



Open Figure Drawing Inc.
NEWSLETTER
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November 2012

Complete info on all our sessions, events, and offerings: www.openfiguredrawing.com

Next Special Event Voting kick off for \$8,500!
FREE FIGURE DRAWING

Saturday Dec 1 3:30-6:30 Thursday at WCC

We'll have computer access to vote and email friends, family and artists as well as a model to draw! Free – open to all (may be limited to first 35 people due to space limitations)

Here is our strategy – send out a lot of email reminders (our apologies the grant is a onetime event), get people close to you involved, use social media (like Facebook / Twitter), collect ~15,000 votes or more throughout December, win the money and buy new lighting!

Weather closings

It could happen.... If Syracuse City Schools close, we close too! Check radio and TV for info.
(Ha!)

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday Dec 4
7 – 9 pm, Jowonio School
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

– Book review by Iver Johnson © 2011

Steal Like An Artist is a small easy read by Austin Kleon. This book cuts to the heart of being an artist. Picasso once said: "Art is stealing" and this becomes the central theme, there is nothing original and art is rehashing ideas that resonate with individuals. With that statement, a few corollaries follow – get started, action is necessary, waiting is not. Get educated, not just school but work is the way to find yourself. Advice is given on how to find one's style, keep notebooks (logbooks, calendars, digital or paper) of ideas and things you like. On page 48 "go make that style – the manifesto is this: Draw the art you want to see, do the work you want to see done "

Do good work and share (but not everything). Passions can support one another- find the people that are doing things you like. In this digital age, do something on paper. He offers a checklist of needs; curiosity, stamina (I call it perseverance), and a willingness to look stupid (risk). Another gem of advice, "don't make excuse for not working- make things with the time, space, and materials you have right now." Well, the only fault of this book is that he doesn't mention the open community studio, a great place for 'borrowing'. OFD provides the action necessary, the support needed, a way of sharing and you'll have a notebook of ideas and figures!

Wed November 28th – Beatles night – hear the work of John, Paul, George and Ringo all night long! We have covers by other artists and perhaps a few from the fab Four themselves.

OFD DRAWING CONFERENCE May 17,18,19, 2013

8-5:30 Shaffer Art Building - SU Main Campus –

A Sense of Drawing Figure Drawing Workshops

This conference is designed for all levels of experience. Presentations will cover fundamentals and more advanced topics. Participants will be able to develop their skills over the course of the day. Saturday's topics will provide a base for Sunday's presentations.

Mark your calendars and check the website for updates. The presenters and schedule are subject to change.

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.

As a follow up to our High School conference – we're (Scott Herrmann and Iver Johnson) doing a High School Traveling session (at Fowler) in November. A slide show and practice session with a clothed model will give some specialized instruction to Izzy's art students!

Photo from Spooktacular 2012

Our Spooktacular was the source of many a strange sighting! Music by DJ Chuck Westfall!



Catalogs \$10 each or the good deal of 6 for \$30- checkout what your neighbors have been doing!

Catalogs are not only filled with images but also writing about the group. Wondering about the next portrait show-? Here are all the dates you'll need...

The Westcott Community Art Gallery (WCAG) Selection Committee has invited **Open Figure Drawing, Inc** .to exhibit for aGroup Exhibit._

Collection starts in May, 2013 -Thurs 6/6/2013 - Wed 7/31/2013 Exhibit is hanging @WCC

Opening Reception: Sat 6/8/2013 6:30-8:30PMSnacks and talk

- ❖ **Th3 Event: Thursday 6/30/2013 Drawing with costumed models FREE - Gallery Visit from (arrive at 4:30)5-7pm for th3 night**
- ❖ **Th3 Event: Thursday 7/18/2013 - Drawing with costumed models FREE Gallery Visit from (arrive at 4:30)5-7pm for th3 night**
- ❖ **Take Down: Wed 7/31/2013 4-7:00PM – pickup work then or up to 10 PM!**