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Advocacy Update: Arts Day Report



In addition to a few well known holidays, it turns out March is also National "Humorists Are Artists Month" and "National Craft Month." So, we thought we'd attempt a little humor...

Art Joke: *You must be an artist if...*

-The only piece of new furniture you have in your home is a \$2000 easel.

-You know what shade of green the lichen on the trees is.

-You butter your toast with your fingers, just to feel its texture.

-You can't find a nice outfit for your date because everything has paint smears on.

Haha...[More at About.com](#)

In this month's newsletter:

-Report on Arts Day (listed under Advocacy Update)

-Interview with Briana Khelbrenner of Craft Chemistry

-Great new listing for Light Work Grants for Photography (listed under Opportunity Listings)

CRC News

On My Own Time 2010 highlights the creative skills of employees of local business who are artists "on their own time." Employees submit a work of art to the program in the spring, and a display of their work is mounted at their workplace. The art is adjudicated by OMOT judges at each workplace. A color catalog of the artwork is put together by CRC, and as a finale, all of the artwork is displayed at

Above: Kerry Kennedy, Managing Director Community Folk Arts Center, Steve Butler, Executive Director, CRC and Veronica Claypool, Managing Director, Theatre Development Fund (and Board President of the Alliance for NYS Arts Organizations) heading out for legislative visits in Albany after the joint hearing on state arts funding.

STOP the 15.5% budget cut to the arts from Albany.

The message from legislators is that patrons, board members and volunteers need to write and/or email their thoughts on the Governor's recommended budget cut to the New York State Council on the Arts.

[In the article, "Syracuse arts advocates speak at Arts Day hearing in Albany," published in the Post-Standard on Feb. 24, journalist Melinda Johnson reports,](#)

"Arts Day participants calling on legislators were armed with fact sheets showing: the economic impact of arts in the state is \$27.5 billion; in 2008-2009, more than 341,000 people were employed in the arts and 54 million arts-related businesses; taxes generated by the arts industry in 2005 brought in \$1.2 billion."

Maarten Jacobs, Director of Near Westside Initiative, and Steven Kern, Executive Director of Everson Museum of Art, spoke briefly in a two-hour joint meeting of

the Everson with a reception in the fall when the judging results are announced.

There is still time for your business to enter On My Own Time 2010! This unique workplace arts program is celebrating its 37th year in Syracuse. Any size business or organization is welcome to participate. Contact info: 315.435.2162 or OMOT@mycnyarts.org. Registration Deadline: March 19

Please Note: The On My Own Time Luncheon canceled due to snow has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 25.

Michael Harms Theatre Festival will be held this year at Cayuga Community College in Auburn, NY, Friday April 23rd through Sunday, April 25, 2010. Any theater club, society or interested school group, composed of officially enrolled, full time students, operating under faculty supervision are eligible to apply. Community Youth Theater groups are also eligible. Youth must be enrolled in school, in good standing. Application deadline is Monday, March 15th. If you've not received your packet of materials please call the CRC office at 315.435.2155. If you have questions about this year's event please call Mr. Wright at 315.435.2158. Thank you.

NYFA MARK10 In Progress CRC is pleased to be partnering with NYFA to bring the MARK10 program to the Syracuse area. MARK is the New York Foundation for the Arts' (NYFA) statewide six-month program for visual artists who want a unique opportunity for individualized focus on the professional side of their creative practice.

March is National Craft Month

In its honor, we interviewed Briana Khelbrenner of Craft Chemistry.



CRC: *What is the date for the next craft circle in March?*

BK: Bring your own project - c3's every 3rd Sunday. next c3 will be March 21st. other themed c3's can be scheduled on other days.

CRC: *Who are you and what is Craft Chemistry?*

BK: Briana Kohlbrenner - artist and owner
Craft Chemistry is an art boutique showcasing and selling handmade goods and artworks from local artists, crafters and designers from CNY on consignment.

A large wall and a street-level window is reserved for

the Senate and Assembly arts committees on ArtsDay.

[Click here to visit NYS ARTS](#) to find out more and send a message to legislators.

New Hours at The Warehouse Community Art Wing

Greg LaSpina is now at the Warehouse mini-cluster on **Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 - 3 PM** to assist local artists and groups with advice, their art portfolios, and/or web sites. These hours will last through early May.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Community Art Wing Website.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Greg LaSpina.

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exhibiting a featured artist monthly, that the artist curates. Space within the shop is also available for artists and crafters to come together and share creative energies through small workshops and Craft Chemistry Circles (C3's). There is also a Research Lab for all your design and craft books and magazine needs. C2 has free Wi-Fi service too!

CRC: *What is a craft circle?*

BK: Craft Circle's date back to the 1850's when (mostly) women would get together and sew. It is social, productive and a great way to share your ideas and receive advise/feedback on your project. At Craft Chemistry we enjoy regularly scheduled 'c3's' or Craft Chemistry Circle's where like-minded people get together to work on their choice of art projects. There have been a few themed c3's such as 'work on your handmade holiday gifts' and 'remake old sweaters into something new and useful.'

CRC: *How many people are there and what do they usually work on?*

BK: 3-6 people working on various individual projects such as knitting, hand sewing, painting, making cards, photo collaging, etc.

CRC: *Why did you want to start hosting Craft Circles?*

BK: A good friend of mine and I used to craft together all the time. Since we live 200 miles from each other, I was missing that creative social energy and time that we spent together. Likewise since living here in Syracuse, I was missing that one-on-one creative connection with others. I thought why not just create an opportunity for myself and others to meet, create together and grow as a creative family of friends. I took what I knew, enjoyed and loved - crafting with friends and turned it into something tangible which has filled that void I had been feeling and maybe others have been feeling too!

CRC: *Where did you come up with the name of Craft Chemistry?*

BK: The name took a while to come up with. I wanted something that could reach a lot of different people, while being literal and vague simultaneously. One of the first names that stuck was Sodium Craftide, but I wasn't sure it would reach a wide enough variety of people. Afterwards I came up with Craft Chemistry because I liked that it still had the science twist, you could abbreviate it as "C2" (pronounced c-squared) and the word chemistry lent itself to meaning the mixing people, activities, art shop/gallery, etc.

Opportunity Listings

SyracuseFirst.org
 Th3, The Third Thursday
 toolsforpainters.com
 Walkable Eastwood
 YMCA Arts Studio

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315.435.2155
www.mycnyarts.org



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Calls for Entry

[Request for Proposals for Outdoor Sculpture for Northside](#) The Northside TNT Planning Council and the Syracuse Public Art Commission seek to commission a sculpture to be located at one of two potential locations within the historic Northside neighborhood of Syracuse, NY. The total project budget is \$6,000 for design, fabrication and installation. The piece will become part of the City of Syracuse's permanent art collection. Deadline for Proposals: March 15

[Cazenovia College Open Call for Artists](#) Submissions now being accepted to be part of Cazenovia's College 2010 - 2011 ART Gallery's exhibition schedule. For submission criteria and additional information, click on "Cazenovia College..." title above. Deadline for Proposals: March 30

[Request for Exhibition Proposals](#) The Wilson Art Gallery of the Noreen Reale Falcone Library at Le Moyne College seeks proposals for exhibitions of visual art for the 2010/2011 academic year. Openings avail. for 4 exhibitions lasting 3-4 weeks each between Oct. 2010 and March 2011. Click on "Request for..." title above for instructions and proposal form. Deadline for Proposals: close of business on Wed., March 31

[Appleseed Seeks Special Events](#) One-weekend revues, original works, variety or comedy acts etc. wanted to be Appleseed Special Events considered for their artistic integrity as well as their ability to act as a fundraiser for the company. Special Events will often be limited in stage time for rehearsal and usually conforming to a black box setting. Along with your script, please submit a brief write-up on how you can accomplish your event with the restrictions above. People interested in submitting a special event should email the fundraising co-chairs [Dustin M. Czarny](#) and/or [Patricia Catchouny](#). Deadline: April 1, 2010

[Call for Photographers](#) Now through Oct. 2010, photographers are invited to take pictures of The Stone Quarry Hill Art Park and submit seasonal photos monthly to The Art and Exhibition Committee for inclusion in the 2011 Art Park Calendar. In addition, every photographer that is registered will have at least one photograph in an Art Park Gallery exhibition scheduled for Sun. July 24, 2011 through Aug. 14, 2011 in the Winner Art Gallery located on the Art Park grounds. Cost to submit: \$35 (\$25 for members). For more info and to receive a registration

form, contact office@stonequarryhillartpark.org

Cortland Arts and Wine Festival Over 60 artists set up on the lawn throughout the Courthouse Park for the 2009 show. Over \$1,000 in prizes will be distributed including \$100.00 for Best of Show. Taking place in Cortland, NY on Aug. 7, 2010; deadline June 1, 2010

Jobs/Grants

Light Work Grants in Photography For the 36th year running, Light Work has announced a call for entries for its Light Work Grants in Photography. These grants support photographers, critics, and photo-historians in Central New York, and in order to be eligible, applicants must live in about a 50 mile radius surrounding Syracuse. The residency requirements are listed in the grant application, which you can read about and download [here](#). The deadline for applying is March 31, 2010.

Grants at the Cultural Resources Council:

2010 Decentralization and Individual Artist Grant deadlines have passed. 2011 Applications will be due in October 2010. Please keep checking our website and Face book pages as new opportunities may arise during the course of the year.

Resource Listings

Workshops/Classes

Learn to Make Shaker Boxes Taught by national instructor John Wilson. Taking place Friday night and Saturday, March 5 & 6. \$150. Contact Bob Casey at woodnutbob@hotmail.com

Wooden Plane Making Class Make a Block Plane, a Chisel Plane and a Jack (Razee) Bench Plane. Taught by national instructor John Wilson. Taking place Sunday, March 7. \$150. Contact Bob Casey at woodnutbob@hotmail.com

YMCA Arts Studio Classes Courses in pottery, painting, drawing and more, for everyone from preschoolers through adults. For more information on specific program areas, including visual arts (painting, drawing, pottery, sculpture and more), music lessons, Arts Camp and other activities, click the link. Classes ongoing.

African Dance Taught by Nana Anim, \$10/class, all levels

welcome, Tuesdays at Westcott Community Center from 5:30 - 7 PM, for info call 315.559.4248

Open Figure Drawing \$8 drop in fee, Wednesdays at Westcott Community Center from 7 - 10 PM, for info call Iver Johnson 315.475.3400

Studio and Healing Art Classes \$80/month for adults and \$60/m for teens or \$20 workshops or private lessons; classes in drawing, painting, clay works, jewelry making, etc. at Liverpool Art Center, ongoing

Other

Giffordslist.org A resource sharing website, administered by the Rosamond Gifford Foundation, for Central New York nonprofits and businesses.

How to Submit

If you have information on an opportunity or resource available to the local arts community including calls for entry, grants, job postings, workshops, classes, etc., please email Courtney Rile at communications@mycnyarts.org. Include basic information and a link to where details can be found online or, if no online presence is available, a contact phone number. The submission deadline is the 15th of each month prior to publication. Thank you.

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