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**THE BIG THANK – to all the presenters for a job more than well done...**

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**THE BIG THANK – to all the Board for planning and execution ...**

### Figure Drawing Clinic for High School Students

Friday is reserved for High School Students and their teachers only. The day will focus primarily on helping students create pieces for their portfolios by working from life with the best instructors of the area. This is an opportunity not to be missed! Rates are unbelievable affordable--- [www.openfiguredrawing.com](http://www.openfiguredrawing.com).

deal' of 6 for \$30



### UPCOMING TRAVELING SESSIONS –

**We'll be taking figure drawing on the road to new locations- the Everson Museum, Szozda Gallery at the Delevan, Community Folk Art Gallery are all under negotiation for a date! Check the web for finalized details....**

Board meeting –Tues April 10, 7-9 @ Jowonio School – open to public



### SAD NEWS

We are sad to report that Atha Thiras - one of our Wednesday night regulars - has passed on. Here is a link to the Post-Standard notice:

We will remember Atha as a terrific artist, a *very* accomplished professional, and a sweet lady. She will be missed.

<http://obits.syracuse.com/obituaries/syracuse/obituary.aspx?n=atha-thiras&pid=156024591>

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Just wanted to inform you all of the *Made in NY* show at Auburn's Schweinfurth Art Center. This year's show will include past A Sense of Drawing presenter Yvonne Buchanan and OFD president Scott Herrmann! There will be a reception Saturday March 30 from 3 to 5. Hope to see you there!

<http://www.schweinfurthartcenter.org/exhibits/2012/MadeinNY2012.html>

Our semi-annual model/artist get together was Thursday March 22. We offer these meetings free of charge to anyone interested- models, would-be models, the new and experienced, artists, co-ordinators, any one with questions or ideas about figure modeling. . This unique event is an opportunity to network, meet peers, mentor, and discuss the work which is often silent. Next roundtable is scheduled for Thurs OCT 18 2012. We invite models into the sessions to see how models operate but this is generally a onetime opportunity. We have people who are willing to mentor but they have found it daunting to offer their services. Two women and one man , well-experienced in modeling, are willing to work on 1:1 or small groups but lack of interest and scheduling conflicts have hampered mentoring. Inspiration for poses can come from historical figurative work, both painting and sculpture. These can be an introduction but practical experience is often how modeling is truly learned. By adding our explorations to our website we can offer another resource to potential models

**April**

Wed 4:Drawing

Tues 10 Board Meeting 7-9 (Jowonio)

Wed 11:Drawing

Wed 18:Drawing

Fri 20:A Sense of Drawing at Shaffer Hall

Sat 21:A Sense of Drawing at Shaffer Hall

Sun 22:A Sense of Drawing at Shaffer Hall

Wed 25:Drawing

**May**

Wed 2:Drawing

Wed 8: Board Meeting 7-9 (Jowonio)

Wed 9:Drawing

Wed 16:Drawing

Sun 19:Traveling Figure Drawing Session at Szozda Gallery, 501 W. Fayette St

Wed 23:Drawing

Wed 30:Drawing

**Schedule of OFD poses:**

five two minute gestures

five one minute gestures

and five 30 second gestures

one 10 minute pose

one 20 minute pose

a 20 minute break for the model

one 30 minute pose

and one 60 minute pose

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**SU VPA Marathon figure drawing event was Sat March 31<sup>st</sup> at Smith Hall. If you were one of the attendees we would like to hear more! Email your story to [itjohnso@syr.edu](mailto:itjohnso@syr.edu)**