



Exhibits

December's Featured Artist Show - An Apple a Day

At East Colony Fine Art
December 1st thru December 24th
Opening Reception Friday, December 4 • 5-8pm



"Welcome Home" by Robin Frisella

MANCHESTER – East Colony Fine Art Gallery will have pastel artist, Robin Frisella as their Featured Artist for the month of December with her show entitled "An Apple a Day." Robin will feature a simple yet elegant collection of still life paintings, each including her signature apples.

New Hampshire artist Robin Frisella has had a love for the arts since childhood. In 2000, she took her first pastel class and was blown away by what she could do with the medium. Her first piece won Best of Show; it was at that moment that she knew she had found her passion. By 2005 Frisella had left her job to pursue her art career full time. She has continued studying with local artists and has developed a following of students teaching two classes a week. In addition to selling at outdoor venues around the country, Frisella has been juried an Artist Member of the Copley Society of Art in Boston.

An Opening reception will be held Friday, December 4 • 5-8pm. The exhibit runs from December 1st thru December 24th.

All gallery events are free and open to the public. East Colony Fine Art is located in Langer Place, 55 South Commercial Street, Manchester, NH. The Gallery will be closed on Thanksgiving. Phone: 621-7400. Web site: www.eastcolony.com.

Merrimack Concert Association

Holiday Concert... An American Portrait

Saturday, 3pm December 19

Cooking up musical treats!

Merrimack Concert Association is celebrating! MCA has reached the ripe old age of 20 and we're celebrating our birthday throughout the concert season. Join your family, friends, and neighbors as we kick off this year of festivities on Saturday, December 19th, 3 P.M., for our Holiday Concert...An American Portrait at Merrimack High School.

This annual community event features performances by the Merrimack Chorus and Concert Band. Choral Director Sara Phelps and Anthony Varga, Band Director, will lead the chorus and band in a collection of well-loved carols in addition to holiday music which has become an established part of American popular culture. The program includes traditional spirituals, a tune from A Charlie Brown Christmas, and a grand finale featuring a medley from White Christmas. In a special guest appearance and return engagement, historical musician Bob Kilham will join the chorus in singing "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" from a poem written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow on Christmas Day in 1863 in the midst of the Civil War.

Recreating the sights and sounds of mid-19th century America, Bob performs on period instruments including banjo, fiddle, guitar, accordion, and flute, using original sheet music, period manuals and primary documentation to achieve a high degree of authenticity. He has appeared on NHPTV's "New Hampshire Crossroads" and WBUR's "Here and Now." His performance of period music was featured on PBS' "American Experience - Stephen Foster, America's First Great Songwriter."



We're commemorating our twentieth anniversary with a cookbook filled with over 400 mouthwatering recipes from chorus and band members, our music directors, and the many friends of MCA. Great holiday gifts and stocking stuffers, they are available now for purchase and at the December 19th Holiday Concert for \$12. Telephone Laurie Ludvigsen at 424-0558 for further information.

Concert admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Tickets are available in advance and at the door. A wide assortment of beverages and homemade cookies including samples from our cookbook will be available. Raffles will include a photography portrait package with a \$150 value, handmade silver jewelry, and a 50/50 drawing. For concert tickets, contact MCA Executive Director, Laurie Ludvigsen at 424-0558, info@merrimackconcert.org, or send a check to Merrimack Concert Association, P.O. Box 461, Merrimack, NH 03054.

Painter Joan Tierney Featured At Sharon Arts Downtown Galleries During December

The Monadnock Region inspires a lifetime of creating watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings with a "sense of humor"

PETERBOROUGH, NH --- Sharon Arts Downtown Galleries in Depot Square is pleased to present painter Joan Tierney as "Featured Artist of the Month" in December. Sharon Arts, a non-profit arts organization that's committed to connecting the community with the arts, created the "Featured Artist of the Month" programs to showcase a local artist and their work, and to educate the public about their artistic process.

Tierney, a resident of Wilton, NH, is a local painter who has spent her life creating art in the Monadnock region. "Many of my pieces are begun on site and finished in my studio with the help of sketches, phonographs, and my artistic license, which I renew every year," she explains. She paints en plein air (painting on site, outdoors) creating work with a sense of humor. Her portfolio includes watercolor, oil, and acrylic painting, as well as pen and ink graphite and drawings.

Tierney grew up on Peterborough, NH, and has been drawing and painting since she was a child. Being so connected to the arts in

the local region has allowed her to become part of a number of local and national arts societies and associations, including the New Hampshire Art Association, The International Society of Acrylic Painters, the Manchester Artists Association, and the Keyes Art Group in Milford. Her work is also displayed in a number of New Hampshire galleries in Portsmouth, Manchester and Milford.

As the Featured Artist, a variety of her paintings will be on display at the Downtown Galleries throughout the month of December, and is available for viewing and purchase year-round.

The Sharon Arts Downtown Galleries' hours will be extended during the holiday season.

Now through Dec. 11, Mon. - Sat.: 10-6, Sun. 11-4
Dec. 12 - 23, Daily: 10-7
Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): 9-4
Closed Christmas Day

Regular hours beginning Dec. 26 are Monday through Thursday 10-5; Friday and Saturday 10-6; Sun 11-4. (Exhibition Gallery is closed on Mondays).

The Secret Life of Art

Help the Currier Museum of Art plan its next exhibition and get a behind the scenes peek at the world of art

MANCHESTER, NH – Ever wonder how a museum decides what art to put on its walls, what stays in the vault, and what not to collect at all? Was the last time you went to a museum during your 5th grade school field trip? Then the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester wants to hear from you!

The Currier is developing its fall 2010 exhibition, The Secret Life of Art, and is looking for public input. The exhibition is DESIGNED to give visitors a behind the scenes peek at the world of art. As part of this process, the Currier is looking for your thoughts on what you'd like from a visit to an art museum – what you'd like to see, what you'd like to know, or what might keep you from visiting at all!

"The museum has NEVER created an exhibition quite like this before," said Chief Curator Andrew Spahr. "We are eager to hear what the public wants to know about the museum so we can find ways to incorporate that input into the show."

Visit www.currier.org before December 31, 2009 and tell us what you think! You'll be entered into a drawing for two free tickets on the Currier's Big Apple Express trip to New York City for one of four dates in 2010.

About the Currier

The Currier Museum of Art (www.currier.org) in Manchester, NH, is home to an internationally respected collection of European and American paintings, decorative arts, photographs and sculpture. New galleries showcase the collection of over 11,000 objects, including works by Picasso, Matisse, Monet, O'Keeffe, and Warhol. Visitors of all ages will enjoy the engaging traveling exhibitions, a series of dynamic programs ranging from music to lectures to hands-on art-making, an expanded gift shop and an airy café filled with light and equipped with WiFi.

The associated Art Center offers studio classes, art camps and intensive workshops for all ages. The museum also owns the Zimmerman House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, complete with the original furnishings and the owners' fine art collection. The Zimmerman House is the only Wright-designed house in New England open for public tours which are offered April – December. To book a tour or get more information, visit www.currier.org or call 603.669.6144, x108.

December Events at the Currier Museum of Art

MANCHESTER – Brett Weston: Out of the Shadow, is on display through January 3, 2010 at the Currier Museum of Art. It is the first major exhibition in 30 years dedicated to this brilliant, visionary, and prodigious photographer, showcasing his prolific body of work with more than 100 exquisitely printed vintage photographs from the 1920s through the 1980s, all handcrafted by the artist. Evolution of a Shared Vision: The David and Barbara Stahl Collection is also on view through January 3, 2010, and features an extraordinary collection of prints and drawings carefully assembled over 50 years by long-time New Hampshire residents David and Barbara Stahl.

To find more information, visit www.currier.org or call 603.669.6144 x108.

DECEMBER

Public Guided Tours

Tours are offered daily, and highlight either the museum's collection or the current special exhibition. Public tours are free with museum admission. Highlights of the Collection Tour with an introduction to the Brett Weston: Out of the Shadow and Evolution of a Shared Vision: The David and Barbara Stahl Collection: Saturdays at 11:30 am and Sundays at 1 pm. Brett Weston: Out of the Shadow photography exhibition tour times: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 12:30 pm.

Zimmerman House Ticketed Tours

Tour season ends Sunday, January 3

Take a tour of the Zimmerman House and learn more about this Frank Lloyd Wright treasure! The Zimmerman House tour season will end on Sunday, January 3 so be sure to make reservations soon! A Zimmerman House Tour provides visitors with a 1 ½ - 2 hour tour of the house with information about the Zimmermans' life in the 1950s and 60s, and the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright. These tours are offered Mondays and Fridays at 2 pm, Thursdays at 11:30 am and 2 pm, Saturdays at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 3 pm, and Sundays at 11:30 am and 1:30 pm. Zimmerman House public tours are free for museum members. It is recommended that reservations be made well in advance.

Private Group Tours Full-length tours, or 1-hour, introductory "Highlights" tours of the Zimmerman house can also be scheduled throughout the week and on week-ends. For more information about tour schedules, tickets, and offerings, visit www.currier.org or call 603.669.6144 x113. Assistive listening systems are available for all public and private tours.

Storytime in the Gallery
Monday, December 28 from 11:30 am - noon

Looking for a way to introduce your preschooler to art? Come to the Currier for an art-related story read by Manchester City Library children's librarian Karyn Isleb followed by a gallery talk about the "Artwork of the Day". Recommended for ages 3 to 5, but all are welcome. Today, listen to the story The Snowy Day, by Ezra Jack Keats and look at Sharon's Sleigh Ride Party by Paul Starrett Sample. Free with museum admission.

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