely is going to show the children how to make baskets.

All DBH artists/artisans are invited to participate in this program in the area of their specialty. Please contact Connie Ballato at cjballato@comcast.net. If you would like to organize or are involved in an

outreach project in your community, please let us know so that we can promote our DBH activities.

Connie Ballato



DBH MEMBER NEWS



DBH member Maria Bessette announced the grand opening of her new gallery, Poiema Home at the Mill, at 590 Mud Mill Rd-Medford Mill, Marydel, on April 5, 2008. The gallery will feature a few antique items, new home décor items, design consultation, original art and artisan items and handcrafted natural bath products. Contact Maria at 302-241-5919 or libertosart@verizon.net for more information.



The Center for the Creative Arts in Yorklyn, DE is looking for artisans for its annual craft show on November 8th and 9th with set-up and party on November 7th. This is a highly rated show with highly talented artisans. If you do not make jewelry or stained glass and want to apply, please contact Susan Logan at (302) 239-2434 or slogan@ccarts.org.



Congratulations to Claire Lambeth who was featured in an article in Delaware Today, March, 2008, "Candles by Claire".



Also featured this month in Delaware On Line is member Elizabeth Bard. See her article at <http://www.delawareonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2008802140308>



DBH Outreach Coordinator Lorraine J. Dion, a graduate of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Trust Main Street Center's Certification in Professional Main Street Management Institute, received her Certified Main Street Manager (CMSM) credentials at the 2008 National Main Street Conference in Philadelphia on March 31, 2008.

With a highly competitive application process (only 10 applicants accepted nationally each year), the Certification Institute is designed to give seasoned professionals with field experience managing the revitalization of a downtown historic commercial district an opportunity to participate in this two-year process of advanced training and the passing of four final exams before receiving Certified Main Street Manager credentials.

Executive Director of Middletown Main Street, Inc., and with seven years of community revitalization and historic preservation experience, Lorraine was one of only eleven professionals in 2008, and the first director of a Main Street program in Delaware, to receive her CMSM credentials and to be recognized nationally by her peers.

TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

How I photograph my work

First the disclaimer--I'm not a professional photographer and the following description is just the result of my experimenting with photographing artwork. However, I am satisfied with the results, and it is a very inexpensive way to deal with the problem of presenting our work. So here's how I do it. I will post pictures of the items below on our DBH Yahoo Users' Group so you can see more there.

The tools -

- PVC frame
- Digital camera
 - Canon G5 - 5 megapixel
 - Canon Digital Rebel Xti 10 megapixel
 I've used both of these cameras to photograph my work and don't find a lot of difference in the results (There's a lot of difference in the price!). I suspect any digital camera with 3 megapixels or above would serve the purpose.
- Varitone graduated background 42x62" about \$50. Google the term to find vendors or check <http://web.ivenue.com/simondsphotographic2/item471893.ctlg>
- Nylon or other diffusing material.

The process -

- Photo sessions are usually shot outside on cloudy days, although with the diffusing material draped over the frame it is possible to shoot indoors or in shade.
- Pieces are arranged at various points on the PVC frame by altering the shelf heights to get different background color shadings.
- Photos are then loaded on the computer (my camera uses a compact flash card and I have a USB card reader that I plug the card into) and edited with a photo editing program. I mostly use this for cropping and resizing the photos for emailing or uploading. Photos taken with a digital camera, even at 3 megapixels, are very large and will choke email messages or take up too much space on a website. I use Photoshop Elements to crop and re-size, but there are some free software programs to download that can also be used. See <http://graphicssoft.about.com/od/pixelbasedwin/tp/freephotoedw.htm> for a review of and links to these programs. I've used the free PhotoFiltre software (http://photofiltre.free.fr/download_en.htm), and it's very similar to Photoshop Elements. There is also a new online free photo editing service at <http://www.picknik.com/>.

That's all there is to it. If you have questions or tips to pass along on photographing artwork, email me, and if you have other techniques to share with the group, please send them along for future newsletters.

Wes Stack

Had a prepublication response from Pete Saenger that adds greatly to the issue of photographing works. Thanks, Pete.

I've been working on improving my in-house photography over the winter. Here is what I've come up with. A very good site for information on photographing artwork is Larry Berman's:

<http://bermangraphics.com/digital-jury-resources/photographing-art.htm>

I'm also using a Varitone background. I bought a 40" Easy Cube set, shooting indoors with Compact Fluorescent 30 watt Day Light - full spectrum bulbs - 5000K. The nylon sided cube diffuses the light nicely and the Day Light compact fluorescent bulbs work well with the digital camera. Currently I'm using a 4 megapixel point and shoot.

Bulb Source: <http://www.1000bulbs.com/>

Easy Cube: <http://store.tabletopstudio-store.com/ezlite.html>

Varitone Backgrounds: <http://setshop.com/index.php?>

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2008 UPCOMING SHOWS

Show Calendar

The following shows have been submitted thus far for the DBH calendar. We've attempted to verify all the information. However, if you have corrections and/or additions, please send to Wes Stack at wesnerstack@comcast.net and we will publish updates.

Wilmington Flower Market - Wilmington, DE - May 8-10, 2008

Contact: www.wilmingtonflowermarket.org/html/schedule_of_events.html ?

Midstate Art Fair - Middletown DE - May 19, 2007

Contact: 302-740-5140 midstateart@cs.com

RAL Craft Exhibit - Rehoboth Beach, DE - June 6 & July 13, 2008

Contact: (302) 227-8408, or www.rehobothartleague.org/

Bethany Beach Boardwalk Show - Bethany Beach, DE - June 7, 2008

Contact: www.townofbethanybeach.com/

Milton Spring Sidewalk Art Show - Milton, DE - Saturday - June 28, 2008

Contact: www.miltonartsguild.com/

Virginia Beach Boardwalk Show - June 12-15, 2008

Contact: www.cacv.org/events/boardwalk.asp

St. Peter's Art Show - Lewes, DE - July 5, 2008

Contact: Jen Mason, stpeterslewesartshow@verizon.net

Lewes Historical Society - Lewes, DE - July 12 & October 4, 2008

Contact: www.historiclewes.org/events/craftsapp.html 302-645-7670

Rehoboth Art League Outdoor Show, Rehoboth Beach, DE - Aug. 9-10; 16-17, 2008

Contact: (302) 227-8408 or www.rehobothartleague.org

Arden Craft Fair - Arden, DE - Aug. 30, 2008

Contact: www.ardenclub.com/ardenfair.htm

Long's Park Arts and Crafts Festival, Lancaster PA - Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, 2008

Contact: www.longspark.org/art.html

Bethany Beach Boardwalk Show - Bethany Beach, DE - Sept. 6, 2008

Contact: www.bethany-fenwick.org/calendar/index.htm

Delaware by Hand Members' Day Show - Location TBA - Sept. 27, 2008

Contact: president@delawarebyhand.org

Art on the Green - New Castle DE - Sept. 27, 2008

Contact: New Castle Lion's Club (302) 328-LION

Festival of Fine Craft Wheaton Village - Millville, NJ - Oct. 4-5, 2008

Contact: www.wheatonarts.org/calendar/i

Easton Art Museum - Easton, MD - Oct. 11-12, 2008

Contact: www.art-academy.org/artsmarket.htm

Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsman - Oct. 19-21, 2007

Contact: www.pennsylvaniacrafts.com/pacrafts/site/default.asp

Highlands Historical Society Show - Oct. 18-19, 2008

Contact: www.highlandshistorical.org

Bethesda Row - Oct. 18-19, 2008

Contact: <http://www.bethesdarowarts.org/>

Hagley Museum Craft Show - Wilmington, DE - Oct. 18 and 19, 2008

Contact: info@hagley.org; www.hagley.org/events.html

Rehoboth Art League - Holiday Faire - Rehoboth Beach, DE - Nov. 1, 2008

Contact: (302) 227-8408, or www.rehobothartleague.org

The Center for the Creative Arts Annual Craft Show - Yorklyn, DE - Nov. 8-9, 2008

Contact: Susan Logan at (302) 239-2434 or slogan@ccarts.org

Southeastern Delaware Artists Studio Tour (SEDAST) - Nov. 28-29, 2008, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Contact: www.artstudiotour.com/

DBH YAHOO GROUP

DBH maintains a web based Yahoo Group for the purpose of facilitating communication among our members. Group features include group email, personal photo albums to display your work, a files section to place shared documents such as show registrations and a calendar which will list dates for shows and other events. You're invited to join the Group. Registering is a two-step process. First you must register at Yahoo to get an ID. Then you can register for the DBH group. You retain the right to withdraw from the group at any time.

To obtain a Yahoo ID:

- Go to www.yahoo.com and click on "Free Mail: Sign Up" (in the right hand box)
- Fill in the required information and verify by typing in the letter/number configuration at the bottom. Be sure to fill in the "alternative email" box if you wish group emails to come to your regular email address. Otherwise they will come to your Yahoo email address.

To register for the DBH group:

- Go to www.yahoo.com and click on "Groups" in the left column
- Type "delawarebyhand" in the "Find a Yahoo Group" box, then on the next screen click on "Join This Group."
- On the next screen type your Yahoo ID and password and click on "Sign In." You will then be registered for the DBH group. In the future you will only have to take steps 1 and 3 above to get to the group site. Once there you will have access to all the group features.

If you have any problems please contact Wes Stack (wesnerstack@comcast.net).

More Bellevue Pics



Inside the Figure Eight Barn



Performing Arts Pavillion

PHOTO SESSIONS - A LATE NEWS ADDITION

Certified professional photographers, Christine Belanger and Jason Shatzer, will be at the Studio on 24 for two days to take digital photos for members of Delaware By Hand. Christine and Jason are graduates of Hallmark Institute of Photography and own Northern Lights Studio LLC in Dagsboro, DE. They will be scheduling one hour sessions with all digital images being delivered on CD at the end of the sessions. Please visit www.nl-studio.com to see samples of their work. The dates are June 14th & 15th and the cost is \$100 for the one-hour session including the disk of images. To schedule a session please contact Lorraine Dion at her address, lorraine@delawarebyhand.org