

Biggs Museum of American Art

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The Free Three September 2010 *First Friday, Biggs Kids & Mini-Masters*



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******* The Mini-Masters program is now held from 10:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m. Please note this time change in published materials.*******

Please join the Biggs Museum at one of the several family-friendly educational programs and exhibition-related adult workshop opportunities to be offered in September 2010.

On Friday, September 3, take our new self-guided History of Delaware tour through the Museum's permanent collection galleries. Staff will be available to answer questions and light refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, September 4, *Biggs Kids* will create decorate a woodland vase using sticks they have gathered during a walk in the woods. On Wednesday, September 15, *Mini-Masters* will paint with toy race car wheels.

The Biggs Museum will also host an Herbal Soap Making *Art at Lunch* program on Wednesday, September 15. Participants will learn the secrets of making handcrafted soap at home in this introductory course. Hands-on demonstration will include close-up experience with various raw ingredients, safety issues, and use of many different oils, herbs, colorants, spices and fragrances. All participants will take home freshly made soap to cure and cut at home.

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 and Mid-Del Foundation.

Event Quick-Stats

Event: *First Friday*: History of Delaware at the Biggs Museum

Date: Friday, September 3, 2010

Time: 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Price: Free, all ages

Description: Take our new self-guided History of Delaware tour through the museum's permanent galleries. Staff will be available to answer questions.

Event: *Biggs Kids*: Woodland Vases

Date: Saturday, September 4

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

Price: Free, Children Ages 5-10

Description: What child can resist picking up sticks during a walk through the woods? Put that gathering impulse to good use, save them for making a woodsy vase at the Biggs Museum. Bring 10 sticks (1/4" diameter) collected by your child to decorate a woodland vase.

Event: *Mini-Masters*: Race Car Painting

Date: Wednesday, September 15

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Price: Free, Children Ages 3-5

Description: Stripes of paint left behind by race car tires imitate brush strokes on each child's canvas. Toy race cars will be provided. Vroom-vroom!

Event: *Art at Lunch:* Herbal Soap Making

Date: Wednesday, September 15

Time: 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Price: \$20 Members/\$25 Not-yet Members, Includes lunch and take-home soap

Description: Learn the secrets of making handcrafted soap at home in this introductory course. Hands-on demonstration includes close-up experience with various raw ingredients, safety issues, and use of many different oils, herbs, colorants, spices and fragrances. All participants will take home freshly made soap to cure and cut at home. All materials are provided. Please bring safety goggles and wear old clothes if you'd like to participate in the soapmaking.

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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Left: *Summer ArtVentures, July 2010*

Center: *Art at Lunch, April 2010*

Right: *Sewell's Studio, March 2010*