



Open Figure Drawing Inc.
NEWSLETTER
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NEW COSTUMED SESSIONS



The Board is excited to continue a new offering the first Sundays of the next year! We'll have a different experience from Wednesday models... Same rates apply, new times 1-4pm, new dates but in our typical studio at the Westcott Community Center space. Tell your friends....JOIN THE FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN- SUPPORT AFTERNOON DRAWING - A slightly different format... 3 -10 minute poses, a costume change, a 30 minute pose, break with another costume change, then a long pose (~90 minutes) with model breaks as needed. Costumes are the model discretion - you have to see what they are cooking up!

Two model night Last Wed of July (the 31st) - we'll had a duo taking to the stage! Participants will enjoy double the subjects for the standard rate.

Our Next Special Event:
1st Sunday costume Drawing Session Aug 4th,
next one is Sept 1st 1:00 - 4:00 pm at WCC Sunday -
same rates as usual.

Next Board Meeting
Tuesday Sept 10
7 - 9 pm, location CNYCF -431 E
Fayette St, Suite 100, Meeting!

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DRAWING in NATURE: Sunday August 25th 2-5pm at the Wellners - Pompey NY. Draw outside with all the challenges of weather, insects, and natural light! Enjoy a timeless drawing adventure in the beautiful gardens, fields, and woods with a nude model. Regular prices, stop by WCC for a map during our sessions!

The 25th yearlong celebration is being planned- stay tuned! Sneak peak at our future plans - Special exhibits, new publications, a VIDEO project, special drawing sessions.... and MORE. Check the web calendar frequently you won't want to miss any of these events. www.openfiguredrawing.com

It's not too early to think about our next group show@ the Link Gallery this December - we are back to figures, uncensored and unjuried. Start matting and framing http://openfiguredrawing.com/pages/framing\_tips.pdf ! Watch for details about "THE MIKE SHOW" which will be in the summer of 2014 @ the Edgewood Gallery - images of Mike only!



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 – **Henry Yan** is an extraordinary teaching artist from San Francisco. His work is accurate, dynamic in line and tonality, and innovative in composition. Yan’s imagery has a beauty, a sensuous tonality, and razor focus which are rare in the contemporary art scene. His teaching style lays out the fundamentals in a clear style and his approach is observation based, training the eye for proportion, placement and accurate forms. He is a master of short poses, both the gesture drawing and anatomy study, yet he also is equally proficient in long poses both the structural drawings (creating 3D effects with only line work) and the fully rendered drawing. While many educators view the drawing process as a series of experimental lines, Yan’s process eliminates guess work by fostering a light structure which forms are suggested and then creates cast shadows (with soft edges) and cast shadows (with hard edges). The result builds an image which simultaneously suggests movement and tightly rendered forms. He has developed a technique in which vine and compressed charcoal are combined to produce midtone volume over forms and backgrounds. His demonstrations are competent, lively, and nearly magical as his use of erasure is only for highlights and rarely for corrections.

Anyone wanting to seriously represent figures would benefit from Yan’s approach. Following his advice practically guarantees more interesting and accurate images. For people who are looking to refresh their style and get sage advice on materials and techniques there would be no better choice than Henry Yan.  
 WE ARE NEGOTIATING WITH HENRY FOR A SYRACUSE WORKSHOP \_ TBA !

**OFD WINS NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM**

Central New York Community Foundation awards OFD <sup>Inc.</sup> a grant for \$2,200 to improve their lighting! Alex Koziara, an SU drama professor, is helping tweak the design of the light system. We hope to spend the money shortly!



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July 31 OFD Portrait show ends. The Westcott Art Gallery hosted OFD group portrait Show –54 Faces and clothed figures only (no nudes) from 22 artists are in this show Artists and their artwork... in the NEW 2013 Catalog is out, still only \$10 in a limited run: Susan, David , Rowland, Benjamin Wild, Jeffrey Johnson, Kristina Starowitz, Gianfranco Vidali, Greg Trombly, Scott Herrmann, Jim Emmons., Janet Shahan, Dave Muir, Rose, Amy Bartell, Dan Shanahan, Chuck Westfall, Lucinda Wong, Larry Hoyt, Iver Johnson, Lisa Bogin (Come pick up the work in our closet!)

Special guest saxophonist Jesse Collins meets with C.T.Ladd and his wife at our Third Thursday event at the Westcott Gallery. More info

[jessecollinsmusic.com](http://jessecollinsmusic.com)

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Sunday Sept 16 12-6 is the Westcott Street Cultural Fair – draw from half dozen costumed models.