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Create Your *Award Winning* Art in Your Museum Summer 2009 Adult Workshops



Dover, DE – If you are planning a “staycation” in Delaware this summer, be sure to include a Biggs Museum Summer workshop on your itinerary! The Biggs Museum is proud to present the Fourth Annual Summer Workshops Series: adult summer interactive art workshops hosted by the Biggs Museum from July through September 2009. The Annual Summer Workshops Series is held in conjunction with the *Award Winners IX* exhibition, opening July 3, 2009, inspiring local residents to create their own works of “award winning” art.

This summer’s Workshop Series highlight the skills of some of the finest professional artists in the state while conducting hand-on activities with an emphasis on art appreciation and skill development. Each program focuses on a different art-related subject in order to offer the widest possible public educational access to Delaware’s fine-art community. This summer’s workshops include jewelry making, ceramic painting, tole painting and illustration. Each workshop will be geared to the skill levels of those who register.

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. 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 or call (302)674-2111.

Event Quick-Stats

Event: Jewelry Making with Susan Faulkner

Date: Wednesdays, July 22 and July 29

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Price: \$65 members/ \$70 not-yet members (price for both sessions)

Description: Learn techniques for working with precious metal clay (PMC) and create fine silver beads during the first session. The beads will be fired at the artists' studio before we reconvene to create earrings and a pendant necklace. All tools and materials will be supplied.

Event: Ceramic Painting with Nancy Ward

Date: Wednesday, August 5

Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Price: \$18 Members/\$20 Not-Yet Members

Description: Decorate a ceramic vase with Nancy Ward of J & J Ceramic Studio. All supplies provided.

Event: Tole Painting with Gavin Standish

Date: Friday, August 21

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Price: \$25 members/ \$30 not-yet members

Description: Participants will create a beautiful piece of folk art using a tin tile, acrylic paint and apples for inspiration. All materials will be supplied.

Event: Art at Lunch: Nonfiction Picture Books with Nancy Carol Willis

Date: Wednesday, September 16

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Price: \$18 Members/\$20 Not-yet Members

Description: Enjoy lunch as Nancy uses her four books to take participants step-by-step through the process of planning and making a nonfiction picture book, creating a storyboard, working with a publisher, writing, editing, illustrating and printing. Nancy is the author of *The Robins in Your Backyard*, and other children's books. All four of her books will be available for sale and signing after the program.

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. 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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Top Images:

Left: Oil Painting Workshop, September 2008

Center: Watercolor Painting Workshop, November 2008

Right: Silk Painting Workshop, July 2008