



Open Figure Drawing Inc.
NEWSLETTER
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Special Event Voting fell short for \$8,500, but wait....

Our strategy was to 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), yet we collect less than ~2,000 votes throughout December, but there are still opportunities to get the money and buy new lighting! We have impacted thousands of artists, hobbyists, para-professionals, high school students, retirees, and post college attendees and the CNY Community foundation is willing to assist us in finding alternative sources with a grant application in April. The new lighting system designed by an SU professor will provide economy and flexibility to our drawing sessions. This was an opportunity to come together and rally for creativity... as well as to prepare for future grants.

Weather closings

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

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday Feb 12
7 – 9 pm, Jowonio School
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Next special event Mardi Gras! Feb 13, 2013

We'll have music influenced by New Orleans, some special snacks and a new model! Our traditional group picture will be taken at break time and we just obtained a new shipment of masks and beads, so everyone can get into the fun!

Rome Art Center Annual Figure Show – is Feb. 21 - Apr. 5, 2013. It is a **juried** show.

Artwork drop off dates are Saturday, Feb. 9, 10 am - Noon & Monday, Feb. 11, 10 am - Noon & 5 - 7 pm. **The entry fee is \$10 per piece.** Are you interested in entering? Talk with a host or Dan Shanahan at OFD on Wednesday, or send us an email. For more information and a link to the RACC, visit OFD's website, or call them at the number listed below Rome Community and Art Center - 308 West Bloomfield St.- Rome, NY 13440
(315) 336-1040 (*this is not an OFD sponsored event*)

The Westcott Art gallery will host the next OFD group portrait Show – just 4 months away!
Faces only (not figures) will be the theme for this show. No entry fee, no jury, up to three pieces – see our website for complete info and start working!

OFD DRAWING CONFERENCE May 17,18,19, 2013

8-5:30 Shaffer Art Building - SU Main Campus – presenters subject to change but here are some teasers: Keynote - Jonas Sickler, Iver Johnson- preparing surfaces for Juan's class, The schedule has been filled up! We have invited someone from Ithaca who teaches at the Community School of Music and Art (Amber Lia-Kloppel). Joanne Gilbert will focus on child-like illustrations and proportions of children and Iver has some young potential models in mind. The conference has some illustrators and some painters. Carmel may do a lecture on “Beyond the figure is past and present cultures”.

Domenic is willing to do two tours, he was asked if he would do a talk for the second half (still waiting to hear back). For Sunday, Alex is happy to collaborate with Michael Sickler. Michael is interested in approaching the lighted figure in a dramatic way. Amy Bartell will focus on gesture and line, and build the class on that. Scott on the Debate – would like to see a traditional TV style debate. “Traditional vs Digital”. A moderator is needed: Iver can work a timer or a local celebrity...? Iver will share his notes with participants on questions to ask; estimating 5 questions are needed. Presenters will get questions in advance.

Publicity –look for a long postcard and tear off posters.
A Sense of Drawing Figure Drawing Workshops
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. Michael Sickler ,Carmel Nicoletti ,Diana Godfrey Donalee Shawn Rommevaux Carmel, Michael, and Donalee will be the lead instructors.

NEW COSTUMED SESSIONS *first Sundays of March 1, April 5, May 3 , 1- 4PM @ WCC*

The Open Figure Drawing Inc. Board is excited to present a new offering starting the first Sundays of March, April and May! We'll have afternoons of drawing with sports figures, ballerina, political figures, opera divas, actors in period costumes... who knows what will be the theme but a different experience from Wednesday models! If well attended the Board is will to expand to others Sundays of the month. Same rates apply, new times, new dates but in our typical studio at the Westcott Community Center.

Read an article about artist Elisabeth Holmes in Liverpool Eagle:
<http://www.eaglestarreview.com/news/2013/jan/22/artist-holmes-brings-love-nature-her-work/?page=3>

Quote of the Week:

"Remember we all stumble, everyone of us. That's why it's a comfort to go hand-in-hand."

---Emily Kimbrough

