

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

**OFD was at Link Gallery**

**GROUP SHOW Closing January 20**

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 had a reception with canned music and refreshments. The Group Show is a great opportunity to review and frame some of your favorite work. Learn more about this show from our 2010 second catalogs! **NOW ON SALE!**

[Weather closings...](#)

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

We were open before X-mas and New Year's for your drawing pleasure!

**NEWLY REFINISHED FLOORS AT THE WCC....**

The 1st floor was available on December 29! OFD was drawing on the 1st floor of the WCC on Wednesday. - the 2nd floor of the WCC was closed that week because they're refinishing the floor (not because of all the pastel marks on it).

The board felt that since we just cancelled to sessions due to snow, we should try & have figure drawing on the 29th.

Thanks to the dozen folks who came out and tried a 'lower level' of drawing!

Friday and Saturday, **May 20 & 21**

**A Sense Of Drawing Conference**

4th floor of Shaffer – Syracuse University  
plus small auditorium on 1st floor

**Presenters: Six yeses so far....**

- Yvonne Buchanan YES
- Sharon BuMann YES
- Bob Dacey YES
- John Fitzsimmons YES
- David Hicock YES
- Iver Johnson YES
- Daina Mattis TBA
- Gillian Pederson-Krag TBA
- Donalee Peden-Wesley TBA
- Juan Perdiguero - TBA
- Gary Trento TBA
- Kim Waale - TBA
- Steve Cerio TBA
- Susan D'amato TBA
- Bill Benson TBA

**Check out the latest GROUP SHOW catalog!**

**Available for \$10!**

See Images from the show on Open Figure Drawing Inc.'s Facebook Page.



## History Project Update

(Reprinted from Board Meeting Minutes)

Scott: we have footage of Iver and Jim, filmed at the Warehouse. The footage is stored on a brick for now and is about 1 1/2 hours long. Rated G. Chuck Westfall will be interviewed next. Still trying to track down Johnny Robinson, he will be a good resource for film making abilities and providing ephemera such as photos from long ago.

Susan did speak to Courtney Rile - her group is interested and would like to meet with OFD to find out more about the project. They could be possible editors. Since equipment and film-making is all free, the \$500 grant can be spent on editing.

Dan is concerned we are not pushing the project through fast enough. Scott assures us the boulder will gain momentum. Susan offers her services to take photos of people at their easels for stills if necessary.

Next steps:

1. Susan to schedule a date with Shelly (Tuesday or Thursday but not Jan 20). Some discussion about where to have the interview- at her home or at the warehouse to have a consistent background? Carmel feels it is more interesting to see the personal space of the interviewee.

Scott to compose a release form to be signed by participants.

Materials from Johnny Robinson .... He can send us an old 1995 HappyEndings DVDs from Illinois. We got the other materials... Archival OFD material sent up with Evi to Syracuse. Picked it up from the house at 1184 Harwood Ave. This includes a lot of photographs as well as newspaper articles and maybe my sign up sheets that list all the names of participants (I'll have to look for that) It's a very rich collection of stuff. So I guess I'm willing to part with it if I have a promise that it will be taken care of and accessible to me later. I don't necessarily need originals back but I would like good quality scans of some of it. So you guys might want to keep the originals and give me scans or scan what you need and return the originals

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## **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 sign in. This special price is good for the rest of 2010.

## **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.



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Art Supplies also available at:  
**The Art Store** on Erie Boulevard -  
Commercial Art Supply: 474-1000

Other Art Supply Catalogs and Websites:

- Jerry's Artarama
- Cheap Joe's
- ASW Express
- Daniel Smith
- Mister Art
- Discount Art Supplies
- Dick Blick
- Dover Publications
- McClains Printmaking Supplies

Don't forget you can use Michael's, A.C. Moore and Joanne Fabric coupons from the Sunday paper at Commercial Art Supply!

## Annual GROUP SHOW is still on display!

December 3 - January 20

Once again Lucie Wellner produced a catalog for  
the event!

*Dedicated to the memory of Barb Higgins.*

### January 20:

Group Show closing 6:30 pm - Please come and  
pick up your artwork if you can.

**Mark Wright's Passing** , Mark and OFD Inc. - Mark was the man behind the scenes of many Syracuse projects, and he had a profound impact on OFD Inc. Shortly after I took over from Johnny Robinson , I began to seek advice from Mark. He found us a lawyer for nonprofit incorporation. He made suggestions for our structure. He helped with workshop leaders for the Teaching Artist Series, and later he would have invaluable input for *The Sense of Drawing* Conference. Occasionally he would talk with the board around issues of vision, gender, and racial diversity. His quest for ethnic diversity was manifested in our drawing at the PanAfrican Village at the State Fair. Mark gave insights into many other of our projects... He was a deeply valued resource . His passing is a blow to the CNY artistic community, for as much as he helped us, we were just one of many groups and special projects he was involved with. Iver

Our calendar for 2011 is posted on the web:  
<http://www.openfiguredrawing.com/calendar/>  
for all the news you needs about our activities...



Wed March 9 is Mardi Gras...come out  
for music from New Orleans, free masks and  
beads and the opportunity to be in the 2011  
Group Photo!  
Oh yes, there will be a model to draw too!

## Artistically Speaking: A Tribute to Mark J. Wright

A celebratory afternoon of art and  
performance to honor the life,  
dedication and selfless service of Mark J.  
Wright to the artistic heritage of Central  
New York

**Date:** Sunday, January 30th 2011

**Time:** 1- 5 pm

**Location:** John H. Mulroy Civic Center  
Carrier Theater at 421 Montgomery St.  
Syracuse NY

**Suggested Donation:** Sliding Scale of \$5 to  
\$50

On Sunday, January 30th, 2011 friends and  
colleagues of Mark J. Wright from the Central  
New York Arts Community will gather to honor  
the man and his work. Proceeds from this  
event will establish the Mark J. Wright  
Scholarship for Young Artists at the Central  
New York Community Foundation. The event  
seeks to capture and salute the breath of  
individual artists, cultures, art forms and artistic  
organizations Mark Wright touched and  
supported throughout his career.



We welcome you and your family to participate in *SUArt*, an interactive art gallery . If you haven't been to Shaffer on SU campus you should take a new look! Expanded displays, a show on Academy Figure Drawing, oriental photos from the 1800's, plus the contemporary artwork in the main Gallery....



<http://www.artsusa.org/>

Check out their web site for local, national, and international art new. See their 10 ideas in right hand column

#### Ten Simple Ways Parents Can Get More Art in Their Kids' Lives

Enjoy the arts together. Sing, play music, read a book, dance, or draw with your child at home.

Encourage your child to participate in the arts and celebrate their

Explore [your community's library](#) and read "the classics" together—from Mother Goose to Walt Whitman.

Read your local newspaper to find out about attending local arts events like museum exhibits, local plays, festivals, or outdoor concerts.

Tell your child's teacher, principal, and school leadership that the arts are vital to your child's success and an important part of a quality education. Find out if your school has sufficient resources for arts education, including qualified teachers and materials. If not, offer to help.

Contact [your local arts organizations](#) to inquire about the arts education programs they offer either during school hours or after school. Volunteer to donate time, supplies, or help with their advocacy efforts and connect these services to your child's school.

Attend a school board or [PTA meeting](#) and voice your support for the arts to show them you care and make sure the arts are adequately funded as part of the core curriculum in the school budget.

Explore your child's dream to sing, to dance, to draw, to act—and encourage them to become the best they can be through the arts.

Be an arts supporter! Contact your elected officials—lawmakers and school board members—to ask them for more arts education funding from the local, state, and federal levels. Visit our Online Resource Center.

## 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](mailto:web@OpenFigureDrawing.com) or call us. **Check the website for updates!***