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## Welcome New Members!

Click on the underlined names below to see the work of our newest members on DelawareByHand.org

[Gary Sontchi \(Ceramics\)](#), Wilmington

[Gary Pearson \(Metal\)](#), Milford

[Jeanne Mueller \(Painting\)](#), Ocean View

[Mary Anne Fontana \(Mixed Media\)](#), Townsend

[Katie Casale \(Jewelry\)](#), Bear

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[Linda Bolt \(Jewelry\)](#), Lewes

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[Martha Pileggi \(Painting\)](#), Milford

[Jacqueline Chmiel \(Jewelry\)](#), Harbeson

[Elaine Pataky \(Jewelry\)](#), New Castle

[Lorelei Meanor \(Mosaics\)](#), Lewes

## From the Board President

### Hello DBH Members and Friends!

66 degrees this morning and I am loving it! Yes I know the 100's are on their way next week but I will savor every minute of these cool humid free days in the hot shop!

The consensus is that the Members Day Show in the park in Lewes was a success despite the interesting mix of weather! We have already booked the park for the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend 2011.

Things the board is working on:

1) Fall Holiday event in Wilmington



- 2) DBH members featured on a Fall art loop in Wilmington
- 3) The Masters Video
- 4) RAL Masters show with invites
- 5) Updated website--just a few changes
- 6) Partnership with fellow art organizations

New members are joining DBH in some great numbers, please take a moment and look at the new member's work. I was amazed and excited looking at some of the images of our new members work. I printed out the member roster so I could have it to hand out when someone asks "hey do you know where I can find-----". I do my best to direct these future patrons to one of our talented members and I hope you will as well.

From what I see in my gallery, commissions are up and the production work sales are down. The impulse purchase price point has dropped considerably, however I do hear that shows are seeing better turnouts and sales are picking up. I hope this is true for all of you!

Please write about your experience at a show to share with the membership and send it to Connie so she can put it in the newsletter and we can all benefit.

Have a great Summer and as always any thoughts send them to me!

Deb Appleby

### Welcome New Board Member!

#### Marlene Sontchi

*Marlene is a native of the Delaware Valley and a current resident of Pike Creek in Wilmington DE. She retired from a career as a professional purchasing agent with extensive additional experience in marketing and sales. She is a self taught artist with interests in photography, painting and fabric art with a handbag focus. For Marlene, the design of the whole piece is important, but the art is in the details. Being one of the early Delaware By Hand member artists, she has a rooted interest in DBH and a passion for promoting the arts in Delaware.*

We thank Marlene for her commitment to promoting the artists and artisans in Delaware By Hand.

#### Speaking of new Board members . . .

If DBH is to continue, we need **you** to step up to the plate and volunteer to be a board member now.

We will be losing several Board members this year and are in need of new members. If you or someone you know might be interested and they are not an artist or artisan but have a love of the arts and crafts, please send their name to Connie Ballato and she will contact them for an interview.

- Terms are for three years.
- Monthly meeting in Dover usually the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
- Must serve on either the Finance, Program or Marketing committee.

- This is a working board and the candidate must have email.

## What's happening . . .



### DBH Masters and Friends to Exhibit at the Rehoboth Art League in Rehoboth, DE

The Rehoboth Art League in Rehoboth Beach, DE is hosting our DBH Master artists from October 15 through November 28, 2010. Each DBH Master will select one other DBH artist/artisan to exhibit with them at this event! Two-fer-one! We will be updating this information as details are finalized. You can also visit the Rehoboth Art League website at [www.rehobothartleague.org](http://www.rehobothartleague.org) for upcoming events.

### DBH Artists/Artisans to participate in the Wilmington Art Loop

This fall, many of our DBH artists/artisans will be showing their work in the popular Wilmington Art Loop. We will update this information as soon as we have dates and locations! Stay tuned . . .

## Call for Artists and Show Information

Hopefully you have been receiving my weekly "Call for Artists/Events" email. I hope this has been helpful to you and that you have found new opportunities to exhibit your work by using the information contained in the email. If you haven't been receiving the weekly emails, please make sure that you add [treasurer@delawarebyhand.org](mailto:treasurer@delawarebyhand.org) to your "safe senders" list.



Each week, DBH is bombarded with requests from organizations, members, and others to "pass on" information to our membership, and we have tried our best to send these on to you. Many of our members get this same information from different organizations multiple times, and it can really clog up your email boxes. In order to get this information to you in a timely manner and with minimal annoyance, I am consolidating these requests into ONE email per week (Friday) with the title of the event and the website or email address that you can click on to get more information about the event. We will not put the entire ad or text into the email--just a summary. You can pick and choose which ones you want to look at.

**If you would like to submit items to be included in this weekly email--please send them to [treasurer@delawarebyhand.org](mailto:treasurer@delawarebyhand.org) no later than each Thursday and I will do my best to include your information in the email.**

Connie Ballato

## DBH Spring Members Day Show




Forty-three DBH artists and artisans participated in the May 29 Members Day Show in the Zwaanendael Park in historic Lewes, Delaware! That is the best participation

than any of our other events.

Sales were as good as can be expected in this economy--some had many, some had few. But all said the location was absolutely beautiful--and the attendance was wonderful! The Lewes Farmers' Market opened that day, and there were lots of people in town all day long. It rained briefly while we were setting up and again later in the day--but that did not seem to deter the people or the sales.

We would like to make this an annual event for our DBH members, and the City of Lewes was very happy to have us there. We have already reserved the park for next year--Saturday, May 28 (Memorial Day Weekend), so mark your calendars for the event. We can fit about 45-50 artists in the park comfortably.



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