



A NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

The summer show season is upon us and Delaware By Hand has firmed up plans for the annual Members Outdoor Show to be held at Hudson Fields near Lewes and the annual Holiday show to be held in conjunction with the Milton Holly Festival. See the details for these shows on page 4 of this newsletter.

We are also pleased to welcome the new members listed below. Delaware by Hand continues to grow in number and influence as the organization representing Delaware artists and artisans.

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NEW DBH MEMBERS

Welcome New Members!

In the year 2009 to date, DBH expanded its membership with the addition of 21 new members. They are:

- [Cynthia Baker](#)
- [Carol Blake](#)
- [Sharon Cohee](#)
- [Dawn Crosby](#)
- Fran DeStafeno
- [Roy Fitzgerald](#)
- [Kim & Chris Frey](#)
- [Roger Galbraith](#)
- [Trudy Girton-Fox](#)
- Gabriel Jules
- [Maria Keane](#)
- [Kerry Larotonda](#)
- [Kathy Lindemer](#)
- [Sharon Livesay](#)
- [John Murray](#)
- [Dave Nibouar](#)
- [Nicole Royer](#)
- [Jonathan Stout](#)
- [Jill Thomas](#)
- [Mark Turner](#)
- [Leah Van Rees](#)

Click on the member's name to view their Delaware By Hand web page.

DBH RELATED EVENTS

Add these events to your calendar

- 4th Annual Delaware By Hand Members' Day Show**
September 26, 2009, 10am - 5pm at Hudson Fields on Route 1 (see page 4)
 - 2009 Delaware By Hand Masterworks Show (juried)**
November 2009 - January 2010 at the Delaware Art Museum- opening reception Dec 4th 5-7 (see page 5)
 - 4th Annual Holiday Show and Sale at the Holly Festival & House Tour in Milton, DE**
December 12, 2009 - 9am - 5pm (see page 4)
- For more information please visit:
Historic Society - <http://www.historicmilton.org>
Chamber of Commerce - <http://www.historicmilton.com>
Milton Theatre <http://www.miltontheatre.com>

Members and friends get-together

I had such a great time meeting and learning about some of our members at the two Salon Networking events that I decided to have two informal "pot luck" get togethers at my home. All are welcome and please bring a dish to share.

- When: July 27th & August 24th 5pm till ?
- Where: Deb Appleby's home, Rt. 24, Lewes
- What: Pot luck get together, non members are also welcome

RSVP and questions to Deb at studio24@thestudioon24.com

SHOW PROFILE

DBH Members' Show at May Fair

For the second year, DBH members participated in the May Fair at Bellevue State Park. For most members, sales were again down from expectations in spite of the increased advertising and signage on the grounds.

Much of the discussion at the show and in a subsequent DBH board meeting focused on the suitability of the May Fair format and facility.

While no decision has been made presently about plans for the Members' show next year in northern Delaware, the Board has discussed the need to search for another venue and welcomes input from the members regarding this issue.

If you wish to weigh in on this matter with your opinions or suggestions, please email the Board at newsletter@dbh.org

Wes Stack



Damon Pla



Meg Filmore



Mark Turner



Nicole Royer

NOTES FROM DEB

Note from Deb Appleby DBH Board President

Sitting here looking at the large crack running vertically on my NEW furnace door as it comes back up to working temperature, I am struck with the thought: "When did the 'job well done' fade to a 'job just done.'" Yes, maybe it was an off day at the shop that made my door, the only company left in the States to do so, but years ago this same company and others provided quality product that never had this problem. I am sure we all have seen this in other areas of our lives, from the spade for \$10 that breaks after one use versus the one for \$40 that lasts, one hopes, for a lifetime. Handmade work, whether it is the farmer with his stewardship for the land, the carpenter installing a banister, or the artist in the act of creating, shows we all are of value and the cost is always higher.

Last weekend I had visitors to my gallery and we had a long discussion on how they would only purchase organic produce or products from the farmers' market and yes, they were willing to pay a higher cost, knowing the time and effort that it took to produce such goods. Then, and here it goes: "if we buy 2 will you cut the price in half?" in essence "buy one get one free?" Normally, I would have gone into the 80% of the cost of the good is in the making discussion and run down my defensive track, however, I said "no," and left it that. They left and the next morning they were back with a new discussion on "how do you value the cost of your creations?"

Thomas Man, a jeweler from New Orleans, once said that the purchase of one's work is an "energy exchange." Clients work at a "job" and are paid dollars, time = dollars, and then they exchange those dollars/time for our work. They cannot do what we do and our work is not a time=dollars equation, nor is it valued as an equal of our time for theirs. So how do bring the awareness of our true work's dollar value and not just the esthetic value?

Kind of got off on a tangent and I would love to hear from you on this and any topic, just e-mail me: studio24@thestudioon24.com

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NOTES AND PENINSULA SHOW

President's note continued

Now on DBH business, I am sorry to see Lorraine leave DBH, and as you all now know, Connie Ballato will be handling this position as well as her other DBH duties. Thank you Connie! Please e-mail her at her new e-mail address: treasurer@delawarebyhand.org

I believe networking will be invaluable to all of us as we move through the "changes" now and in the future. Please take the time to look over the web site to learn who your fellow members are and print out the member directory and have it ready to recommend a fellow member to a client.

The Salon event at my home was a wealth of knowledge shared, new members and friends made. Pete Saenger tried so long ago to get these gatherings going, and I hope they will continue. If you are interested in hosting a gathering send Connie an invite and she can send it out to the membership. (P.S. See the Invitation to the Pot-Luck get togethers from Deb on page 1.)

I would like to thank whole-heartedly the DBH board for all their tireless work to keep the organization going. I hope you have benefited from your membership in the organization and if so now is the time to step up and help to keep DBH alive!

WE NEED new members, Board members, people to pass out the maps, people to host events, people to write press releases, people to serve on the committees and your commitment to DBH so we will be strong enough to become "Delaware's premier artist and artisan organization!"

Happy and prosperous summer and I hope to see you at one of our many events!

Deb Appleby

DBH Show at Peninsula Gallery

The Peninsula Gallery show once again showcased some of the best Delaware By Hand members' work. The opening evening event on May 30th saw most of the participating members talking not only to fellow members and getting to know each other, but also to new friends and prospective clients. Tony and Carol Boyd-Heron personally selected the 13 members from the DBH website, displaying each member's work in a seamless transition between each medium.

The participating members were: Arden Bardol, Anna Biggs, Maxine Rosenthal, Heidi Lowe, Paula Camenzind, John Donato, Tara Funk-Grim, Paul Skibinski, Gary Crowl, Tom Frey, Sandra Ridgely, Rick Rothrock and Karla Swarthout.

Tony says he has had very positive comments about the work displayed despite sales being a bit slow, and would like to host a show next year in June.

If you are in Lewes, please stop in the gallery and introduce yourself to the owners--they are great supporters of DBH.

View images of participants' work at
<http://www.peninsula-gallery.com/June2009Exhibit.htm>

DELAWARE BY HAND FORMS PARTNERSHIP WITH MOSAIC

Delaware by Hand is proud to announce our partnership with MOSAIC: The Rehoboth Beach Gallery Collective. This September each of the ten MOSAIC galleries will host a Delaware by Hand artist's work. The opening reception will be part of the "Second Saturday" event on September 12, 2009 from 6-9pm. Please come out and support your fellow artists and art dealers. Details will follow via DBH membership emails and the MOSAIC website www.mosaicrehoboth.com.

Heidi Lowe

DBH 4TH ANNUAL MEMBERS' DAY SHOW AT THE HUDSON FIELDS

WHEN: Saturday, September 26, 2009
WHERE: Hudson Fields off Route 1, Milton, DE Sussex County (30004 Eagles Crest Rd., Milton, DE 19968)
TIME: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Rain or Shine

We have moved this popular show to a highly visible location on Route 1 just north of Lewes with plenty of room to grow. Hudson Fields is a sports complex three miles north of Five Points fronting on Route 1 with ample parking and restroom facilities.

30+ artists/artisans of Delaware By Hand, plus farmer's market vendors will be presenting their work for display and sale. Don't miss this opportunity to meet new friends, greet old friends and see what amazing works of art are being created right here in Delaware.

If you are a member and would like to participate, go to the DBH website (www.delawarebyhand.org) click on the "application" button and send your application and booth fee to: Delaware By Hand Inc., P.O. Box 251, Lewes, DE 19958

**** DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS AND FEES IS AUGUST 1, 2009 ****

If you are not a member and would like to participate, print and fill out the membership application and send your membership fee (\$50) and show application and booth fee (\$75) to the above address.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Connie Ballato at treasurer@delawarebyhand.org

DBH HOLIDAY SHOW IN MILTON

DBH partners with the town of Milton for a Holiday Show!

WHEN: Saturday, December 12, 2009
WHERE: Town of Milton in the Historical Society Building, the Milton Theater and Homes throughout Milton
TIME: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Rain or Shine

This popular DBH event is being held in the historic town of Milton this year, in order to partner with an established show and to allow for more members to participate. Milton's "Holly Fest" and "House Tour" have several events planned on the 12th, and DBH members who participate in this event will be able to take advantage of the traffic that this event generates, and the advertising that is provided for it.

Each booth space will be of varying dimensions, depending upon which building you are in. Some electricity may be available, but is not guaranteed. We will notify you of your space layout, electrical availability and location by November 1. Postcards will be printed for this event and will be available prior to the event for distribution.

The booth fee will be \$75, two-thirds of which will go to the Milton Chamber of Commerce and the Milton Historical Society who will be doing most of the advertising for the event. DBH will print postcards and they will be available prior to the event for distribution.

Watch your email for an invitation to participate in this event—it is open to all DBH members in good standing.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Connie Ballato at treasurer@delawarebyhand.org

MASTERS SHOW

DBH Masters Show at the Delaware Art Museum

November 14, 2009 through January 10, 2010

Masters Designation: *“Artists/Artisans combining a refined original vision with prodigious technical skill and a dedication to clean execution”*

For several years, the Delaware by Hand Board of Trustees have often heard members ask: “When are we going to see a Delaware by Hand Masters exhibition?” We are now delighted to announce the opening of *Delaware by Hand: Masterworks* at the Delaware Art Museum on November 14, 2009. The first Masters competition was open to all members in good standing who wished to apply for this new designation. Two curators who specialize in Art and Craft judged the 46 members who applied. The Masters category will be open for juried acceptance every two years, with existing Masters reviewed every few years. The 15 applicants who were chosen to exhibit their works in this seminal exhibition are:

Virginia Abrams, *Reflections*
Deb Appleby, *Deepblue*
Elizabeth Bard, *Tuscania Mosaic*
David Burslem, *Fireflies*
Paula Camenzind, *Variegated Lustres 02 & #07 Bulbous*
Connie Costigan, *Inscape IV*
Tom Frey, *#3*
Michael Krausz, *China Cavern One*
Dolores Pye Josey, *7 Raku White Crackle*
Steve Rogers, *Oyster Derelict*
Maxine Rosenthal, *#8 Necklace Fossils & #1 Bracelet*
Rick Rothrock, *First Meditation*
Peter Saenger, *Anniversary*
Barbara Warden, *Signs*
Sarah Yeoman, *Bellwether*

The wide range of media represented in the *Masterworks* exhibition includes glass, fiber, metals, wood, painting and drawing, and much more. The two professional jurors chosen for this exhibition; Dr. Jacqueline Atkins, Curator of Textiles at the Allentown Art Museum, and Dr. J. Susan Isaacs, Assistant Professor of Towson University; reported their excitement and delight with the quality of the work submitted by Delaware by Hand members.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to DBH member, the **Lewes Historical Society and Mike DiPaolo**. The LHS February Fine Art Show was named Best of Delaware 2009 - Best Place to See Art. There is a link at www.historiclewes.org

Wes Stack demonstrated wheel throwing techniques for Nicole Carter's Advanced Ceramics class at Milford High School in April. Students observed Wes throwing basic forms and the pieces produced during the session are being glazed and fired for the students to offer for sale to support their Ceramics Club.

Paula Stapleton and David Burslem selected for the Wacky Chair competition for the Georgetown and Claymont Boys and Girls Club Competition

The program centers on members of local Boys and Girls clubs in their fundraising efforts, raising money to support local Boys and Girls Clubs and the Biggs Museum. Members of Delaware and Maryland clubs will generate ideas for designing a "Wacky Chair" and the artists will use these ideas to create an Adirondack chair. Chairs will be placed on display at the Biggs museum where the general public will be able to view the chairs, and be encouraged to cast the vote online for their favorite chair. The winning chair will be viewed at some future date on the Ellen Degeneres Show.

Connie Ballato provides DBH outreach to at-risk students

In the past, we have reported that as part of our community outreach program, Delaware By Hand is committed to providing art workshops on a quarterly basis for the at-risk 6-10 year old students in the Cape Henlopen School District who participate in the Lewes After School Program held at Lewes Presbyterian Church. We continued that service on May 7 and 8 when **Connie Ballato** of Sun Glass Studio led the children in a class to make "Dreamcatchers" to give to their significant female caregiver for Mother's Day. Each child was given a fused rectangle of glass on which they painted a word or phrase that would have meaning for the person they were giving it to. Not surprisingly, most of them wrote of their love and thanks. They then strung the glass with fishing line, and slid on glass beads of all sizes, shapes and colors. The result was a beautiful "dreamcatcher" that sparkled with color.

This wonderful group of children (27 in all) is extremely appreciative of the art instruction they are presented with. If you have a project you would like to present to these kids, please contact Connie Ballato at treasurer@delawarebyhand.org. It only takes two hours of your time, for two consecutive days, to make a contribution that makes a difference in their lives.

If you have news you would like to share with DBH members about your art/craft activities and community outreach, please forward them to newsletter@dbh.org.

DBH YAHOO GROUP---WOULD YOU LIKE TO NETWORK WITH YOUR DBH FELLOW MEMBERS?

DBH maintains a web based Yahoo Group for the purpose of facilitating communication among our members. Group features include group email, personal photo albums to display your work, a files section to place shared documents such as show registrations and a calendar which will list dates for shows and other events. You're invited to join the Group. Registering is a two-step process. First you must register at Yahoo to get an ID. Then you can register for the DBH group. You retain the right to withdraw from the group at any time.

To obtain a Yahoo ID:

- Go to www.yahoo.com and click on "Free Mail: Sign Up" (in the right hand box)
- Fill in the required information and verify by typing in the letter/number configuration at the bottom. Be sure to fill in the "alternative email" box if you wish group emails to come to your regular email address. Otherwise they will come to your Yahoo email address.

To register for the DBH group:

- Go to www.yahoo.com and click on "Groups" in the left column
- Type "delawarebyhand" in the "Find a Yahoo Group" box, then on the next screen click on "Join This Group."
- On the next screen type your Yahoo ID and password and click on "Sign In." You will then be registered for the DBH group. In the future you will only have to take steps 1 and 3 above to get to the group site. Once there you will have access to all the group features.



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