

We are a community-based drawing group that gives people of all abilities an opportunity to draw from an unclothed model.

OFD was at the State Fair

On September 5, OFD brought easels, paper, pencils, charcoal, and "horses" to the Pan-African Village at the State Fair. We set up, protected from the sun and the wind, in the Cultural Tent and posed our models on a high stool.

The models were wrapped in colorful African fabrics by Mardea Warner and sat in front of a hand made batik print, also courtesy of Mardea. The people staffing the Village welcomed us back enthusiastically. This marks the third year where OFD participants demonstrate to fair-goers the process of drawing from a live model.



Mother/daughter duo modeling for us.



Jim Emmons



Ashley "draws" a crowd



Tara with her drawing of Hannah.



Jo and Jim

Vanessa Johnson and Dan Shanahan worked together to organize this event. Since there were record numbers of people attending the fair our hope is that we showed many potential artists that this art practice is alive and well. We also are keeping our fingers crossed that the ones who picked up our brochure will come see us and participate some Wednesday evening.

Many people were interested in the art that was being produced, and asked about portrait commissions. We referred them to OFD's website as a way to enter into contact with OFD's artists.

We are hoping to repeat this event next year, in case you missed it. Let us know if you'd like to join us!



Interested on-lookers!

Special thanks for helping with this event go to Vanessa Johnson, Dan Shanahan, Mark Wright, and Mardea Warner. Thanks to all our models, and to our participating OFD artists: Lisa Bogan, Scott Herrmann, Tara, Ashley, Jim Emmons, Jo Kress, CT Ladd, Susan Nathan, and Lucie Wellner.

WESTCOTT ST. CULTURAL FAIR September 19 (Sunday) 12-6

Join us for an afternoon of drawing, or just come to the fair for the music, dancing, food and crafts.

We will be drawing from a variety of clothed models. Paper, drawing materials & a limited number of easels will be supplied. We will be located on Harvard Place, just off Westcott Street.

Please sign up for a 1/2 hour slot at Open Figure Drawing, any Wednesday before September 19. You don't have to sign up to go and draw, but we would like to make sure that every time slot is filled so there is always someone drawing. This is a free event. Check the website for updates.

Help spread the word about Open Figure Drawing and See you there!



OFD Participants at the Westcott St. Fair 2009

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRICE: TWO for \$14

Bring a friend to OFD!

You and your friend can get in for \$14! That's \$2 off the regular price. Cash or check, and please don't forget to sign in.

This special price is good for the rest of 2010.



The Drawing Spooktacular

Wednesday, October 27th, 2010

at our regular time and place!

Westcott Community center, 7-10 pm

The Spooktacular will be DJ'd by our very own Chuck Westfall. We will have music & sounds appropriate for the holiday, plus snacks & special props! Regular prices apply for one of our longest running special events. Get there early as it may be crowded.

Check the website for updates!



Some of last year's spooktacular participants

In Barb's Memory

John Fitzsimmons arranged to have Barb's drawing table donated to OFD. We hope to write our memories of her on the underside of the table. This is just one small way of many in which we will remember our dear friend.



A Roundtable for Artists & Models

Thursday October 14, 2009, 7 pm – 9 pm
at Jowonio School, 3049 E. Genesee St.

New models, experienced models, artists, and all with interest are invited to the annual fall roundtable (free).

Check the website for details and updates!

GET READY for the annual GROUP SHOW

December 1 - January 21

We are having our annual Group Show at *The Link Gallery* in the downtown Warehouse location, on Fayette Street. The Warehouse is home to SU's design program, as well as the prestigious Warehouse Gallery.

The Link Gallery is located on the ground floor and best of all, is on the TH3 schedule. All these perks helps the Group Show get attention in the community. We will have a reception with music and refreshments.

The Group Show is a great opportunity to frame some of your favorite work. We may even have some frames for you to use (ask Dan Shanahan). Learn more about these shows from our catalogs from previous years.

Check the website for updates!

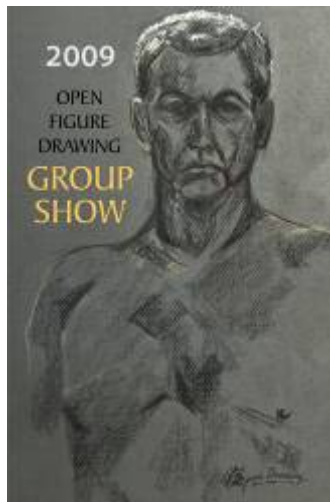
DRAWING IN NATURE WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who came out to the Pompey hinterlands to draw outside. Our model Mike made himself at home amongst the foliage and trees, so those of us drawing in color were able to include a lot of green. A few flowers were still blooming for some extra color.

The weather was good, the rain held off and we drew for several hours. For those who missed it, we'll do it again! Check the OFD calendar next summer. Keep in mind we usually have a rain date, so we ask people to sign up so we can contact everyone with a weather report.



Pastel by Dave Hicock



Catalog Covers from previous years

Ask About our Publications

Ask the Wednesday night host about these, or ask a board member - one of us is often drawing right there with you.

OFD Brochure: If you are interested in sharing information about Open Figure Drawing inc. with others, ask for some of our brochures.

Models Wanted: If you know people who may be interested in modeling, we will give you fliers to post or to give to potential models.



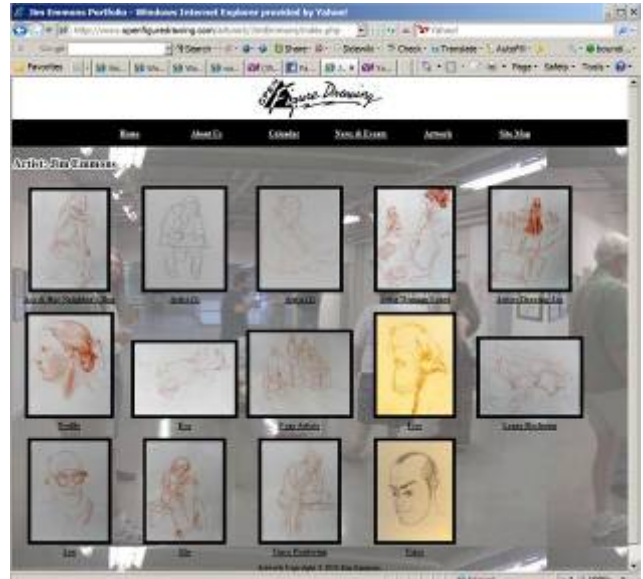
Catalogs: \$10 for full color Group Show catalogs. The proceeds help pay for the printing and help OFD keep going. Currently we have these for sale: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and the 2010 Portrait Show catalog.

Volunteer Brochure: OFD can use volunteers for special events, or for helping out at the beginning and end of the Wednesday night sessions. Ask for a brochure to learn how you can help, and thank you! OFD is run entirely by volunteers.

OpenFigureDrawing.com Call for Art

We would love to have your artwork on the OFD website. Visit the website and click on the "Artwork" tab to see how it's displayed.

We especially like to post artwork done at special events, so if you participate in the Westcott Street Cultural festival that is coming up soon, make sure one of us takes some photos of your art so we can post it.



Example of Jim Emmons' artwork on the website

DRAW THE HUMAN FIGURE EVERY WEDNESDAY

7-10 PM, \$8 admission (or 5 sessions for \$32)

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
ALL ARE WELCOME



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- Please sign in and pay upon entry.
- Treat the models with courtesy & respect. No recording devices, such as cell phones or cameras, are allowed.
- Help keep our environment clean: No smelly materials.
- Be mindful of your neighbors. Don't block the view. Set up easels toward the back, tables and ponies toward the front. You may also sit on the floor.
- Quiet talk is permitted. Feel free to ask questions and to give and receive feedback.
- If you have questions or problems, see the host. During sessions the host makes final decisions.

Wednesday night hosts and co-hosts: Jim Emmons, Scott Herrmann, Iver Johnson, Charlie Sam, Dan Shanahan and Chuck Westfall.

Current board members: Matt Cincotta, Karen Greenfield, Scott Herrmann (President), Bob Horning, Susan Nathan, Carmel Nicoletti, Suzette Roberts, Charlie Sam, Dan Shanahan (Treasurer), Lucie Wellner (Secretary), and Chuck Westfall.

OFD Inc. is a 501-(c)-3 organization run by volunteers. Let us know about news we should include in our newsletter!
e-mail web@OpenFigureDrawing.com or call us. **Check the website for updates!**