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MAY-JUNE 2008

250 sculpture ‘on a roll’ for Newark parade



The morning of Newark’s Heritage Parade, John Crowther was headed to a hardware store to save the Newark Arts Alliance’s entry. The three-piece “250 sculpture,” created to honor the city’s 250th anniversary, was scheduled to be hauled along the parade route

in a hay wagon on Saturday, April 11.

However, nobody came through with a truck to haul the wagon, and the “float” required a quick rethinking. Crowther came up with the idea of adding wooden braces and attaching four wheels to the bottom of each of the five-foot-high numbers, which were decoupage with city memorabilia. He and a handful of helpers got the work done on a tight deadline. As a finishing touch, they stapled colorful fringe around the base of each number.

Numbers add up to fun!

The result was fantastic. The numbers became rolling kinetic sculptures, pushed along Main Street by Crowther, Stephen Webb, and Dave Ostheimer. The trio occasionally grabbed the handles attached to each number and spun them around, much to the delight of the crowd.

An NAA banner preceded the numbers, carried by Terry Foreman, the NAA’s Executive Director, and Terri Gillespie, the PR Director. Susan Moore, Merry Ostheimer, Julie Webb, and youngsters Isabel Crowther, Luci and Rory Ostheimer, Cece and Helen Moore, and Zoey Webb also marched and handed out cards promoting the NAA’s new location. The chant “Hey, hey, NAA! Did you do your art



Shakin’ Sharks Steel Drums

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The Newark Arts Alliance is a locally supported cultural non-profit organization. Our mission is to provide the citizens of greater Newark with the opportunity to explore and display their creativity, as well as participate in cultural events that build community. We provide the means to celebrate life through all forms of artistic diversity.

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today?" also rang out periodically from the marchers.

The NAA's entry caught photographers' eyes and was featured in Sunday's *News Journal* and in the following week's *Newark Post*. Sunday evening, the numbers made an appearance at the Newark Anniversary Banquet. They are currently on display in the NAA's Exhibition Gallery.

Grand opening shows off new site

Everything went beautifully Friday evening, too, as the NAA held its grand opening in the new location at 276 East Main Street. Nobody's quite sure how the team managed to pull it off. As late as Thursday, the space didn't look anywhere near ready.

But by 6 p.m., the "Impressions of Newark" exhibit was hung, the Gallery Shop was open for business, the red carpet was out, the tables were packed with refreshments, and the Shakin' Sharks Steel Band from Downes Elementary School was making music out front and drawing a crowd.

The fifth-graders played steel drums and a variety of percussion under the direction of Joe Ambrosino. The students included Cole Bedford, Julia Bosso, Luke Dwornik, Mave Haimbodi, Brandon Holveck, Jared Huddleston, Finn Malmquist, Julia Murphy, Autumn Purnell, and Justin Saum.

The entertainment also included guitarist Ambrosino, guitarists/vocalists Steve Hobson and Scott Birney, a demonstration by the Ming Tao Tai Chi Studio, strolling magician Tom Way, and belly dancer Maya.

The evening concluded with Mayor Vance Funk III presenting the NAA with a key to the city.

The City of Newark's official 250th anniversary print is now on sale. The original painting is the work of contemporary folk artist Carol Dyer.

Signed 22-inch by 30-inch prints are \$100; unsigned are \$50. They can be purchased at the NAA, with 50% of sales benefiting our organization. They're also available in the Planning Department at 220 Elkton Road, and in Mayor Vance Funk's law office at 273 East Main Street.



What's Up With the NAA



Captain Blue Hen Comics invites NAA to the party. Free Comic Book Day is the biggest event of the year at Captain Blue Hen Comics (www.captainbluehen.com). Last year, over 1,500 people came to the shop in Newark's Market East Plaza to celebrate this funny to phantasmagoric art form.

This year, Free Comic Book Day is on Saturday, May 3, from 12-5 p.m. Captain Blue Hen invited the NAA, its new neighbor, to join in. From 12-4 p.m., comic book artists will visit the NAA site to conduct how-to workshops and give talks about their experiences. There will also be a "decorate your own mask" project for kids.

The artists include:

- Scott Neely, who has worked on licensed properties like Scooby-Doo, Grim Adventures of Billy And Mandy, Powerpuff Girls, Pokemon, Mickey Mouse Clubhouse, Winnie the Pooh, Bratz and more.
- Mike Manley, editor of DRAW! Magazine and an instructor at Delaware College of Art and Design. He has worked for all of the major comic book publishers from Marvel and DC to Dark Horse.
- Neil Vokes, who has worked on characters like Superman, Spider-Man, and Tarzan. His recent work includes Black Forest and Wicked West 1 & 2.
- Jamar Nicholas, the creator of Radiskull & Devil Doll, and The Jamar Chronicles.
- John Gallagher & Rich Faber, creators of Roboy Red, who have also worked on John's Buzzboy comics together.
- Buz Hasson & Ken Haeser, creators of The Living Corpse comic from

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Great gifts at the NAA Gallery Shop



Jewelry, poetry, ceramics, photos, paintings, funky furniture, scarves, and much more – created by our members



Spotlight on Community Arts

Show tunes! Broadway artist Arbender Robinson will give a free concert on Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. at Silverside Church, 2800 Silverside Road, in Wilmington. He will sing numbers from a variety of shows including "The Little Mermaid," "Secret Garden," and "Les Miserables," accompanied by the church's Director of Music, Melissa Heieie. Info: 302-478-5921 or www.silversidechurch.org

Novelist reads at NAA. Author C. Delia Scarpitti will give a reading at the NAA on Sunday, June 1, at 2 p.m. She is a 2008 recipient of an Emerging Artist in Fiction grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts.

Scarpitti will speak on the writing process in general and then read from her grant-winning novel manuscript, *Migration Summer*. A question and answer period will follow.

Columns Editor of *Literary Mama Magazine*, she is a freelance writer, poet, and mother of three young children. Her poetry, fiction, essays, interviews, and reviews have appeared in a variety of online and print publications, including *Mothering Magazine*, *The We'Moon Anthology: Love, SageWoman Magazine*, *Literary Mama Magazine*, *Mamazine.com*, *Mom Writer's Literary Magazine*. Her Web site is www.cdeliascarpitti.com.

Film Fest "reely" wants to know. Which independent films and documentaries are important to you? How would you improve the Newark Film Festival? Your comments will help shape the 4th annual event, which will be held in September at Newark Cinema Center 3. The NFF mission is to screen "Movies That Matter," so to weigh in with your requests and comments, contact Barry Schlecker at barry@network5555.com.

Henna for Body and Soul

Maya is available for parties of all kinds, such as graduations, proms, festivals, showers, and girls' nights. Get a henna tattoo BEFORE you go to the beach! Spring is the start of the busy henna season. Don't miss out on having a henna artist for your event! Call or e-mail Maya today for a personal appointment at 302-636-9343 or mayababe1@aol.com!

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What's Up With the NAA

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Zenescope. Delaware's own, Buz designed the Captain Blue Hen window sign and has been a monster maker for movies. Ken, a New Jersey native, graduated from the Joe Kubert School and was a colorist for Marvel. Both worked on Eyes of Asia and are tattoo artists.

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- Spring classes for kids & adults!
- Classes for home schoolers!

Download your brochure at the NAA Web site:
www.newarkartsalliance.org
on the "Classes/Programs" page

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Wine dinner. About 42 people participated in the Caffé Gelato Wine Dinner in April to benefit the NAA. Thanks to owner Ryan German for creating this event.

Poets come home! After taking a small hiatus, the DelaWhere Poetry reading, formerly known as Worddancing, took to the stage once again. Meeting at the Newark Arts Alliance every Tuesday evening at 7:30, the group gathered and enjoyed the company of good poetry and good people.

Although the first meeting was small, fun was had by all. A long-time member of the group, Maria Del Naja, even said she had been away from poetry for too long and was happy the reading was back up and running.

For more news about the readings and the schedule of events, including competitive slams, workshops, and featured poets, please visit the DelaWhere Web site at www.delawhere.org.

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- Your ad reaches readers who love the arts, both in print (about 750 circulation) and in the download at www.newarkartsalliance.org – for the same low price!
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Stephen Kinsey's work (left) is featured at *You've Been Framed*, 172 E. Main St., Newark. The "World of Animals exhibit runs through May. Info: 302-366-1403

Elisabeth Bard, Heather Siple, and Jeff Smith are three of the nine artists of ArtLane PCG showing their photography in "Expressions of Time" at the Biggs Museum of Art, Dover, through May.

Dragonfly Leathrum has an exhibit of her portraits at Sinclair's Café, 177 E. Main St., Newark, during May. The portraits, acrylic on canvas, feature a variety of artists and friends from the community.

"Spring Fling" features "luscious watercolors" by **Diane Cannon** at Brush & Palette, in Kennett Square, PA, on Friday, May 2, from 6-9 p.m. The show runs through May 20.

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approximately 12 pieces. Contact Pamela Skwish at 302-731-9289.

OTHER

CCArts sets fall show. The CCArts Annual Artisans Craft Show is looking for artisans, specifically in fine craft and photography (no additional jewelry or stained glass will be accepted). The show will be held November 7-9 at the Center for the Creative Arts in Yorklyn, DE. The fee is \$120. Contact Susan Logan at slogan@ccarts.org or 302-239-2434 x104 for an application and more information.

Chesapeake artwork. The Talbot County Visual Arts Center (TCVAC) in Easton, MD, is hosting its second annual "Life on the Chesapeake" exhibit. Work eligible for this national, juried show encompasses any painting, drawing or other portrayal in a two-dimensional medium, referencing the life, commerce, landscapes, and wildlife, past and present, of the Bay itself and its extensive watershed region.

Applications, payments, and CDs (up to three images) must be received by September 1. Contact Show Chairman Mary Ekroos at 410-822-6904. An application can be downloaded at www.talbot-art-center.org.

WITH THE NAA

May 16-June 7: "Young at Art"

Work by artists ages 10-18; prizes will be awarded for outstanding entries

Drop-off: May 9-11

Reduced submission fee: A flat \$5 for up to 3 pieces

Opening reception: Friday, May 16 • 7-9 p.m.

Pick-up: Sunday, June 8 • 12-3 p.m.

July 18-August 9: Fifth Annual Open Members Show

An exhibit of work by NAA members

Drop-off: July 11-13

Opening reception: Friday, July 18 • 7-9 p.m.

Pick-up: Sunday, August 10 • 12-3 p.m.

NAA Gallery Shop – for members only! You can submit your original artwork for consideration to be sold in the NAA Gallery Shop. For guidelines, call 302-266-7266 or visit our Web site.

NAA Art Loop. Interested in exhibiting your work? The loop is held on a monthly basis at several locations on and near Main Street, including Blue Bamboo Healing Arts Studio, Adria Café, You've Been Framed, Main Street Florist, Home Grown Café, Hardcastle Gallery, Sinclair's Café, Central Perk, Brewed Awakenings, Gecko Fashions, and Caffé Gelato. The spaces hold

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NAA Exhibition Gallery Guidelines

For juried shows, artists may submit up to three pieces. The submission fee is \$5 per artwork for adult shows. This charge supports promotional and other costs associated with the exhibit. If the fee prohibits you from participating, please write to the Gallery Committee and request a waiver.

Please include label on each entry with your name, the title of the work, the medium (acrylic, raku, computer scan, etc.), your phone number and e-mail address, and a selling price, if applicable. (Work may be marked NFS.) All 2-D work must have a hanging wire on the back and must be framed in keeping with professional standards (no dirty mats, damaged glass, chipped frames, etc.).

Commission on sales to the NAA is 20% for working members (at least four volunteer hours per month), 30% for non-working members, and 40% for non-members.

Meet the NAA Board: Stephen Webb

When the NAA Board of Directors welcomed graphic designer Stephen Webb as its newest member recently, it actually should have been more like “welcome back.” The first job in Stephen’s local career was designing the NAA newsletter.

It’s often said: “Do what you love to do and the rest will fall in line.” Stephen’s interest in the arts evolved after he frequently found himself as the go-to person when folks needed something made.

He quickly learned that there was money to be earned by being creative, and this prompted him to forge his own path as a writer/artist at the age of 21. When his earliest attempts at making a living in the arts in Vermont didn’t pan out, he decided to come back to the Mid-Atlantic area to earn an associate’s degree from the Art Institute.

Flash forward to today – Stephen’s firm, ZZhouse Design, is now 5 years old, and has moved from his house to a 200+-year-old structure, just off Route 273 in Newark. All of his long hours and hard work paid off, and the business grew to the point where he needed a commercial space to hang his artsy shingle. ZZhouse has clients in over 25 states, from Ryan German of Newark’s Caffé Gelato to Sanchez, a tattoo artist in Tennessee.

Ideas on the fly

What does he like best about his work? “My favorite part of the job – and I hope that it’ll be 100% someday – is just coming up with ideas on the fly. Working in an environment that’s always in a rush has helped me to develop this amazing ability to come up with creative solutions quickly. We don’t really do it too much right now, but in theory we should get paid a lot of money for it. Some day”

Again, when you’re working with your heart’s passion, work and play tend blur and become one and the same. Asked if he creates artwork on the side for his own pleasure, Stephen answered, “I do and it’s what led me to graphics. Mainly now I sketch; I can fill a book in a week of random abstract stuff that I hope to someday have the time to paint onto canvases. The art I do is the opposite of what I do on the job. There are no rules. There’s always thought and balance, but no rules.”

Asked about the best part of having his own business, Stephen summed up the pros and cons by saying, “When the planets align and you make more in one hour than you used to in a week ... but at the end of the day you usually pay for it some way or another.”

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In the Exhibition Gallery

OUR CURRENT EXHIBIT

Through May 10

“Impressions of Newark”

Our celebration of the city’s 250th anniversary

COMING NEXT

May 16-June 7

“Young at Art”

An open show of work by artists ages 10-18

Opening reception: Friday, May 16, 7-9 p.m.

June 13-July 12

“White”: Photography by Elisabeth Bard

Opening reception: Friday, June 13, 7-9 p.m.

“I am in search of the images that have a quiet, meditative quality, simple gifts to soothe our souls,” says Elisabeth Bard. The artist studied fine art and photography at Hiram College (OH). She worked first as a photographer, then as a graphic artist. Bard has 20 years of experience as a designer and illustrator.

Photography is now the main outlet for her creativity, and she concentrates on landscapes, doors, windows, and floral images. She also creates more abstract images.

Bard has exhibited her work locally and has won first place awards in the Cecil County, Havre de Grace, and Bel Air art festivals. She is a member of the Photographic Society of Delaware and several area arts organizations, including the NAA and the Art Lane Photo Critique Group.



“White Peony” by Elisabeth Bard



“The Purple House” - fabric art by Ruth Oatman

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Although ZZhouse keeps Stephen busy, he does his part to support non-profit organizations. And, of course, he is now back as a Board member with NAA! “When I first got out of school, doing the NAA newsletter was my first gig. I go away but I seem to always come back. I appreciate what the NAA is doing and I’m glad to be a part of it again.”

WITH THE NAA

At the NAA unless otherwise listed

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Through May 10

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Through June 7

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Through July 12

NAA ART GROUPS

DelaWhere Newark Poetry Group
Tuesdays @ 8-10 p.m. – \$3 cover
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302-290-5881

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Info: Laura Spencer, 302-453-1351

NAA Advisory Committee
2nd Wed. @ 6 p.m.

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Call the NAA for date & location

NAA Exhibition Gallery Committee
1st Mon. @ 5:30 p.m.
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302-453-8866

NAA Gallery Shop Committee
4th Wed. @ 7 p.m.
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NEWARK ART SCENE

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“Newark: The Opera”
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- Chapel Street Players
- Delaware Dance Company
- Mid-Atlantic Ballet
- Newark Arts Alliance
- Newark Symphony Orchestra

For more information visit:
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