

Three Cities Art Club

February 2011 Newsletter



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FEBRUARY

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**Deana
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Monday, February 7th 7 - 9 p.m.

Canton Township Hall

1150 Canton Center Road South

Lower Level - Meeting Room A

**Painting the Urban Landscape:
Scene Painting by Suzanne Bilek**

JANUARY POPULAR VOTE WINNERS



FIRST PLACE

Family Cat, Acrylic by **Susann Smith**



SECOND PLACE

Winter Barn, Watercolor by **Vincent Maiorana**



THIRD PLACE

Fellows Creek, Oil by **David Lamb**

SUZANNE BILEK PRESENTATION

On February 7th, Suzanne Bilek will present "Painting the Urban Landscape: Scene Painting". She will take us on a trip through Detroit as seen through the artist's eyes as they document the urban landscape. Many examples from historical to current works form this popular genre. Her other speaking topics include, "Artists of Frontier Detroit" and "Daughters of Detroit- Our Talented Women Artists."

Since graduating from Oakland University, Suzanne Bilek has been documenting and promoting Detroit's rich history in the visual arts through research, writing and speaking about local artists from historical times to the present.

Her specialties are art in Detroit: An urban history in painters, pictures and patrons. As a native Detroiter with a life-long interest in painting and the creative process, it is natural for her to convey historical information about Detroit artists through books, magazines and speaking engagements.

Ms. Bilek has held positions in the art business including agent, gallery representative, marketing manager and picture framer. Now she gets special satisfaction from being an adjunct curator at the Detroit Historical Museum working with their painting collection. She is a member of the Book Club of Detroit, the Detroit Historical Society and the Brighton Art Guild. Recent publishing credits include "Detroit on Canvas" - Hour Detroit magazine and contributing editor to the new book, *Michigan Companion*, published by Omnidata.



ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE! - a Valentine's Gala

Canton's first "Valentine's Gala" will benefit The Village Theater at Cherry Hill and local arts groups. It takes place at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill on

Saturday February 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy performances by local arts group, delicious hors d'oeuvres, drinks and lots of goodies to take home. This special night kicks off with a reception followed by the main stage show at 8 p.m., followed by a dessert reception. Buy chances to win one of the goodie baskets (10 tickets for \$5 and 25 tickets for \$10).

Three Cities' goodie basket will contain two bottles of wine (a red & a white), a \$10 gift certificate good for your next purchase at Super Fine Wine & Liquor, two wine glasses, a gift certificate for membership to Three Cities Art Club, a hand carved wooden box by Ron Warunek, a watercolor book donated by Florence Constable and an item donated by Liz Gullikson. **If you have something to donate, please contact Marilyn Meredith** as soon as possible to make arrangements to get it to her.

General admission **tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children** and should be purchased through Marilyn Meredith since our club receives \$5 for every ticket we sell prior to February 10th - to date we have sold 9 tickets. Please make checks made payable to Marilyn Meredith. Once all the ticket money has been collected, Marilyn will write one check to the Theater and one to the club for its cut (less any expenses for participating in the event

such as the canvas).

You can support Three Cities Art Club and the arts in Canton by bringing your friends and family and all your special valentines to this LOVE-ly gala. It is shaping up to be a great event. Three artists including club President, Marilyn Meredith, Sharon Dillenbeck, representing D & M Art Studios (and Three Cities Art Club) and Janice Larson representing the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities who will each finish a 30" x 40" canvas based on the "All You Need is Love" theme. Artists will be competing by audience applause so Marilyn needs lots of loud people cheering for Three Cities!

The other performing groups will have activities at their tables so it would be nice if we could do something as well. We need one or two volunteers who will be admitted free to sit at our table during the welcome reception to talk about the club and help with whatever activity we decide on, perhaps bookmarks. Marilyn could print info about the club on one side then guests would use stickers, stamps, etc. to personalize theirs. We are open for suggestions. Let Marilyn know if you are available to help; you are sure to have a good time.

Hayden's (Ford Road at Lotz in front of Home Depot - just east of I-275) is offering a free appetizer for each couple with the coupon printed on the back of the program. Most of the cast will meet there for the afterglow.

SPRING SHOW UPDATE - The Library is booked for the dates we wanted (their own programs take precedence). Allen Brooks submitted an application to Westland Shopping Center for an exhibition there. Stay tuned for details!

Club Web Site Update

Marilyn is taking a course at Schoolcraft to learn Dreamweaver web development software. We will have at least a basic website up and running in the near future. The site will be www.threecitiesartclub.org; the .com site was bought by a group who try to sell the name for a higher price.

Three Cities Art Club Rotating Exhibition at Canton Township Hall

Remember that the spring exhibit will be based on a **music theme**. Start painting now to have something ready to bring to the March 7th meeting (along with completed paperwork). Please contact Marilyn at 734-397-2348 or Nikki at 734-394-5308 with questions.

Newsletter News /Articles?

Share news of honors, awards, upcoming shows and events **or write an article** which are of interest to our readers. Please bring information to our monthly events and/or send information for publication to Marilyn Meredith via mail, email or fax to (248) 557-6442. Deadline is two weeks prior to the meeting date.