

We are a community-based drawing group that gives people of all abilities an opportunity to draw from an unclothed model.

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday **June 14**
at President Scott Herrmann house
100 Sargent Lane
(7-9pm) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**JUNE is also the Birthday
Month for OFD Inc, celebrate
our 22nd year with cake at
break!**



COMMUNITY FOLK ART CENTER

CALL FOR ART

CFAC is proud to be a partner institution of The Other New York: 2012, the Everson Museum's community-wide biennial exhibition that will open in September 2012. The exhibition will highlight artistic talent from around Upstate New York, focusing on the CNY region, at each of the 12 partner art organizations in Syracuse.

Artists from the Upstate New York region are welcome to submit an application on the Everson's website, which includes submission guidelines. Entries must be received by June 30, and a curatorial team representing all of the partner institutions will then review the applications and conduct studio visits of finalists before announcing its selections in December 2011. For more information on TONY: 2012, visit the Everson website.

A Sense of Drawing, 2011 (Juan Perdiguero's Class)



Thanks to everyone who attended A Sense of Drawing: Figure Drawing Workshops on May 20th and 21st, 2011

Open Figure Drawing would like give a special thanks to everyone who helped make this years A Sense of Drawing possible:

- The Art Store (Commercial Art Supply), 935 Erie Boulevard East , for donating 2 raffle prizes
- Syracuse Cultural Workers, for donating 2 raffle prizes: The Art of Original Thinking - The Making of a Thought Leader, a hardcover book by Jan Philips and The Artist's Creed , also by Jan Philips
- Bruegger's Bagels, for donating 6 dozen bagels
- Wegmans, for donating a \$50 in groceries
- Nichols Supermarket of Liverpool, for donating a \$30 in groceries
- Green Hills, for donating \$25 in groceries
- Tops, for donating \$20 in groceries
- Pastabilities, for donating a \$30 gift certificate for one of the raffle prizes
- XPEDX, for donating 2 reams of paper
- Dick Blick, for donating about 60 orange fine point sharpies
- Syracuse University, in particular:
 - o Errol Willet, chair of SU's art department
 - o Sandy Puro in the Shaffer building office
 - o Amy Maxwell for assistance with parking arrangements;
 - o Sam Van Aken in the sculpture department for the use of sculpture stands
 - o SU Public Safety for opening doors and checking on the building when we set off alarms;
 - o The Painting and Illustration departments for the use of rooms, tables, easels and drawing boards

Sharon BuMann and Carmel Nicoletti, for preparing armatures for the sculpture class

Willson Cummer, for helping with publicity

3 interns, Tori, Erin, and Rachel, for helping out during the conference

Our presenters:

William Benson – Gesture in the Figure

Yvonne Buchanan – Saturday's keynote speaker

Sharon BuMann – Hands on 3-D Figurative Sculpture

Steve Cerio – Illustration, Posters, Art

Bob Dacey –Look at Light, Draw Shadow: Simplify the Figure's Structure

John Fitzsimmons – Some Fundamentals

David Hicock – Drawing in Color

Iver Johnson III –How Am I Doing?

Daina Mattis – Seeing Simple Structure in the Figure

Donalee Peden-Wesley – Expressive Surroundings for the Figure

Juan Perdiguero – Experimental Studio: A Contemporary Mixed-Media Approach to Representing the Figure

Thanks to all for sharing their knowledge, time, & dedication to carrying on the tradition of figurative drawing and the OFD board members, for their planning, preparation, raffle prize donations, time, and more.

Then and Now: Inviting Change Figurative Exhibit at XL Galleries June 2 to July 24

Many people may not know what an open community studio (OCS) is or what happens there. Since 1989 Syracuse has had a diverse group of people meet on Wednesday nights to draw the human form. For the past 18 years I have been part of the group in many different capacities. Thousands of other people have attended as well, averaging 18 per night. Each year about three hundred new faces come through the doors – first at the Community Folk Art Gallery (CFAG), then the Westcott Community Center (WCC) back when it was known as ECOH. For a brief time we met at Onondaga Community College (OCC). The group is not just for artists, it draws participants from the community... high school students wanting to complete life drawing requirements for college, retirees looking for a new pastime, art students eager to hone their new skills, and every other community member from ice cream truck drivers, to doctors, and teachers, to the professional artist looking to spend time drawing the figure.

The group was started by Herb Williams, followed by a string of 'hosts'; Loraine Huang, Chuck Westfall, Johnny Robinson, and myself. Open Figure Drawing was run by volunteers and in 2002 it incorporated as a nonprofit community arts organization. Board President Jim Emmons and current president Scott Herrmann have steered the group, now run by several rotating hosts.

NOW and THEN is an apt title for this group exhibit. People drop in Now and Then, whenever they see fit to practice. We have asked for new (now) and old work

(then), perhaps to give some idea of change over time, be it in style, approach, or media. For almost a decade the group exhibited at Happy Endings located right next door to the XL Gallery location.

Working towards a PhD in Teaching and Curriculum at Syracuse University, I have been looking at the mechanisms at play that made the group successful and long lived. There are a few articles in this publication which will enlighten the reader as to a special philosophy the group holds. The group is a site of non-formal learning, different than academic formal instruction. (Although for the past decade the group has sponsored formal workshops, including an annual drawing conference titled A Sense of Drawing.) There is acceptance of a wide range of skills, multiple standards, and no juries or censorship. People and their imagery are valued for their accomplishments and their future potential.

We hope you enjoy the exhibit and that you might consider drawing with us any Wednesday from 7-10PM at the WCC. More information at

www.openfiguredrawing.com

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS Thanks go to my advisor James Rolling for his suggestions, the participants of OFD Inc. for donating work, and the Board of OFD Inc. particularly Scott Herrmann for support and additional help' Andrew Haverhand, Bradley Hudson and Alex Svoboda for assistance with the XL Gallery, and much gratitude goes to Pam Johnson, Lucie Wellner, and Bonnie Perialle, for their intellectual challenges as well as editing expertise.

Iver Theodore Johnson III

CNY Artists, Crafters, and Creators

A message to all members of CNY Artists, Crafters, and Creators: CNYArtists.com Gallery Is Now Open in Shoppingtown Mall, DeWitt.

I am extending our stay there till June 30th and if things go well, we will establish a permanent place at that location. This is a very good place for people to show their work, there is good walk by traffic, and we already sold a major piece.

Our overhead is a bit pricey so we need to have a lot more items to sell, so if you have, or know of someone who has art, craft, or creation to sell please contact me at 391-5115 or email me at psvobod1@twcny.rr.com.

If you do bring items in during regular mall hours you will need to bring them in thru the service entrance unless you can fit them in a shopping bag of some nature. We are also looking for some nice display counters, and displays in general, etc And a small refrigerator like the kind for a dorm room.

Visit CNY Artists, Crafters, and Creators at: www.cnyartists.com/

Thank you and please spread the word.

Peter 391-5115 psvobod1@twcny.rr.com

News from Everson

60/60: Sixty Artists in Sixty Minutes

June 17, 5.30-7.00pm

Everson Community Plaza

\$30 per person, \$45 per patron



Kathleen Shetler Pegg participated in 60/60 in 2010

The Everson Museum of Art Members' Council invites the public to the 3rd annual summer celebration centered around the creation and appreciation of art. The event will take place under tents on the Everson Community Plaza surrounding the reflection pools. Admission is \$30 per person, \$45 per patron, [advance tickets](#) are recommended. Enjoy a night of summer leisure while observing 60 artists create and finish original works of art in 60 minutes. Refreshments will also be available.

A highlight of the evening will be a benefit drawing to win one of the amazing artworks being created before your eyes at the event. The benefit drawing will be held at 6.30pm. The artworks are generously donated by participating artists

Reynolds Unwrapped: The Cartoon Art of Dan Reynolds

Through July 10, 2011 *Reynolds Unwrapped: The Cartoon Art of Dan Reynolds*, features more than 200 original works of art that are seriously hilarious. The small-scale drawings depicting the comedic daily lives of humans and animals alike are all rendered by hand in a variety of media, an approach that is becoming increasingly rare in a world of computer-generated illustrations.

The Art store

Commercial Art Supply

SAVE THE DATES!!!! UPCOMING DEMOS, FUN EVENTS, AND WORKSHOPS [DEMOS](#) call 424-6600 to register for demos

JUNE 11, 10am-12pm Liquitex ink demo with Derrick from Liquitex. Come see how versatile ink can be!

JUNE 18, 1pm-3pm SCREEN PRINTING with Jennifer Cichello, who will demonstrate the drawing fluid and the emulsion methods of screen printing, this demo promises to be super informative.

[FREE, FUN EVENTS!!!](#)

Coming soon...

MAKE A FATHER'S DAY CARD!

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 1pm-5pm

Come in, use our supplies and make a card for Dad.

NEW!

OPEN STUDIO NIGHT! "COFFEE AND CREATIVITY!!!!"

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 5pm- 7:45pm

Bring in your supplies, meet and paint/draw along with other local artists! We will provide coffee and cookies! Call ahead to register, not necessary, but recommended.

OPEN STUDIO NIGHT! SKETCHING AND SANGRIA*

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 5pm-7:45 pm

*non-alcoholic Sangria, sketching, painting, and guaranteed good time

OPEN STUDIO NIGHT! THEME TO BE DECIDED SOON!!!

THURSDAY, JULY 14 5pm-7:45pm

[JUNE WORKSHOPS](#)

STENCIL PAINTING with MISTER P. THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THIS ONE!!!!

JUNE 4, 11am-4pm Registration deadline: JUNE 1 at noon. Learn how to plan, design, cut stencils, and apply spray paint. \$65 plus supplies, approx. \$30.

BLOCK PRINTING with Jennifer Cichello

JUNE 11, 11am-4pm Registration deadline: June 4 at noon. Learn how to make your own block prints, and print on paper and fabric. \$65 plus supplies approx. \$40.

AIRBRUSH FOR BEGINNERS with Matt Wolff

MONDAYS on JUNE 20, 27 and JULY 11, 18 and 25 at 5:45pm-7:45pm Learn how to use and maintain your airbrush. Returning students of Matt's can work on independent projects with Matt's assistance during class times. You must own or purchase an airbrush and compressor to take this course. 105 plus supplies If you need an airbrush and compressor the kit cost is approximately: \$385 If you own the equipment, additional supplies are approximately: \$45

Realistic Drawing with Mary Beth Dolan

WEDNESDAYS on June 22, 29 and July 6, 13 at 6pm-7:45pm

This course will focus on seeing and drawing realistically, we will begin with the basics and then use those techniques to draw studio still lifes. \$65 plus supplies approximately \$25

SCREEN PRINTING with Jennifer Cichello

JULY 9 11am-4pm (with short lunch break)

Learn how to screen print using the drawing fluid and emulsion methods. \$75 class fee plus supplies approximately \$45 before tax

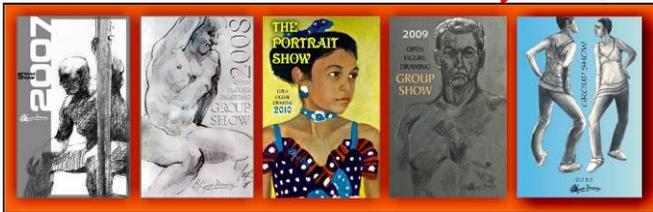
Ask About our Publications

Ask the Wednesday night host about these, or ask a board member - one of us is often drawing right there with you!

OFD Brochure: If you are interested in sharing information about Open Figure Drawing inc. with others, ask for some of our brochures.

Models Wanted: If you know people who may be interested in modeling, we will give you fliers to post or to give to potential models.

Catalogs: \$10 for full color Group Show catalogs. The proceeds help pay for the printing and help OFD keep going. Currently we have these for sale: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, & two from 2010. **Buy 5 for \$30!**



Volunteer Brochure: OFD can use volunteers for special events, or for helping out at the beginning and end of the Wednesday night sessions. Ask for a brochure to learn how you can help, and thank you! OFD is run entirely by volunteers.

OpenFigureDrawing.com Call for Art

We would love to have your artwork on the OFD website. Visit the website and click on the "Artwork" tab to see how it's displayed.

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRICE: TWO for \$14

Bring a friend to OFD!

You and your friend can get in for \$14! That's \$2 off the regular price. Cash or check, and please don't forget to sign in. This special price is extended for a limited time into 2011!

You can donate to support OFD by sending a check for \$5, 10, 25 or any amount to:

Dan Shanahan

Treasurer 128 Buffington Rd

Syracuse, NY 13224-2202

Social Networking!

If you are on Facebook, please "Like" us! Our new name is: Open Figure Drawing, Inc. Don't forget that little comma (there are two of us out there on Facebook). AND there is new social network site up and running for just us CNY Artists!

www.cnyartists.com

It's for CNY artists, crafters, and creators. A place for people to buy and sell art, crafts, and creations, find art events, meet and discuss topics with others and learn about art.

DRAW THE HUMAN FIGURE EVERY WEDNESDAY

7-10 PM, \$8 admission (or 5 sessions for \$32)

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
ALL ARE WELCOME



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www.OpenFigureDrawing.com

- Please sign in and pay upon entry.
- Treat the models with courtesy & respect. No recording devices, such as cell phones or cameras, are allowed.
- Help keep our environment clean: No smelly materials.
- Be mindful of your neighbors. Don't block the view. Set up easels toward the back, tables and ponies toward the front. You may also sit on the floor.
- Quiet talk is permitted. Feel free to ask questions and to give and receive feedback.
- If you have questions or problems, see the host. During sessions the host makes final decisions.

Wednesday night hosts and co-hosts: Jim Emmons, Scott Herrmann, Iver Johnson, Susan Nathan, Dan Shanahan and Chuck Westfall.

Current board members: Matt Cincotta, Karen Greenfield, Scott Herrmann (President), Bob Horning, Susan Nathan, Carmel Nicoletti, Suzette Roberts, Charlie Sam, Dan Shanahan (Treasurer), Lucie Wellner (Secretary), and Chuck Westfall.

*OFD Inc. is a 501-(c)-3 organization run by volunteers. Let us know about news we should include in our newsletter! e-mail web@OpenFigureDrawing.com or call us. **Check the website for updates!***