



# AAWR Summer Artswire

SUMMER 2012

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## Art Interprets Alzheimer's:

### Ask the Researchers

The AAWR asked the question: How can art help us to better understand Alzheimer's disease and the emotional toll it takes on loved ones?

We answered with our spectacularly attended *Art Interprets Alzheimer's* exhibition featuring the works of Archived Artists George Roby and Herbert Ascherman. The exhibition ran from March 30, 2012 through April 28, 2012. *Art Interprets Alzheimer's* was our way to promote awareness of this progressively worsening disease, increase research for a cure, and support Alzheimer's patients and caregivers.



#### **Ask the Researchers Closing Reception**

To conclude our exhibition we had a well attended and insightful closing reception. The "Ask the Researchers" Closing Reception on April 27, 2012 featured Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine's neuroscience researcher Dr. Gary E. Landreth who presented facts about Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Paige Cramer



also spoke about her promising Alzheimer's disease research that is expected to go into a proof-of-principle clinical trial soon.

The exhibition goes on tour around the Greater Cleveland area throughout the year starting at the McConnell Arts Center from May 17 – July 8, 2012. It will then be on view at University Hospitals from September 1 – October 31, 2012 and be featured at the Progressive Art Collection in Mayfield Village from November 8 – January 31, 2013. Other venues are being planned.

The AAWR would like to thank everyone involved, including the Cleveland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, for making the show a success and helping to promote awareness of Alzheimer's disease and the search for a cure.

## Welcoming Julie Eifel



The AAWR welcomes Julie Eifel to our family as the new Gallery and Administrative Assistant.

Julie graduated from Cleveland State University with a major in art history and a minor in anthropology. Her love for the way cultures express themselves through art is what caused her to study both subjects.

She explains that "I wanted to read, write, learn, and breathe the history of why people created art and how it evolved throughout the world. I was

fascinated from an anthropological standpoint that art is not created in a vacuum and is affected by the environment in which it was created." While Julie has extensively studied art at CSU she also has previous experience as a gallery assistant for Local Girl Gallery in Lakewood, Ohio.

She is married to Dan and currently resides in Lakewood, Julie will be a great fit for this organization and we look forward to working with her.

## Member News



The *Art Interprets Alzheimer's* exhibition featuring **George Roby** and **Herb Ascherman** is on tour at the McConnell Arts Center from May 17 – July 8, 2012. It will then be at University Hospitals from Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2012.

**Bonnie Dolin** is exhibiting work at The Shaker Heights Historical Museum on South Park Blvd. in Shaker Heights. The exhibit will be on view until July 8th.

**Patricia Zinsmeister Parker's** solo exhibition called "Painting in the Dark" will be at Kent State University, Downtown Gallery, June 20th-July 14th. Opening reception: June 21st from 5-8pm.

**Rita Schuenemann** is having a solo show at the Solon Center for the Arts Gallery from July 6 through August 2 called "Recent Paintings by Rita Schuenemann".

**Gloria Plevin's** "Portraits in Nature-Paintings and works on Paper" exhibit will be at The Mesaros Gallery at West Virginia University from June 17-Aug. 2, 2012.

**Lee Heinen's** works are showing in the Harris Stanton Gallery's (Akron) 25th Anniversary Show opening June 8. She is also showing work at the new Franklin Circle exhibition space in Chagrin Falls during July and August.

**Chuck Mintz** has a piece from "Costumes", his collaboration with Cleveland Public Theater, that will be in the Butler National Midyear Show. "Precious Objects" will be at The Maltz Museum from Aug. 22 to Sept. 30. "Every Place (I have ever lived)" will be at The Argus Museum in Ann Arbor from Sept. 28 until Nov. 16.

**Wally Kaplan's** watercolor juried into the "Time Will Tell" national exhibition at Coburn Gallery, Ashland University from May 18 - June 15. She also has a solo exhibit called "Through My Eyes"-Paintings by Wally Kaplan at the Solon Center for the Arts Gallery, June 4-29 (opening reception 5:30-7:30pm).

**Hollis Richardson** was awarded \$500 for Best in Show at the Inaugural Art Show at the YMCA in North Royalton. The show remains on view throughout the summer.

**Harriet Ballard** will be showing at the Cate Charles Gallery, Stonington, Ct. on July 20th.

**Elise Newman's** "Cirque d'Soleil" painting was accepted into the juried art show of the Ohio Watercolor Society at the Riffe Gallery in Columbus which opens in November.

## New Summer Interns/Volunteers



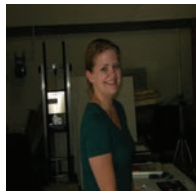
**Elora Agsten** is a rising sophomore at the College of Wooster. She has previously interned with the Museum of Carousel Art and History in her native Sandusky, OH. Elora is double majoring in Art History and Classical Language and wants to study the art of late Antiquity.



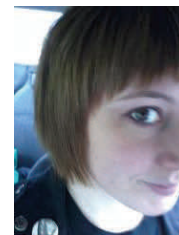
**Jason Weisensell** is a recent graduate from the Cleveland Institute of Art, with a Major in Fine Arts. He is currently a cook at Michael Symon's B-Spot. He hopes to gain insight and knowledge of the contemporary art world and looks forward to interning at the AAWR.



**Abigail Walker** is a rising junior at Case Western Reserve University, where she studies Art History and Chemistry. She hopes to one day be an Art Conservator.



**Melissa O'Sickey** is studying History with a minor in Dance at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. She is the Treasurer for the Dickinson Dance Theatre Group and was a member of Girl Scouts of America.



**Alice Gregory** a native born Clevelander/Buddhist/Vegetarian and an ecstatic participant in the city's renewal. She's currently studying Urban Studies and Planning at Cleveland State University.

# May Members Show & Sale



Our Annual May Members Show & Sale kicked off on May 4th. It featured art of over 30 of our members ranging from paintings in acrylic and pastels, photography, to wood carved sculptors. Featured

## 2012 May Members Show & Sale

members were: Boni Suzanne Gelfand, Margaret Arthur, Barbara Gillette, Linda Hutchinson, George Kocar, Suzan Kraus

Michelangelo Lovelace, Paul Miklowski, Amelia Reed, Sidney Rheuban, Phyllis Seltzer, Mary Stone, Zoya Trofimova, Patricia Zinsmeister Parker, Nancy Underhill, Chris Grossman, Hollis Richardson, Elaine Albers Cohen, John A. Sargent, Elise Newman, Charles Mintz,

Jim Clark, Roger Welchans, Edith Goldstein, Susan Skove, Ruth Bercaw, Alfred Bruey, Jean Sommer, Wally Kaplan, Rita Schuenemann, James Tomko, Ingeborg Richter, Sarah Clague, Lee Heinen, Bonnie Dolin, Kathleen McKenna, Tricia Kaman, and Stephanie Scharf.

We would like to thank all of our participants who made the show a success!



*Lee Heinen with her painting "Schwinn". Her intent with her Family Album Painting Series is to depict the highly personalized images from black and white family photos as "more iconic and universalized."*

## 2012 Annual AAWR Meeting

We had our Annual Board Meeting on May 4, 2012 right before our May Members Show & Sale. The meeting was very well attended and most stayed for the opening reception for the May Members Show. AAWR President, Herb Ascherman discussed plans for the Legacy

Society. Executive Director Ken Goerg reviewed the activities of the past year. Treasurer, David Shafron and Ernest Mishne from Oppenheimer discussed the AAWR's finances. Questions were answered from the membership as well.



## New Board Members



**Suzan Kraus** is an Archived Artist and our newest Board Member. Suzan has been a member of the AAWR since 2008. She is a native Clevelander and works mainly in Mixed Media (paper, acrylics, encaustics). After living in Houston, Texas for awhile she was drawn back to Cleveland and "...discovered an art culture vibrant & energetic that seems to be pulling Cleveland towards a renewal".



**Lee Heinen** has been a professional artist since 1980 and became an Archived Artist at the AAWR in 2000. Travel to Mexico and other places abroad have been a source of stimulation for her work. Her work, in oil and pastels, can be found all over Cleveland and she is included in numerous corporate collections.

**Jocelyn Ruf** is a former Senior Executive of Key Bank and has been on numerous boards, including The Intown Club where she led the club through a number of major campaigns. In her free time she enjoys kayaking, hiking, travel, collecting prints and decorative arts.



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**UPCOMING AAWR EVENTS:**

**Michelangelo Lovelace Retrospective-** June 15-July 20

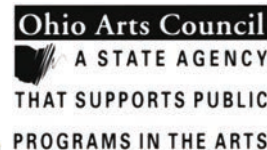
**Michelangelo Lovelace Artist Talk-** June 23, 2012 Time: 1-2:30pm

**Craft Exhibition-** August 3-31, 2012

**Mario Kujawski Retrospective-** September 21-October 27, 2012

**The Artists Archives of the Western Reserve works to preserve the life accomplishments of Ohio visual artists.**

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## **Join the Effort to Preserve Ohio's Artistic Legacy!**

The Artist Archives is all about building a network of artists and art lovers. We are committed to preserving the artistic legacy of regional artists and we encourage our members to share their passion for the fine arts with others.

What makes AAWR membership unique is that we are governed by our patron and artist members, all of whom have voting rights. Members have numerous opportunities to support our organization, and can also display and sell artwork in our semi-annual Members Shows and at corporate locations.

All members receive a subscription to ARTSWIRE, AAWR's quarterly newsletter. Members, as well, are encouraged to participate in mutually beneficial fundraising events as well as special exhibitions. And because every AAWR member is important, we promote their events and artistic achievements in our publications and email blasts.

If you are interested in becoming a member, annual membership dues are \$50.00. Membership forms are available at the AAWR and online at [www.artistsarchives.org](http://www.artistsarchives.org).

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