

# Biggs Museum of American Art

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## Artfully Celebrating the Holidays Fall & Winter 2009 Adult and Youth Programming



**Dover, DE** – Warm up to the Biggs Museum this fall and *artfully* celebrate all of the upcoming holidays at one or several of the scheduled workshops and programs for visitors of all ages.

In addition to the *Biggs Kids* and *Mini-Masters* programs, children are invited to attend three annually held holiday-themed craft programs. Keep your front porch guarded from frightening things that go bump in the night with a pumpkin decorating at the *Pumpkin Decorating at the Biggs* program on Saturday, October 24. Before attending Caroling on the Green on Wednesday, December 9, stop by the Biggs Museum for a warm cup of cocoa and create a toy soldier ornament to add to your Christmas decorations at home. And be sure not to miss your chance to become Biggs royalty on First Night. Children of all ages are invited to the annual *Crown Decorating* activity, held in conjunction with First Night on Thursday, December 31.

Adults are certainly not forgotten this fall at the Biggs Museum when it comes to program offerings. Three seasonal-related art workshops are scheduled from October to December, including, *Fused Glass Workshop with Marcie Tauber*, *Christmas Ornaments Workshop with Gavin Standish*, and *Holiday Cookie Decorating Workshop with Pastry Artist Dana Herbert*.

The Biggs Museum is elated to be adding a second *Artful Dining* event to the calendar this year. In response to sold-out *Artful Dining* events the previous two years, the Biggs Museum will now host a fall and spring *Artful Dining* event. All are invited to enjoy a unique opportunity to dine in the Biggs Museum galleries and a live musical performance by guitarist E. Shawn Oaissaunee. Nage Restaurant of Rehoboth Beach, DE will serve a three

course meal using fruits and vegetables from local produce farm, Fifer Orchards. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 6:00 p.m. The seated dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. **Early reservations are recommended for *Artful Dining* as this event tends to sell out quickly.**

Pre-registration and prepayment are required for all programs. Participants may sign up for any program by contacting Beccy Cooper, Educational Programs Coordinator, by calling (302)674-2111 ext. 101 or by emailing [bcooper@biggsmuseum.org](mailto:bcooper@biggsmuseum.org). Participants may also sign up for any program by visiting our online gift shop. For more information or to request a brochure, please visit [www.biggsmuseum.org](http://www.biggsmuseum.org) or call (302)674-2111.

### Event Quick-Stats

**Event:** Pumpkin Decorating at the Biggs

**Date:** Saturday, October 24

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Price:** Free, Children Ages 12 and under

**Description:** Participants are invited to decorate a pumpkin, with supplies provided by the Museum. All those pre-registered by October 21st will receive a free pumpkin to decorate, courtesy of Fifer Orchards. Those not pre-registered, can supply their own pumpkin. Seasonal refreshments will be served.

**Event:** Fused Glass with Marcie Tauber

**Date:** Saturday, October 24

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$25 Members/ \$40 Not-Yet Members

**Description:** Fused glass is unique glass capable of enduring temperatures high enough for the glass to melt and fuse with other glass pieces. The result is a beautifully melded glass piece which seamlessly combines colors and textures into a unique piece. Participants will create a bowl that will be and heated several times to create a strong, unique, and functional work of art.

### November 2009

**Event:** Christmas Ornaments Workshop with Gavin Standish

**Date:** Saturday, November 14

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Price:** \$20 Members/ \$25 Not-Yet Members

**Description:** Adorn your tree with a new ornament in this glass ornament making workshop with Gavin Standish from The Tole Patch of Camden, DE.

**Event:** *An Evening of Artful Dining with Nage*

**Date:** Friday, November 13

**Time:** Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m., Seated dinner begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.

**Price:** \$70 Members/ \$75 Not-yet Members

**Description:** Enjoy a unique opportunity to dine in the Biggs Museum galleries and a live musical performance by guitarist E. Shawn Oaissaunee. Nage Restaurant of Rehoboth Beach,

DE will serve a three course meal using fruits and vegetables from local produce farm, Fifer Orchards.

### December 2009

**Event:** Holiday Cookie Decorating Workshop with Pastry Artist Dana Herbert

**Date:** Tuesday, December 8

**Time:** 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**Price:** \$18 Members/ \$20 Not-Yet Members, includes cookies and supplies.

**Description:** Not sure how to turn those sugar cookies into festive treats? Let Chef and Pastry Artist Dana Herbert teach you the tricks of the cookie decorating trade. Herbert will provide you with fresh pre-made cookies to decorate for a gift, your holiday party, or perhaps for just yourself! Chef Dana Herbert is a graduate of the University of Delaware and Johnson & Wales University, where he completed a second Bachelor in Culinary Arts and an additional Associates of Arts in Pastry. He is now the Head Chef at the Delaware River and Bay Authority in New Castle, Delaware. Chef Herbert lives and breathes in the sweet and artistic world of the pastry arts where he makes flavor and color come to life with his stunning wedding cakes, sugar sculptures, and custom desserts for all occasions.

**Event:** Cocoa, Cookies and Toy Soldiers

**Date:** Wednesday, December 9

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Price:** Free, Children Ages 5 and up, reservations required

**Description:** Join the Biggs Museum before Caroling on the Green to enjoy some sweets and treats and create a toy soldier ornament to hang on your tree at home! All supplies and refreshments will be provided by the museum. One toy soldier per child participant.

**Event:** Crown Decorating at First Night

**Date:** Thursday, December 31

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Price:** Free, Children of all Ages

**Description:** A First Night favorite! Children are invited to participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> annual crown decorating activity. All materials will be supplied and staff and volunteers will be on hand to assist the children.

### **Registration Information**

All events and programs are held at the Biggs Museum. Pre-registration and prepayment (where applicable) are required for all programs and events (including *Biggs Kids* and *Mini-Masters*). Pre-registration can be completed by:

Phone: (302)674-2111, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On-Line: visit the Gift Shop at [www.biggsmuseum.org](http://www.biggsmuseum.org). Visit the Education Section to register for *Biggs Kids* and *Mini-Masters*.

Pre-registration for *First Friday* programs are accepted only by phone.

### **About the Museum**

The Biggs Museum seeks to serve a diverse public as a regional museum of fine and decorative arts, made from 1700 to present, representing the State of Delaware and the

surrounding Mid-Atlantic region. The Biggs Museum engages audiences through a compelling program of temporary exhibitions and programming. The Biggs Museum encourages the development of creativity and an appreciation for art by offering a comprehensive slate of educational programming for all ages. The Biggs Museum of American Art is a private, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

**Hours of Operation:** Tuesday through Saturday; 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Sunday; 1:30 p.m. until 4: 30 p.m.

**Admission:** Biggs Museum is free to the public year-round. Fees may apply to certain programs and special events.

**The Biggs Museum of American Art**

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**Left:** Art at Lunch, September 2009

**Left Center:** Pumpkin Decorating, October 2009

**Right Center:** Cocoa, Cookies & Reindeer, December 2008

**Right:** Artful Dining, February 2009