

# Biggs Museum of American Art

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## *The Free Three: Art & Poetry and Sailor Knots* April 2010 *First Friday, Biggs Kids & Mini-Masters*



**Dover, DE** – Please join the Biggs Museum at one of the several family-friendly educational programs to be offered in April 2010. On Friday, April 2, listen to local poets recite original poems inspired by objects in the permanent collection in celebration of National Poetry Month. This program is conducted as walking tour through the permanent collection along with poet performances. Before the Art & Poetry **First Friday** program on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, children can participate in a *Jazz Piano Craft* from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Children participants in this free craft will create a jazz piano out of a cereal box to play their favorite musical tunes on.

On Saturday, April 3, **Biggs Kids** will make their own rope bracelet and learn why woven rope bracelets have been made and worn by mariners for ages. **Mini-Masters** will create a handprint towel to keep as a childhood memento on Wednesday, April 21.

In addition to the April *Free Three* programs to be held in April, the Biggs Museum will host **Art at Lunch: Lighthouses** on Wednesday, April 7 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. Enjoy lunch in the Museum galleries with Charles Fithian, Archaeologist with the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs. Charles was the director of the DeBraak research and conservation efforts. The HMS Debraak capsized and sunk in 1798 in the Delaware Bay where she remained until her discovering in 1984.

### **About *The Free Three***

The Biggs Museum is proud to offer three free family-friendly programs every month in addition to presenting a collection of fine and decorative art to the public year-round and

free of charge. Please visit the on-line Calendar of Events on the Museum web-site at [www.biggsmuseum.org](http://www.biggsmuseum.org) or register to receive our bi-monthly Calendar of Events in the mail to see more information regarding each month's programs.

On the first Friday of every month, the Biggs Museum, along with several other members of the Dover arts community, serve as a venue for downtown Dover's *First Friday* program. *First Friday* is an effort to bring the public downtown the first Friday of every month to enjoy local art venues and activities. The Biggs Museum offers a free, family-friendly program each month. First Friday programs include First Look Party!'s, lectures, curator-led tours, interactive activities, and performances. Pre-registration may or may not be required for the *First Friday* program. Please see the Calendar of Events or contact the Museum for more information.

*Biggs Kids* and *Mini-Masters* are free youth educational programs open to the public and are held in the programs gallery at the Museum. *Biggs Kids* is held on the first Saturday of every month from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. for children ages 5-10. *Mini-Masters* is held on the third Wednesday of every month from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. for children ages 3-5. Different art activities are planned each month for children to experience and enjoy art and the Museum. **Pre-registration is required** for both *Mini-Masters* and *Biggs Kids*. Please call 674-2111 or fill out a registration form on-line at [www.biggsmuseum.org](http://www.biggsmuseum.org) in the Biggs Kids section. *Biggs Kids* and *Mini-Masters* are supported by the Delaware Division of the Arts, Wilmington Trust and Mid-Del Foundation.

### **Event Quick-Stats**

**Event:** First Friday: Art and Poetry

**Date:** Friday, April 2

**Time:** 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Price:** Free, All Ages

**Description:** Listen to Delaware poets recite original poems inspired by Museum objects in celebration of National Poetry Month. Light refreshments will be served.

**Event:** First Friday: Jazz Piano Craft

**Date:** Friday, April 2

**Time:** 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Price:** Free, All Ages

**Description:** Create a jazz piano out of a cereal box to play your favorite musical tunes on!

**Event:** Biggs Kids: Sailors Knots

**Date:** Saturday, April 3

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

**Price:** Free, Children Ages 5-10

**Description:** Make your own rope bracelet! Learn why these woven rope bracelets have been made and worn by mariners for ages.

**Event:** *Art at Lunch: DeBraak*

**Date:** Wednesday, April 7

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Price:** \$20 not-yet members /\$18 members

**Description:** The HMS DeBraak capsized and sunk in 1798 in the Delaware Bay where she remained until her discovery in 1984. Charles Fithian, Archeologist with the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs was director of the DeBraak research and conservation efforts and will discuss many of his discoveries. Ticket price includes lunch.

**Event:** Mini-Masters: Handprint Towels

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21

**Time:** 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Price:** Free, Children Ages 3-5

**Description:** Your children will only be that size once. Help them create a handprint towel to keep as a memento of their childhood.

### **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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### **Top Images:**

**Left:** *Art & Poetry, April 2009*

**Center:** *Donald Maitz, Eyes for Prize* (Featured in *Blue Water/Still Water*)

**Right:** *Cocoa, Cookies and Toy Soldiers, December 2009*