

Open Figure Drawing Inc.  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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**NEXT SPECIAL EVENT** Celebrate 23 years of OFD with a June 13 Birthday Bash-cake and Birthday Raffle – where participants get a free raffle ticket with each session attended from now through our Birthday bash in mid June to mid July. Basket with Gift certificate to ComArt, punch card, T-shirt, and something arty (maybe a figure drawing book} ??? The more you attend the better your chances! Our gift to YOU.

Remembering A Sense of Drawing extraordinary work planning and executing by our Board and a **BIG THANKS** to our supporters: Cultural Resource Council, Commercial art Supply, Kind Coffee, Nichols, Greenhills, Price Chopper, Johnny's Pizza, Syracuse Cultural Workers and SU's VPA. This is an opportunity exceeded our expectations!

Next OFD **Group Show** coming in August 2012 – at the SU Wherehouse -corner of West and Fayette... bring in your submission NOW thru July!!!!

Next June 2013 we are apply for a WCC Gallery Show of portraits [www.openfiguredrawing.com](http://www.openfiguredrawing.com).

**NEXT TRAVELING SESSION –**

**Drawing in Nature** - Artists and a Model: Challenging the Elements

**Sunday June 24, 2012** 2 - 5 pm Rain Date: Sunday, July 8, 2 - 5 pm

Located between Cazenovia and Manlius – if you plan to attend, pick up a map\* at any Wednesday night drawing session

Drawing in Nature explores figure drawing in an outdoor setting. Our drawing site is a wooded spot with gardens and fields. Bring a folding chair, hat, sunglasses, insect repellent and your favorite materials. We'll provide easels and drawing boards. We'll picnic with the usual snacks provided at OFD Wednesday night sessions. As with the Wednesday sessions at the Westcott Community Center, participants under 18 need to provide parental permission. **Registration:** To register your space and easel stop into any Wednesday OFD session at the Westcott Community Center & sign up

**Rules** and [prices](#) for Wednesday night drawing sessions apply. Car pool to save gas! [Call Lucie](#) at 11:00 AM to make sure weather permits! Rain Date: Sunday, July 8

**Pot Luck Dinner:** Bring a dish and family for a Pot Luck held immediately after drawing!

**Everson:**

(Scott) TH3 on July:19 6-8PM Planning on a traveling session in the main gallery. we also invite the piano player Ed Arnold who loves playing the piano at the Everson

**The Szozda Gallery at the Delevan – 501 West Fayette St. Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> 1-3PM....** for anyone that missed the Szozda event, it was pretty well attended and include two children. The model, a theater student, brought many fun props to choose from and

created 2 costumed scenarios that were colorful and fun to draw. The room is long and narrow, but people seemed to find good positions. Judy Hand may be joining us more regularly, as well as a gentleman who was unfamiliar with us but seemed fascinated by our show catalogs and what we do. Caroline was extremely gracious and provided ice water (it was a hot day) and cookies.

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**Board meeting –Tues AUG 7 , 7-9 @ Jowonio School – open to public**

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**Newtimes Sketch Art Competition** NewTimes’s Bill Brod is planning a Sketching Contest to be at the Downtown Arts Festival Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>.

People will sketch from a live model at the downtown craft festival. This event is organized by the Newtimes but sponsored by businesses in the form of prizes and volunteers. Work will be judged and awarded prizes in 3 categories, plus a wild card prizes available to every participant. 1,000’s of chalk drawings will be shown as a slide show at the Tech Garden.

OFD's role:

1. Lend all easels - .marked with our advertising stickers
2. Supply 6 punch cards as prizes
3. Have a festival tent where we will hand out information and brochures on OFD
4. Dave Hicock will make a plug for us on Bridge Street.
5. Have a simultaneous group show at the tech garden (see lver to submit work)

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Wednesday	<b>June 13</b>	OFD Birthday Party
Sunday	<b>June 24</b>	Drawing in Nature
Thursday	<b>July 19</b>	Everson Traveling Session
Saturday	<b>July 28</b>	New Times Sketch Competition
Tuesday	<b>July 30</b>	Set up Group Show at Link Gallery
Tuesday	<b>August 7</b>	Board Meeting (Jowonio, 7-9)

Volunteers We need a few more volunteers we can rely on for special events and the conference. We sent out an e-mail to that effect, now that we have a precise idea of what needs to be done where and when, it will be easier to inform volunteers. SEE the host or Board members for more info....

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Check out the web-site <http://thewacc.org> The **Westcott Area Cultural Coalition (WACC)** is calling for proposals from artists to create a mural on the wall of 508 Westcott Street (formerly the Seven Rays Bookstore building). The details of the request for proposals are on the web-site with a deadline of June 5, 2012. To assist the artist in understanding the community's perspective of what is the character of the Westcott Neighborhood, WACC has collected community feedback by asking people to answer the question, "What does Westcott Street mean to you?" The responses to the question are posted on the web-site as well.



## This Weekend



### WESTCOTT COMMUNITY CENTER

**Media Alert:** *For immediate release*  
**What:** Westcott Art Trail  
**When:** Saturday & Sunday, June 2 - 3, 2012  
**Where:** The Westcott Community Center & 25+ Artist Neighborhood Locations  
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### **The Eleventh Westcott Art Trail takes place June 2-3**

*You never knew your neighborhood was so talented!*

**The Eleventh Westcott Art Trail, featuring over 80 area artists in 25+ locations, will open its doors to benefit the Westcott Community Center on Saturday, June 2 (10-5) and Sunday, June 3 (12-5pm).**

This art fair has grown to one of the finest arts & craft offerings in Syracuse. This year we are expecting 80+ artists, of extraordinary quality, in 25+ locations around the neighborhood. The locations include artists' homes and studios that stretch from Meadowbrook to Berkley and from Broad to Avondale and beyond. Local artists work in a range of mediums, including ceramics, glass, jewelry, fibers, painting, and sculpture. Many artists will be demonstrating their craft in mediums including silk painting, henna, watercolor, ceramic wheel throwing and firing, oil painting, origami, jewelry making techniques, and others.

The heart of the Art Trail, the Westcott Community Center (at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Westcott Street) will host many artists. The Westcott Community Center will offer refreshments including a bake sale for our youth programming. In addition **The Eastside Farmer's Market** will kick off its season here at the Center.

Rain Garden Seminars and free Rain Barrels to City residents (some conditions apply- see [www.savetherain.us](http://www.savetherain.us) for more information).

Every location will be marked by bright yellow flags. Get to know your neighbors, have some food, and buy some art!

A complete listing of participating artists and a map will be available at the Westcott Community Center and on the WCC's website: [www.westcottcc.org](http://www.westcottcc.org).

The Westcott Community Center has been serving the Metropolitan Syracuse Community for over 15 years, providing services and programming to all segments of the community, including monthly art shows for emerging artists in the Westcott Community Art Gallery.

Contact Steve Susman for additional information, including photographs: 315.478.8634 or [steves@westcottcc.org](mailto:steves@westcottcc.org).

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### Atha T. Thiras

We are sad to report that Atha Thiras - one of our Wednesday night regulars - has passed on. [Her obituary](#) was printed in the Post-Standard on February 21.

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

There is an article in the [May 11th Post-Standard](#) about Atha and her cats

Open Figure Drawing participants who remember [Atha Thiras](#) are invited to a reception in her honor on June 23, 2012.

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[Tuesday, May 29th](#) [Robert Niedzwiecki](#) Birthday - Write on this Facebook Page!!!

