

wayne art center 2017

PleinAir Festival

EXHIBITION DATES MAY 15 THROUGH JUNE 24 COMPLIMENTARY AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

BY DIANA BRANNON

The 11th Annual Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival, one of the most sought-after national juried exhibitions of plein air paintings, will be on display at the Wayne Art Center from May 15 through June 24. In conjunction with the Plein Air Festival, the annual *Reflections Thru the Lens*, an exhibition of landscape photography, will also be on display.

The festival will commence with a private Artist and Sponsor Welcome Dinner at a local patron's farm on Sunday, May 7. Artists arrive with their blank canvases which will be stamped that late afternoon to ensure that all work is completely executed during the festival. Then they will be ready to begin the challenge of executing a brand-new body of work in just five-and-a-half days which will then hang in the state-of-the-art Davenport and Vidinghoff Galleries. From Monday, May 8, through Saturday, May 13, these distinguished juried and invitational artists from around the country will create over 250 works of art that will be for sale at the Collector's Soirée and Sale on Saturday, May 13, and for the duration of the show.

The Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival is an exciting opportunity to bring valued tal-



Time-Tested by Joshua Been

ent to our community. Over half of the artists come from other regions stretching up and down the East Coast and Midwest and West. This year with the growing awareness of the festival, there has been an increase in the number of applicants, and the festival is attracting artists from as far away as California. Out-of-town artists will be housed by committee members and other gracious patron families in the community for the duration of the festival.

Wayne Art Center is honored to have Don Demers jury the artists and awards for its 11th plein air anniversary. Demers was educated at the School of the Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA, and the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston, MA. His professional career began as an illustrator and expanded into the field of fine art. His illustrations have graced many book covers and national publications such as *Reader's Digest*, *Sail Magazine*, *Field & Stream*, *Sports Afield*, *Yankee*, and *National Geographic*. His paintings have been featured in publications including *American Artist*, *The Artist's Magazine*, *PleinAir Magazine*, *Fine Art Connoisseur*, *Art & Antiques*, *Yachting Magazine*, and several other noteworthy publications.

A Fellow of the American Society of Marine Artists, Demers is an elected member of

FESTIVAL EVENT SCHEDULE

May 7, 5-7 pm

Artist and Sponsor Welcome Dinner

May 8-13

Artists Paint within 25 miles of Wayne

May 13, 8 am - 1 pm

Artists Community Paint Out in Wayne

May 13, 6-10 pm

Collector's Soirée and Painting Sale (ticketed event, WaynePleinAir.org)

May 14, 1-3 pm

Lecture/Demo by Juror, Don Demers

May 15-17, 10 am - 4 pm

Don Demers Three-day Plein Air Workshop

May 18, 5-7 pm

Reflections Thru the Lens Exhibition Opening

June 1, 6:30-8:30 pm

French Cuisine and Wine Tasting Event

June 11, 4-5 pm

Orchestra Concordia Plein Air Concert

June 17, 6-9 pm

West Laurel Hill Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Fundraiser



Sunflower Field by Tara Will

The Guild of Boston Artists, an elected member of the California Art Club, and a signature member of PAPA (Plein Air Painters of America). Demers has won a record number of awards for his commercial and fine art paintings on both the East and West Coasts.

Demers will select artists from across the country to compete in the *Plein Air Festival*. The artists will paint the luscious landscapes and beautiful architecture of the Delaware Valley. Demers will select awards for paintings and offer a painting lecture at Wayne Art Center. Demers will also teach a three-day, plein air painting workshop following the opening of the 2017 exhibition. Registration for the workshop can be made at Wayne-PleinAir.org or by calling 610.688.3553.

Festival artists are directed to paint within 25 miles of Wayne during the first four days of the competition. A combination of pastoral scenes from nearby rural areas and parks as well as quaint scenes from historic Main Line neighborhoods will provide a pleasing variety of works that reflect the character of our area. On Friday, May 12, the painters will venture



Break-Time by John Caggiano

2017 PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL ARTISTS

Paul Bachem (Locust Valley, NY)
Bruno Baran (Nottingham, MD)
D. Eleinne Basa (Jackson, NJ)
Joshua Been (Salida, CO)
Robert Bohne (Brookhaven, PA)
Michele Byrne (Wyomissing Hills, PA)
John Caggiano (Rockport, MA)
Arcenio M. Campos (Philadelphia, PA)
Valerie Craig (Villanova, PA)
Chris Dixon (Lakeville, CT)
Roberta Goschke (Waldoboro, ME)
Ray Hassard (Cincinnati, OH)
Jennifer Holmes (Chester, CT)
Neal Hughes (Moorestown, NJ)
Charlie Hunter (Bellows Falls, VT)
Tim Kelly (Baltimore, MD)

Allen A. Kriegshauser (Kirkwood, MO)
Patrick Lee (Pittsburgh, PA)
Christopher Leeper (Canfield, OH)
Chuck Marshall (Wilmington, OH)
Jane McGraw-Teubner (East Northport, NY)
Patrick Meehan (Annapolis, MD)
Alison Leigh Menke (Silver Spring, MD)
Kathie Odom (Knoxville, TN)
Elise Phillips (Elverson, PA)
Richard Sneary (Kansas City, MO)
Jonathan Stasko (Sharon Spings, NY)
R. Gregory Summers (Overland Park, KS)
Anthony Watkins (Bradley, ME)
Stewart White (Baltimore, MD)
Tara Will (Hampstead, MD)
Peter Yesis (Searsport, ME)

to Valley Forge National Historical Park and into Philadelphia to capture notable downtown scenes in Center City. On Saturday, May 13, Wayne becomes the central location for artists and community participates to paint on the final day of the festival. Artists can be seen capturing everyday life from early morning until 1pm.

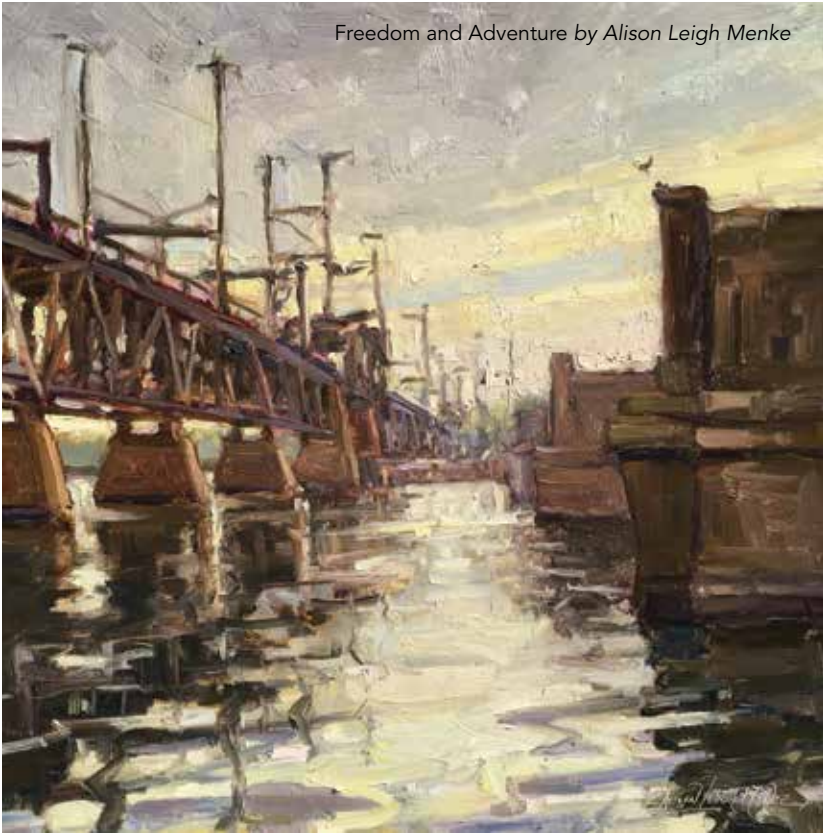
To honor the past award winners, Wayne Art Center invited ten of these awarded artists to paint alongside the juried artists during the festival. Nationally-acclaimed invitational artists include D. Eleinne Basa, NJ; Michele Bryne, PA; Valerie Craig, PA; Chris Dixon, CT; Neal Hughes, NY; Charlie Hunter, VT; Tim Kelly, MD; Kathie Odom, TN; Elise Phillips, PA; and Stewart White, MD. Their work will be featured alongside the juried artists in the Davenport and Vidinghoff Galleries.

In past years, participating artists have produced over 250 to 300 pieces of fresh work. The exhibit commences with a Collector's Soirée and Artist's Reception on Saturday, May 13, in the Davenport and Vidinghoff Galleries from 6-10pm. Doors open precisely at 6pm for those with early patron viewing tickets and 7pm for regular admission tickets. The event offers a chance to meet the artists in a festive and elegant setting with open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Martinis will flow from a hand-sculpted ice luge, Little Black Dress wines will be poured, and live jazz by



Into the New Lost World by Charlie Hunter

Freedom and Adventure by Alison Leigh Menke



Phyllis Chapell & SIORA will create a festive environment for over 250 collectors and patrons. Guests will have the first opportunity to purchase fresh paintings. Juror Don Demers will announce awards of \$15,000 in prize money.

The Wayne Art Center's financial efforts are underwritten by several local major sponsors and private patrons and attendees who help raise funds that benefit Wayne Art Center's educational, outreach, and exhibition programs. The presenting sponsor is West Laurel Hill Cemetery and Funeral Home as well as First Priority Bank, Beneficial Bank, and our other business sponsors and patrons.

The 11th Annual Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival will remain on display and open to the public from May 15 until June 24. Regular gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm, and Saturdays, 9am-4pm. The Wayne Art Center is located at 413 Maplewood Avenue in Wayne. For additional information regarding festival events, contact the Wayne Art Center at 610.688.3553 or visit WayneArt.org or WaynePleinAir.org.

During the *Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival*, the annual *Reflections Thru the Lens* will be on exhibit in the Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Gallery. Photographers will submit photographs of landscapes. Awards will be presented at the opening on Thursday, May 18, 5-7pm. The reception is complimentary and open to the public. The exhibition will run from May 15 through June 24. **CCL**



Photo by Mary Szmolko, 2016



Photo by John I. Thompson, 2016



Photo by Boyi Gao, www.boyigaography.com, 2015

Christopher Columbus in Central Pennsylvania?! So Much History in One Museum.

May 2017 Special Events:

Sun, May 14 Mother's Day Tea & Tour

Sun, May 28 Civil War Ball

Mon, May 29 Memorial Day (part of Boalsburg Village Annual Celebration)

Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum, Boalsburg, PA

Open for tours Tues-Sun, 1:30-5pm

Some events require reservations. Information: 814-876-0129 or www.boalmuseum.com

