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DECEMBER 8 – ART TO GO
DECEMBER 15 – NAA “HOUSE COOLING”
JANUARY 15 – “PAINT YOUR ART OUT”
JANUARY & FEBRUARY – CLOSED FOR THE
BIG MOVE



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ARTFORMS

DECEMBER 2007-JANUARY 2008

It's an artful season at the NAA

Shop the market, cool the house & jam!

There are plenty of reasons to stop by the Newark Arts Alliance before our current site meets the wrecker's ball in mid-January. In fact, you can be part of three splendid send-off events.

But first, come out to the **Holiday Art Market**, which runs through Sunday, December 30 (closed Mondays and Christmas Day). We've got work by a dozen area artists – **Elisabeth Bard, Robanne Palmer, Lisa Pilchard, Ingrid Jackoway, Wendy Shipman, Julianne Darrow, Karen Hornor, Doortje Shover, Bruce Casale, Katherine Casale, Jenny Davies-Reazor, Melissa Paquette, and Carole Fox.** You'll find original, one-of-a-kind jewelry, pottery, weaving, stained glass, photographs, ceramic tiles, ornaments, and shrines. And visit the Gallery Shop for even more.



Also on the agenda are two events designed to bid a fond farewell to our Grainery Station space. First comes the **NAA “House Cooling”!** It's actually two events in one on Saturday, December 15. Stop by from 12-5 p.m. to share cookies and punch and write good-bye thoughts in an NAA scrapbook. Then, from 5-7 p.m., there's a **potluck dinner and jam session.** Bring a dish to share with six people – one that's ready to go and won't require refrigeration or heating up. We'll provide soft drinks. And if you've ever played

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The perfect time to be in the Gallery Shop

NAA members, here's your opportunity! With the Holiday Art Market attracting so many people to the NAA through December 30, there couldn't be a better time to have your work in the Gallery Shop.

We want to fill the shelves, showcases, and walls with wonderful, original gift ideas. All types of artwork are welcome: paintings and prints, ceramics, jewelry and other "wearable art," music and poetry – and much more.



Artwork can be dropped off during regular NAA hours. Accepted work generally is displayed for one to three months. However, all work must be removed by January 4 in preparation for the move to our new site.

The jury criteria are: originality (no kits or copies); well-crafted, skillful execution; and professional presentation. **All 2-D work must be framed with picture wire for hanging, or mounted, matted, and covered with acetate.** Unframed flat art should not exceed 24 inches in any dimension.

All work must be for sale. The commission to the NAA is 30% for non-working members and 20% for working members (at least four hours per month). For details, see the Gallery Shop information in the "Policies" section on the Web site (home page, at bottom).

GREAT GIFTS AT THE NAA GALLERY SHOP



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



Hats off to the Mad Hatter Gala. Some 325 art lovers – a number of them sporting chapeaux that ranged from glamorous to just plain wacky – came out for the Mad Hatter Gala on November 3.

The bidding was spirited in the live and silent auctions, raising a little over \$3,100. The live auction items included a pin/pendant by Caryn Hetherston; a hand-dyed, handwoven silk scarf from Maureen Kamerick; a custom-made quilt based on the bidder's photograph by Ruth Oatman; "Fish Soup," a silk painting by Laura Spencer; a raku basket by Minori Thorpe; a one-week beach condo rental; a tuxedo from Formal Affairs; "Let's Get Moving," a package including a home inspection, termite inspection, radon detection, and lawyer closing costs from Vance A. Funk III, Esquire; and wine from the cellars of Vance and Elaine Funk.



The mad hatters also enjoyed performances and gourmet hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from the merchant baskets and raffle are still being tallied.

The gala benefits the five Newark arts organizations that make up Mosaic, the group that sponsors the annual event: the Newark Arts Alliance, the Newark Symphony Orchestra, Mid-Atlantic Ballet, Delaware Dance Company, and the Chapel Street Theatre.

Moving on. The NAA must move out by January 15. Currently, the plans are to reopen in March. Board member Gordon Hetherston and his team are working on the design of the new space at 276 East Main Street, Suite 102, in the Market East Plaza.

Note to artists: If you have work in the Holiday Art Market or the Gallery Shop, it must be removed between December 26 and January 4 in preparation for the move. Otherwise, it will be put in storage and access to it may be limited.

Sign up for the moving/renovation squad. We'll need movers, packers, unpackers, and installers to help us get to our new space in January. Got time and/or expertise? Let us know and we'll add you to our contact list.

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Get a piece of Newark history. Looking for a unique gift for someone who loves Newark? NAA is selling giclée reproductions of a painting commissioned in celebration of the city's 250th anniversary, which occurs in 2008. The artwork is a rendition of the city's downtown by Bethany Beach artist Carol Dyer. She has created similar works for towns all along the East Coast. Signed 22-inch by 30-inch prints are \$100; unsigned are \$50. Fifty percent of the proceeds benefit the NAA.

This project's got your number. Here's another way we're celebrating Newark's anniversary – with papier-maché sculptures of a huge 2-5-0, covered with city memorabilia. They'll be part of our "Impressions of Newark" show in the spring, appear in various public places, and take a ride on a float in the anniversary parade. Here's how you can get involved.

- Contribute *photocopies* (not originals) of your artwork, writings, news clippings, advertisements – anything that says "Newark" to you. Bring or mail them to the NAA by February 15.
- Be one of the volunteer woodworkers who creates the numbers. The hollow numerals will be five feet high and two feet thick. We'll pay materials costs and a modest stipend.
- Help create the artwork. We'll keep you posted about work sessions – just send an e-mail to info@newarkartsalliance.org.



Give to the annual campaign! Watch for your letter about this NAA fund-raiser. Your contribution will be put to work creating wonderful art programs for the community. Any amount is appreciated!

Two easy ways to benefit the NAA. Donate through **United Way** and designate the NAA as your charity of choice. We're a "write-in only" recipient of funds so you need to either use our organization number (9533) or specify the Newark Arts Alliance. You can also shop online through **iGive.com** and each store listed in its "mall" gives back a percentage of your purchases as a donation. Our ID number is 315907.

Word Dancing. Margie Bello is the new Slam Master for this lively group of poets, which meets Tuesdays from 8-10 p.m. at the NAA. Events include readings by featured poets, workshops, and slams.

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In the Exhibition Gallery

OUR CURRENT EXHIBIT

Through December 30: Holiday Art Market

Photographs, jewelry, paintings, ornaments, pottery, weaving, stained glass, ceramic tiles, and shrines – original creations by area artists – perfect gifts!

The NAA will be closed in January and February for our move to our new location at 276 East Main Street, Suite 102, Market East Plaza.



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music at the NAA, bring your instrument and sit in. No set times, no set tunes – just a chance to create a joyful noise.

Then head over to after-party at the Blue Crab Grill in the Suburban Plaza off Elkton Road. John Pollard & the Holiday Pharmacy will play the first set, followed by more jamming!

Next comes a chance to **"Paint Your Art Out."** Be part of the free-form, pre-demolition decorating of the NAA building's interior walls on Sunday, January 13, from 1-3 p.m. To help with "painting the room in a colorful way," the NAA will provide some art materials. Feel free to bring your own, too – paint, crayons, pastels ... just no spray paint, please.

As part of the holiday season, there's also a free **Art To Go** ornament project on Saturday, December 8, as part of the festivities at the George Wilson Center in Newark. The project will run from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Youngsters can also buy gifts at "Santa's Secret Shoppe" from 9 a.m.-noon and, for a \$2 fee, have a "Snack With Santa."

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Where to Catch Their Work

Cows at the winery. Landenberg, PA, artist Karen O'Lone Hahn has her oils and acrylic paintings in the Galleria at Va La Winery through December 30. Her artwork features brightly colored, whimsical cows and candid and fantasy images of people on a couch. The Galleria is located at 8822 Gap Newport Pike (Route 41), just south of Avondale, PA. Directions and hours: www.valavineyards.com

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this offer, contact Peter Saenger at peter@saengerporcelain.com.

OTHER ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

International photo exhibit. The deadline for entries for the 75th Wilmington International Exhibition of Photography is Saturday, January 19. There will be sections for monochrome prints, color prints, projected images (slides and digital images), and photojournalism. An entry form and complete information are available at www.delawarephotographicsociety.org, or call Jeff Smith at 302-368-1089.

The exhibition will be held February 24-March 2 in Arsht Hall on the University of Delaware campus in Wilmington, 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue. The projected image shows will be given on the two Sundays at 1 and 3 p.m.

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library for the book for this month.

The library also sponsors two Tuesday book discussion groups. The noon group's next session is December 11; the 7 p.m. group meets December 18. A Mother-Daughter Book Discussion (with daughters ages 10-14) meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The next session is December 12.

Delaware Photographic Society exhibit. Members of the Delaware Photographic Society hold a show of their work at Wilmington University in New Castle through December 7. The exhibit is located on the second floor of the Peoples Library Building at 320 Dupont Highway.

Spotlight on Community Arts

For laughing out loud! DCT North, the new upstate Delaware improv comedy group, makes its debut with "THEATRESPOITS: A Unique Team Comedy Improvisation Event!" The show will be staged on Saturday, December 15, from 8-9:30 p.m. at the Theater at the Center for Creative Arts in Yorklyn, DE. DCT North is an affiliate of Delaware Comedy Theatre, the Rehoboth Beach-based non-profit improvisational theater group and school.

For reservations, call the DCT hotline at 302-226-4280. Include your full name, phone number, and the number of people in your party. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students, seniors, and military with I.D. They may be purchased at the door; credit cards will not be accepted. Doors open at 7 p.m. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserved seats will be held until 7:55 p.m. Info: delawarecomedytheatre.com The CCA is located at 410 Upper Snuff Mill Road and Route 82.

Open Studio. An Open Studio will be held at Quail Hollow Designs on Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The shop, which features fine and funky beaded jewelry, is located at 3875 Telegraph Road, Fair Hill, MD. Info: 410-398-5593

Poets celebrate in Milton. The 9th Annual John Milton Celebration of Poetry and Poets will be held the weekend of December 7-9 in Milton, DE, with readings, workshops, and panels by Delmarva and nationally published poets. A Master Class will be held on Sunday with poet Sue Ellen Thompson, author of "The Golden Hour." A \$25 fee includes all Saturday events and lunch. Evening festivities include the Dogfish Head chapbook prize, book signings, and John Milton's birthday cake. Registration information can be found at www.miltonpoetryfest.org.

Bell ringers. The First State Ringers, the handbell choir from Newark United Methodist Church, will perform at the Newark Free Library on Sunday, December 9, at 2 p.m. The program features holiday music for all ages.

Book discussion groups. An African-American Fiction Book Group has been formed at the Newark Free Library, meeting on selected Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The next meeting is December 11. Call the

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Call to Artists

NAA exhibits. With the NAA moving to its new site in early 2008, no shows are scheduled for January and February. The new gallery space will open in March with "Moving On," an open, juried show on the theme of transitions and new beginnings.

The drop-off for work is the weekend of March 2-4. The opening reception will be held Friday, March 7, from 7-9 p.m. The exhibit runs through April 5. For a full listing of the exhibition schedule for 2008, visit the NAA Web site.

Delaware Women's Conference exhibit. The deadline for submitting work to this annual show of women's art is Monday, December 31. There is no fee. A submission form can be downloaded at www.delawarewomen.org/artshow.html. Artists are eligible if they "are connected with the state of Delaware either through residency, studio space located within the state, frequent exhibition in the state, involvement with a Delaware arts organization, or enrollment in a Delaware school."

The show will be exhibited in spring 2008 through the Wilmington Art Loop and the Dover Art League. Dates are to be determined. Art will also be exhibited at The University of Delaware's Clayton Hall, Newark, during the conference.

NAA Art Loop. Interested in exhibiting your work on the Newark Art Loop? The loop, sponsored by the NAA, 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, Hardcastle Gallery, Sinclair's Café, Central Perk, Brewed Awakenings, Gecko Fashions, Home Grown Café, and Caffè Gelato. The spaces will accommodate approximately 12 pieces. Contact Pamela Skwish at 302-731-9289 for details.

Get kilns at a discount and benefit the NAA. Interested in a kiln from L&L (Jupiter, Liberty Bell, Easy-Fire, Durafire, Test/Doll)? You can get a 20% discount, and 5% goes to the NAA. All L&L product information is online at www.hotkilns.com. To take advantage of

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The deadline for the January-February issue of ArtForms is December 15.

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The cover is \$3. The sessions are suggested for age 15 and up due to occasional language and subject matter. The schedule includes:

- December 11 – Karrie Waarala from Ypsilanti, MI
- December 18 – World of Women Poetry Slam Selection Slam
- January 8 – Possible first reading at the new NAA location

Info: www.worddancing.com or Margie Bello, 302-290-5881

Painting group takes a break. The NAA Painting Group will not meet in December. Looking to get involved in something new in 2008? Have time to paint during the day? Join the painters when they get back together in January on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Contact Pam Skwish at 302-731-9289 for details.



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WITH THE NAA

At the NAA unless otherwise listed

Holiday Art Market
Through December 30

Art To Go
Free holiday ornament project
Saturday, December 8 @ 9:30-11:30 a.m.
George Wilson Center

NAA "House Cooling"
Saturday, December 15 @ 12-7 p.m.

"Paint Your Art Out"
Decorate the NAA's walls before demolition!
Sunday, January 13 @ 1-3 p.m.

NAA ART GROUPS

At the NAA unless otherwise listed

Loose Threads – Artists Group
Fiber arts, painting, jewelry & more
3rd Wed. @ 7 p.m.
Info: Laura Spencer, 302-453-1351

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

NAA Board of Directors
Call for date & location

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

NAA Gallery Shop Committee
4th Wed. @ 7 p.m.
Info: Jeff Smith, 302-368-1089

NAA Painting Group
No sessions in December
Resumes in January
1st & 3rd Wed. @ 9:30 a.m.-noon
Bring your own supplies
Info: Pamela Skwish, 302-731-9289

Word Dancing: Poetry Reading, Open Mic & Slam
Tues. @ 8-10 p.m. – \$3 cover
Suggested for age 15 & up
Info: www.worddancing.com, 302-290-5881

NEWARK ART SCENE

Chapel Street Players
1) "Best Christmas Pageant Ever"
December 14-16

2) Annual One Act Festival
Friday & Saturday, January 18 & 19
Chapel Street Playhouse
Info & tickets: 302-368-2248 or www.chapelstreetplayers.org

Delaware Accordion Club
3rd Sun. @ 2-5 p.m.
First State Diner
Info: 302-738-7378 or www.delawareaccordionclub.com

Delaware Dance Company
"The Nutcracker"
Saturday, December 8 @ 2 & 7 p.m.
Sugar Plum Tea Party @ noon
Sunday, December 9 @ 2 p.m.
John Dickinson High School Theatre, Wilmington
Info & tickets: 302-738-2023 or www.delawaredance.org

Mid-Atlantic Ballet
"The Nutcracker"
Saturday, December 15 @ 2 & 7 p.m.
Sunday, December 16 @ 2 p.m.
Mitchell Hall, Univ. of DE

Info & tickets:
www.midatlanticballet.org

Newark International Folkdancers
No partner necessary
Fri. @ 8 p.m.
George Wilson Community Center
Info: 302-737-7321 or Ismat@udel.edu

Newark Open Bluegrass/Oldtime Jam
Any skill level, bring instruments
Thurs. @ 7:30-10 p.m.
St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Newark Symphony Orchestra
"Myths, Legends, Fairytales"
Sunday, December 16 @ 3 p.m.
The Independence School
Info: 302-369-3466 or www.newarksymphony.org

Scottish Country Dancing
No charge, no partner necessary
Mondays @ 7:30 p.m.
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Info: 302-368-2318

Winterfest
Downtown Newark's seasonal celebration
Friday, December 7 @ 6-9 p.m.
Rain date Saturday, December 8

ARTS IN THE AREA

All Delaware unless otherwise listed

Delaware Photographic Society Exhibit
Through December 7
Wilmington University, New Castle

"Greetings From Delaware"
An exhibit of arts greeting cards
Through February 25

Biggs Museum of American Art,
Dover

The Anna Marie Dance Studio
"The Nutcracker"
Saturday & Sunday, December 15 & 16 @ 2 p.m.
Archmere Academy, Wilmington
Info and tickets: 302-475-3949

"In Harmony" Music Series
Saturdays @ 7 p.m.
January 26 – Copeland String Quartet
Schwartz Center for the Arts, Dover
Info: 302-736-2467 or 302-760-4911

The New Candlelight Theatre
"Hello Dolly!"
Through December 23
Ardentown
Tickets & info: 302-475-2313 or www.newcandlelighttheatre.com

Brandywine Friends of Old Time Music
Beth Hartness and Adam Hurt
Friday, December 14 @ 8 p.m.
Location TBA
Info and tickets:
www.brandywinefriends.org

Delaware Valley Chorale
Christmas Concert and Messiah Sing-Along
Sunday, December 23 @ 7 p.m.
Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, Wilmington
Info & tickets: 302-726-5520

Delaware Theatre Company
"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare"
Through December 23
Wilmington
Tickets & info: 302-594-1100,
www.delawaretheatre.org