

Biggs Museum of American Art

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The Free Three: A Nautical Affair & Mighty Leprechauns March 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 March 2010. On Friday, March 5, everyone is invited to be the first to see *Blue Water/Still Water*: an exhibition featuring over one hundred of the most talented contemporary artists in the marine art field recognized both nationally and internationally. Enjoy quiet shorelines, harbor views, and seascapes by members of the American Society of Marine Artists (ASMA). The First Look pARTy! for the *Blue Water/Still Water* exhibition is sure to be fun for all ages. Food and refreshments will be provided to all visitors.

On Saturday, March 6, *Biggs Kids* will bring a wee Leprechaun to life to help search for that elusive pot of gold. *Mini-Masters* will participate in a similar St. Patrick's Day craft on Wednesday, March 17.

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 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 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: First Look pARTy!: Blue Water/Still Water: American Society of Marine Artists opening reception

Date: Friday, March 5

Time: 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Price: Free, All Ages

Description: Enjoy festive fare and be one of the first to see the featured works of the American Society of Marine Artists. Light refreshments.

Event: *Biggs Kids*: Wee Leprechaun

Date: Saturday, March 6

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

Price: Free, Children Ages 5-10

Description: Bring a wee Leprechaun to life to help search for that elusive pot of gold.

Event: *Mini-Masters*: Wee Leprechaun

Date: Wednesday, March 17

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Price: Free, Children Ages 3-5

Description: Bring a wee Leprechaun to life to help search for that elusive pot of gold.

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.

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Top Images:

Left: Mini-Masters, November 2009

Center: From the 2008 American Society of Marine Artists exhibition

Right: First Friday, November 2009