

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

SAVE THE DATE May 20 & 21, 2011

A Sense of Drawing: Figure Drawing Workshops at Syracuse University's Shaffer hall on the Main Campus. Stay tuned! Some of our presenters will include:

- Bill Benson
- Yvonne Buchanan
- Sharon BuMann
- Bob Dacey
- John Fitzsimmons
- David Hicock
- Iver Johnson
- Donalee Peden-Wesley
- Juan Perdiguerro

This year we will be offering some longer sessions so you can really delve into the subject and new material that is being presented. We are very excited about our line-up of presenters which was put together with help from Carmel Nicoletti, Iver, board members, and past participants in ASOD.

Next Board Meeting Tuesday **February 8** at Wegmans Restaurant Area in Dewitt (7-9pm)
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Call for Women Artists for Petit Library Show for Women's History Month. Deadline: Feb 15

"Who's the model next week?"

This question comes up on occasion. **OFD traditionally has kept this information private**, known only to the host and model coordinator. For both philosophical and practical reasons, **we continue this practice**. We thank you for your interest and for helping to provide a safe and encouraging atmosphere to both our veteran and new models.



Open Figure Drawing Inc.'s Official Model Policy: The identity of the upcoming model is not announced in order to respect the privacy of the model. Diversity is part of our mission. We book a variety of novice and experienced models. We are an equal opportunity employer and believe that all body types are valuable to draw.

Book Sale

OFD has art books for sale! Each book has a price marked on the 1st page (15 cents to \$15) just inside the cover. The book sale is every Wednesday, during the break, & continues until they're all sold. You will notice these books have a book plate! These are special books. Check out the T-shirts & catalogs too!



Mardi Gras!!

Wednesday, March 9

During our figure drawing session (7:00–10:00 pm as usual) for the 1st OFD special event of the year.



All participants will be provided with costumes appropriate for the occasion (masks & necklaces) but feel free to bring your own. Hope to see you there! Don't forget to bring your drawing supplies.

Applebee's Fundraiser

Pick up the coupon at OFD Eat at Applebee's Restaurant on **Monday April 4th** and 10% of what you spend will benefit OFD Inc! You must bring OFD's Applebee



coupon with you. This fundraiser will be at their 3189 Erie Blvd. location.

Figure Drawing at the Everson

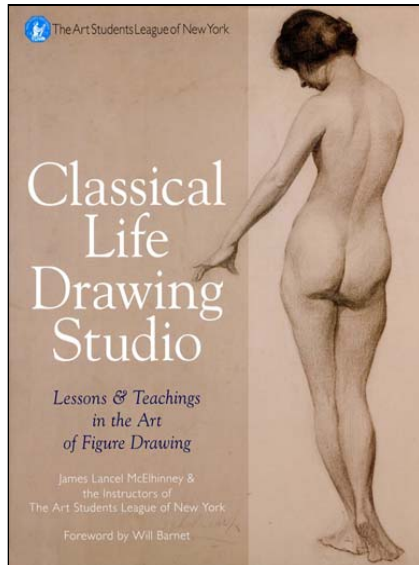
Open Figure is returning to the Everson Museum of Art for a free figure drawing session **Thursday, April 21st**, 6 to 8 pm.

There will be live music and birthday cake courtesy of the birthday girl - Susan Nathan!



NEW BOOK!
Classical Life
Drawing Studio:

Lessons & Teachings
in the Art of Figure
Drawing, by James
Lancel McElhinney &
the Instructors of The
Arts Students League
of New York



This new publication is available from the Daniel Smith catalog for \$30. Here is what they say about it: This unique book on Classical drawing is the first to bring together insights from the top realist drawing teachers at the acclaimed Art Students League of New York. It includes a foreword by renowned American artist and former League instructor Will Barnet, an introductory essay on the living tradition of academic drawing by artist, author, and League instructor James Lancel McElhinney, and close to one hundred stunning, never-before-published Classical drawings.

This treasure-trove of drawings dates from the late nineteenth to early twentieth century and was only recently uncovered by the League. These works - along with other Classical drawings from their remarkable collection - are presented in a special gallery section.

The second part of the book includes commentary and observations on the art of Classical drawing by sixteen esteemed contemporary instructors of the League who are working in a Classical or realist tradition, along with key drawings by them and their select students.

Classical Life Drawing Studio is more invaluable than ever now that newly organized art schools, ateliers, academics, and colleges are following curricula based on the rediscovery of Classical ideals in art in ways that are also reflected in other fields such as architecture and urban planning.

Whether you are an artist, student, or art enthusiast, you'll want to have this beautiful book in your collection.

224 pages, Hardcover.

Gallery News

Art Rage: ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE! Graphics of the Black Panther Party USA. Until February 19, 2011



Clayscapes: Currently showing and selling wood fired work by Don Seymour, Shawn McGuire and Tim See.

Edgewood Gallery:

Tonal Gestures: Diana Godfrey- mixed media pastels and acrylic paintings, Carmel Nicoletti- bronze reliefs and glass works. Opening Reception Feb. 25 6:00-8:00 PM. Exhibit Dates: Feb.25- April 8



Figurative Expressions II

Five artists who approach the figure in creative and unique ways: Scott Estelle: bronze sculpture, John Fitzsimmons: oil painting, Vincent Fitches: oil painting, Stephen Ryan: watercolor painting, Gail Hoffman: bronze and aluminum sculpture. Until Feb.18 2011.

Gandee Gallery (Fabius): Embryonic: recent work by Eunjung Shin, Korean-born Eunjung Shin's figurative ceramic sculpture depicts experiences from the artist's life. Her work in the upcoming show at the Gandee Gallery, Embryonic, will include a new series of realistic, infant figures cradled in egg-like structures. Until February 27.



Limestone Gallery (Fayetteville): Moving! just a few buildings closer to Rt 5 at 105 Brooklea Drive. NEW HOURS: Tu-Th 10-6, F 10-7, Sat 12-4 Oct.-April, Closed Sunday-Monday

Manlius Library: Dan Shanahan has 4 pieces of artwork in a show at the Manlius Library as part of Associated Artist new member's show!

SU Art Galleries: Infinite Mirror: Images of American Identity. American artists of African, Arab, European, Asian, Latino and Native American descent explore their heritage. Tu-Su: 11-4:30 pm, Th: 11-8 pm. Until March 20.



XL Projects (307 South Clinton Street, in Syracuse's Armory Square) Currently showing "Snow".

Photos from our fantastic
2010 GROUP SHOW!

Thank you all who participated! And thank you to photographers Susan Nathan, Dave Hicoock and Lucie for capturing this festive occasion.

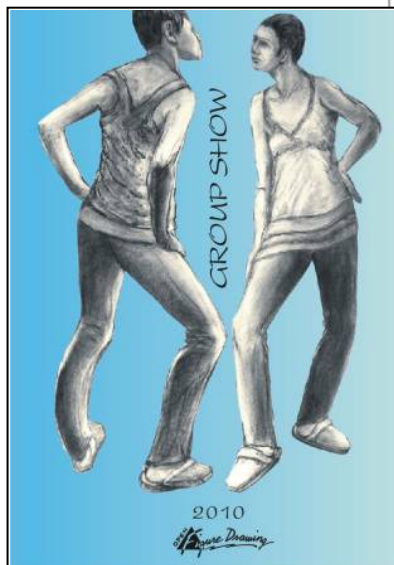
Visit the website to see more great photos!



Jeffrey & Iver, Scott & Chuck & The Food, Cle and Mike, The Muirs, and general art-loving festivities.

A catalog of the exhibition is available for \$10

It contains a reproduction of all the artwork that was on display, plus an interesting essay by Iver entitled "The Underground process: Hidden Learning in the Unseen Work of Artists". Also included are some favorite art-related quotes from participants and remembrances of Barb.



Our own **Jeff Mack** is featured in *International Artist Magazine!*

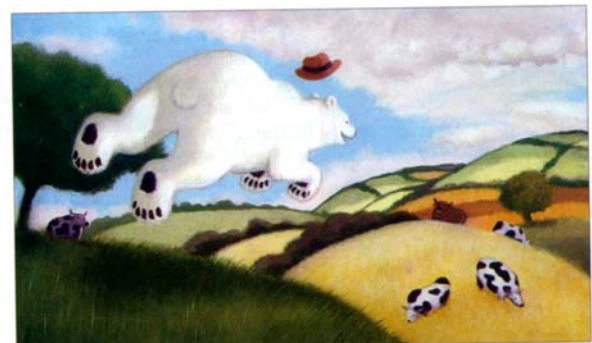
The Art of Illustration

Jeff Mack

Jeff began illustrating children's books professionally in 2001. His first picture book, *Rub-a-Dub Sub* by Linda Ashman was a Junior Library Guild Selection, a Children's Book of the Month Club selection, and a Bill Martin Jr. Picture Book Award nominee. The companion book, *Starry Safari*, was published in 2005 followed by Eve Bunting's *Hurry Hurry!* one of School Library Journal's Best Books of 2007. His debut as an author was with the picture book *Hush Little Polar Bear* in 2008. Jeff is also the author of the upcoming *Hippo and Rabbit* series from Scholastic.



Preliminary sketch for *Hush Little Polar Bear*



Hush Little Polar Bear, acrylic on paper



Mr Duck means Business, acrylic on paper

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, & two from 2010!



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.



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Call for Art

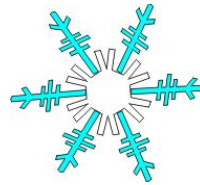
We would love to have your artwork on the OFD website. Visit the website and click on the "Artwork" tab to see how it's displayed.

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 extended for a limited time into 2011!

WEATHER CLOSINGS



Please note if snow closes Syracuse City Schools, we close too! Check radio and TV for info.

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, Susan Nathan, 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!***