

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

# REGISTER NOW!



## A SENSE OF DRAWING

### FIGURE DRAWING WORKSHOPS

FOR ANYONE WITH AN INTEREST IN DRAWING	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Shaffer Building on the SU Campus
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**MAY 20 AND 21, 2011**

A Sense of Drawing: Figure Drawing Workshops at Syracuse University's Shaffer hall on the Main Campus. Our presenters will include:

- Bill Benson
- Yvonne Buchanan
- Sharon BuMann
- Bob Dacey
- John Fitzsimmons
- David Hicock
- Iver Johnson
- Donalee Peden-Wesley
- Juan Perdiguero
- Steve Cerio
- Daina Mattis

*Thank you Cultural Resources Council for our grant, which helps make this conference possible!*



This year we will be offering some longer sessions so you can really delve into the subject and new material that is being presented. We are very excited about our line-up of presenters which was put together with help from Carmel Nicoletti, Iver, board members, and past participants in ASOD.

Some of the topics will include Sculpting the Figure, a Contemporary Mixed Media approach, Light and Shadow, Gesture in Figure Drawing, Assessment and Motivation, Expressive Surroundings, Some Fundamentals, and Seeing Simple Structure. A detailed schedule of these spectacular selection of workshops is available! Sculpture class is limited to 12 persons.

**May 20 & 21, 2011**

**Next Board Meeting** Tuesday **May 10** at Chuck's house, 108 Argonne Dr. (7-9pm) **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

**PLEASE lend us some unframed figurative work** from a Wednesday night session so we can put it on display at A Sense of Drawing. We have access to several places for hanging artwork on the 4th floor of the Shaffer Building. That's where most of our presentations will be. Scott is collecting the artwork.



*2009 ASOD Show*

## Drawing at the Everson

Lots of people showed up to draw and our model performed a great variety of dynamic poses which included beach balls, sticks and a caveman mask. had live piano music by Ed Arnold with percussion by Brett Arnold, *AND* birthday cake to celebrate Susan Nathan's birthday. Thanks to everyone who turned up to make this event a great success!



Special Thanks to Dan and Scott for bringing easels and equipment.



## IN THE GARDEN

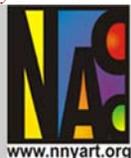
Group Exhibition

The opening reception will be Sat, May 7th, 6-8.



Thornden Park Rose Garden by Lucie Wellner

## FIGURE DRAWING HAS ARRIVED!



4 CLASSES  
EVERY WED. IN MAY  
MAY 4 - MAY 25  
6:30PM - 8:30PM  
COST: \$75 FOR ALL 4 SESSIONS,  
\$70 FOR MEMBERS

VENUE: ARTS ON THE SQUARE, 52 PUBLIC SQUARE

BRING YOUR OWN MATERIALS:  
NEWSPRINT, PAPER, GRAPHITE, PASTEL,  
CHARCOAL, ETC.

This class offers an opportunity to draw the bare human form from life in short gestures and long poses.

Figure drawing is a staple for artists to explore the visual structure of the human body while incorporating one's own creativity.

Instructor: Renee Parisi  
Community Arts Educator, Artist,  
& Professional Photographer  
M.S. Art Education  
B.A. Fine Art

OPEN TO ALL ARTISTS, 18 & OVER  
SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTER BY APRIL 20

## The Rock-N-Roll Drink-N-Draw was a success!



Hosted by OFD president Scott Herrmann and OFD participant Meghan Arbital, the event held at Holmes Pub in Armory Square on April 30 was enjoyed by some 20 artists, including a number of OFD regulars. Encouraged by the turnout, Scott and Meghan are definitely looking to do this on a regular basis. Stayed tuned to the Drink-N-Draw FaceBook page for further developments.



## Cooperstown Art Association's

76th Annual National Juried Exhibition or the 20th Annual Regional Juried Exhibition!

[www.cooperstownart.com/juried.html](http://www.cooperstownart.com/juried.html)

Would you like a shot at some possible monetary awards? Want a chance to exhibit your work among the most talented artists in the state or in the nation? Looking for something impressive to put on your resume? Then look no further!

## St David's Celebration of the Arts

artwork from 93 local artists and a concert - Karen Oberlin - on Saturday at 7:30

13 Jamar Dr., Dewitt, NY 13066  
315-446-2112

## 41th Celebration of the Arts Art Exhibit

Wed	May 4	10 AM - 8 PM
Th	May 5	10 AM - 8 PM
Fri	May 6	10 AM - 10PM
Sa	May 7	10 AM - 10PM

**CALL FOR ART**  
**Now and Then : Inviting Change**  
**A Figurative Exhibit at XL Galleries**  
**June-July 2011**

This is a call for figurative submissions from the OFD community. The working title is: Now and Then. Slightly different from past show we are looking for pairs of images, old and new images. Please bring your ready to hang pair(s) of images (2/4/6 pieces) to the WCC in April thru May). Last call for work will be May 25th after the drawing conference. June 2 Thursday tentative date for the opening. If you have not exhibited with OFD before – you are still invited, please submit a pair of images, one from a current session and earlier pre-OFD image. Please mark the year the images were made.

The focus of the group exhibit would be highlighting the non-formal learning experiences of the open community studio. Non-formal learning occurs in professional arenas over time, not in semesters, but occasionally, thus Now and Then. We would like to collect work from 25-40 artists with 2-4 pairs of artwork, one of a past exhibit and one current (show size of ~125 pieces of figurative art). Our goal is slightly different from other shows, assembling an exhibit of figure drawings from the participants which illustrate growth over time. Our target would be to elicit pairs of images (one previously exhibited and one new, again Now and Then) from each artist which may indicate a change of medium, approach, or general growth over time with involvement with OFD Inc. Since the group has provided opportunity to draw from a live model for 22 years we expect to collect a unique look at the local art community.

An interesting side note the group exhibited annually at Happy Endings for a decade, at 317 S Clinton Street . For some, this would be a homecoming a return to Amory Square . We would also gather artist's statements and produce placards highlighting the group's philosophy and why it is important to learning. Artistic practice is transmitted through the assembly of peer mentors. The diversity of skill levels is important to maintaining an egalitarian environment where all with interest are welcomed. These figure studio sessions are important not only for practice but for their philosophy of informal sharing that encourages artistic growth. A larger than usual catalog (XL) will be produced.

Thank you for your consideration, please contact me if you have any questions...

*Iver Johnson*  
*itjohnso@syr.edu*

**A Sense of Drawing a Preview of Iver's  
Presentation:  
"How Am I Doing"**

The Friday morning presentation by Iver Johnson is aimed at enlightening and entertaining participants from OFD Inc. There will be two parts, the first on some of the philosophical/ historical issues of assessment in the arts, and the second on practical aspects of four different assessments. Aimed at discovering a gentle way to look at individual's growth, this presentation will give insights into theory as well as concrete steps that anyone can use to help define their artistic journey. Rated R for really good with uncensored figure drawings.

*Iver Johnson*

**Gallery Opening**  
**May 19th**  
**6-8pm**

We are super excited to announce our next artist. It is none other than Dan Shanahan! You might know him best from his tireless efforts for Open Figure Drawing at the Westcott. But he is a fantastical artist in his own right. Come enjoy his work, some good food and some locally grown music!  
All for free!

**The Art Store: Commercial Art Supply**  
935 Erie Boulevard East, Syracuse, New York 13210  
315-474-1000

*Edgewood Gallery*

**Three Form Expression**

Opening reception: May 13 6 – 8PM, until June 24



Linda Bigness

Tom Huff

Jerome Durr

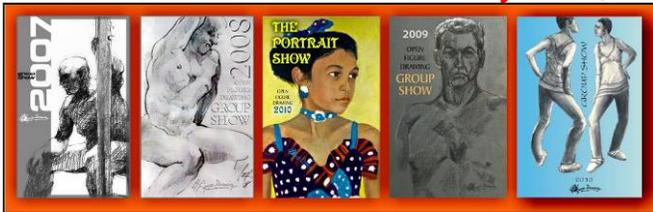
## Ask About our Publications

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](http://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



Westcott Community Center  
826 Euclid Ave, Syracuse, NY 13210  
OFD Inc. Phone No. (315) 475-3400

[www.OpenFigureDrawing.com](http://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](mailto:web@OpenFigureDrawing.com) or call us. **Check the website for updates!***