

ARTALK

Newsletter of the Wayne Center for the Arts

W.A.G.E.'S EARTH WALK AT WAYNE CENTER

More than 20 local artists are participating in the Wayne County Group Effort (W.A.G.E.) annual show that will fill the galleries of Wayne Center from Jan. 14, 2010 to Feb. 19. This year's theme is Earth Walk, and the works displayed include glass, clay, watercolors, oil-paint, metal, and fabric media.

According to Susan Shie, one of the founding members of the artists group that meets monthly, every piece is created for this unjuried exhibit, and the artists decide how their work fits into the theme. Shie likes the freedom of the exhibit.

"There is no group deciding what fits. There are no rules, no size or media



A Woman's Walkabout by WAGE member Sherrie Dennis is an acrylic on canvas painting that illustrates a woman's journey through life and the circles, both light and dark, of people she passes through in her lifetime.

restrictions for this show, so I enjoy seeing what people come up with," Shie explained.

This year's theme was decided in February, and at each monthly WAGE meeting since then, the artists have shared their works in-progress for it. This allows the artists to watch their peers' creative process.

WAGE will have both galleries, allowing the artists to submit more than one piece. Shie, known for her paintings on fabric is submitting one piece that is on three panels. Each panel focuses on President Obama's walk through the first year of his presidency, with his inauguration, his speech in Egypt and

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BEST OF OHIO DESIGNER CRAFTSMEN 2009

The Ohio Designer Craftsmen - The Best of 2009 traveling exhibit is on display now through December 19th. The exhibit features works in glass, metal, fiber, clay and wood by 77 artists and is sponsored by Ohio Designer Craftsmen (ODC) of Columbus, a nonprofit organization that promotes awareness and appreciation of fine craft.

Twelve artists were honored with awards of excellence in this, the ODC's 26th annual juried members' competition, including Wooster fiber artist Susan Shie. Her work, *The Food Scales/Justice: Card #11 in the Kitchen Tarot*, won the Quilt Surface Design International Ltd. Award.

The exhibit features 103 works in clay, glass, metal, wood, fiber and mixed media by 77 artists. Juror Wendy H. Outland, an independent curator, arts consultant and president of Who Knows Art, from Asheville, North Carolina, chose the work from over 332 entries by 131 artists.

"Within this group of selected images, some artists were chosen for their dedication to time-honored traditions, others for bucking all constraints and offering something new and refreshing," Outland commented.

"It is a challenging task to whittle down scores of images so the resulting exhibition (not too big, not too small) fits

neatly into a predetermined number of square feet," she added.

"Knowing that virtually two out of every three pieces must be eliminated, and that there needs to be a balance of scale and media, the juror sets to work. An enjoyable process for experienced visual arts administrators, this time it was particularly so because I had arrived from the Southeast and was unfamiliar with most of the artists. Try as we may to be impartial, jurors' brains still present background info about a known artist when we view his/her work."

Outland chose award winners as well: The \$1000 Challenge Award for Excellence—the exhibition's top prize—went to metals artists David and Roberta Williamson for a body of work.

"David and Roberta Williamson are outstanding in their field, the composition of every piece a marvel," Outland stated.

Ceramics artist William Brouillard of Cleveland received the Watkins Printing Poster Award for Excellence for *Red Octopus Fish Bowl*, and Toledo glass artist Monica Chapon received the Postcard Award for Excellence for *Some Days are Good*.

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Calendar of Events

*Best of 2009 -
Ohio Designer Craftsmen*
Gault Gallery &
Roberta Looney Workshop
November 12 - December 19

Little Women at Christmas
Storytime Family Theatre
performance
Wayne Center Auditorium
December 4 & 5

Wayne Center Children's Chorus
Holiday Concert
Performing Arts Center
Wooster High School
December 6

*Wayne Artists Group Effort
(WAGE)- Earth Walk* exhibit
Gault Gallery &
Roberta Looney Workshop
January 14, 2010 - February 19

Junior High School Exhibition
Gault Gallery &
Roberta Looney Workshop
February 20 - March 4

Mark Twain in Wooster exhibit
Gault Gallery
March 12 - April 10

*Beauty & the Beast
and Other Dances*
Wayne Center Ballet
Performing Arts Center
Wooster High School
March 19 & 20

Functional Ceramics exhibit
Roberta Looney Workshop
March 22 - April 17

Twain Tales
Storytime Family Theatre
performance
Wayne Center Auditorium
March 26 & 27

Functional Ceramics workshops
Wayne Center Auditorium
April 14 - 17

Senior High School Exhibition
Gault Gallery &
Roberta Looney Workshop
April 24 - May 6

From the Executive Director



The Wayne Center is alive with the Holiday spirit these days. "What?," you say. "There's no Nutcracker this year." Well, while we're not on our toes with the Sugar Plum Fairy, we are marking the season in many exciting ways. In fact, we began the Holidays with our participation in Window Wonderland, welcoming the season on November 20th. In addition to the amazing annual Wooster Potters Guild Holiday Sale, we decked the halls around the Center in a Victorian theme and served hot cider and caramel corn in the 19th Century-style. The decorations are up until Christmas so please stop in and see them, AND enjoy the great exhibition in our galleries, the Ohio Designer Craftsmen's *Best of 2009* from the Ohio Craft Museum in Columbus. The Children's Chorus also help light the community tree and participate in the carol sing on November 29 downtown.

You won't want to miss our Holiday triple play the weekend of December 4, 5 & 6th - - our Storytime Family Theatre's production of *Christmas with Little Women* in the Auditorium; the Wayne County Performing Arts Council's readers theatre production of *A Christmas Carol* at Freedlander Park's Chalet; and the Wayne Center Childrens Chorus Holiday Concert at the Wooster High's Performing Arts Center. Details are in this edition of *Artalk*. We hope to help make the season bright.

Also as the year comes to a close, I hope you'll remember the Wayne Center as a part of your year-end giving. Our Annual Fund Drive is closing in on its \$140,000 goal and we thank those of you who have already made your commitment. Remember that your donation to the Wayne Center spreads the good works of our organization throughout the county throughout the entire year. Donations can now also be made online at our website: www.wayneartscenter.org.

Please accept our wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season.

Robb Hyde
Executive Director

Board Member Profile



Erica Mathur & daughters
Ava and Sophia.

Erica was recently invited to join the board and is happy to serve the community and Wayne Center. Her daughters, Sophia, 5, and Ava, 2, attend many of the Wayne Center art and music classes, as well as the art camps.

"I have always been very impressed with the Arts Center programs," Erica said, "The Arts Center is such an asset for Wooster! It offers culture and also introduces a number of diverse hobbies and activities to many who might otherwise never be exposed to them."

Erica was an RN, but currently is a stay-at-home mom. Her husband is Kevin Mathur, an ENT physician in Wooster.

Erica hopes to contribute the perspective of a customer, whose young children attend Wayne Center programs.

"I hope to relay the sentiment that other moms of young children in the community have towards the Arts Center so that any new needs or concerns can be addressed," Erica said.

CHILDREN'S CHORUS CONCERT

Wayne Center's Children's Chorus, in partnership with Tri-County Educational Service Center, will present its annual Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 6, at 2:30 p.m. at Wooster High School Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Wayne Center.

Opening the concert will be the Cantare Choir, the entry level choir for grades two and three, directed by Judy Schlabach, with accompanist Megan Routh. Performing second will be the Cantabile Chorus, the apprentice choir of students in grades four through nine and directed by Suzanne Feltner, with Geoffrey Zimmerman as assistant director/accompanist. Among their selections are, "Stille, Stille, Stille," "The Old Grey Donkey,"

and "The Angel Gabriel." The Bel Canto Choir, an advanced choir made up of students in grades four through nine, is directed by Toni Arnold Shreve, with assistant director Elizabeth Nevola. "African Noel," "Riu Riu Chiu," and "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella" will be included in their portion of the Concert.

According to Gary DeVault, fine arts consultant for the Tri-County Educational Service Center and general manager of the Children's Chorus, the program provides a progressive choral music experience dedicated to the achievement of excellence in choral expression for children with unchanged voices in the Tri-County area. The chorus also benefits from the support of First Presbyterian Church, Wooster, which provides weekly rehearsal space for the Cantare and Cantabile Choruses.

HOLIDAY PARTNERSHIP WITH WACPAC

In partnership with Wayne Center and Wooster Department of Parks and Recreation, the Wayne County Performing Arts Council (WaCPAC) will perform a Readers Theatre version of *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens on December 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 12 at 4 & 8 p.m. The performances will be in the Chalet (by the pool) at Freeland Park located at 400 Hillside Dr., off of Burbank Rd. (SR 83) in Wooster.

The performance is sponsored by Long, Cook and Samsa and The Commercial & Saving Bank. Wassail (heated punch) and cookies will be served after the evening performances. Tickets are \$8 and are on sale now at all Wayne County Buehler's stores and at Wayne Center.

There will also be a Victorian Tea on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Chalet. Tea expert Wendy Fegley will discuss the teas being served, and Scrooge, Tiny Tim and Bob Cratchit will stop by. Pastries are being provided by Muddy Waters, Panera Bread and Tulipan Bakery. Decorations are being provided by Friendtique and CR Blooms Floral. Tickets for the tea are \$6, and \$12 for the tea and the 4 pm show, and can be purchased at Wayne Center.

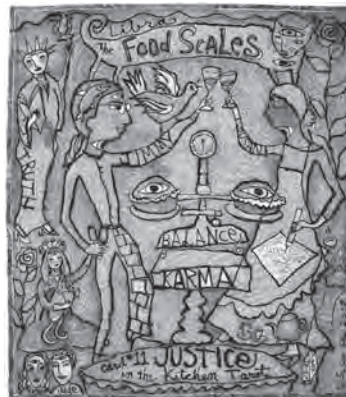
For more information about the show or tea, call Leslie Baus at 330-466-6360.

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Winners of cash awards are (name, title of work, award): Lisa Wilson, *Particle Wave No. 2*, Pamela Morris Thomford Award for Excellence in Metals; Mary Pearse, *Feeding Desire, To Have and To Hold*, and *One Pearl, Many Pleasures*, Jane H. Zimmerman Award for Excellence in Body of Work; Susanne Gregg, *The Gathering*, Ruth Lantz Award for Excellence in Fiber; Derek Reeverts, *Hen House*, Brian Lonsway Memorial Award for Humor in Craft; Sandra Gross, *Continuum*, Dominick Labino Memorial Award for Excellence in Glass; Caroline Kelley, *Leaf Bowl*, Barbara Robinson Award for Excellence in Traditional Craft; Sumiko Takada, *In-laid Vase #3*, Friends of Phyllis Clark Award for Excellence in Functional Ceramics; and Chelsey Radabaugh, *Reflections, Banded Cups Overseas*, and *Ephemeral Pleasures: Blue*, Emerging Craftsman Award.

Award winners were honored during the exhibition's opening reception on May 3 at the Ohio Craft Museum in Columbus.



Susan Shie's *The Food Scales/Justice*: Card #11 in the *Kitchen Tarot* won the Quilt Surface Design International Ltd. Award.

Volunteer Secures \$4,000 for Arts Center

Andrew Gettles, a Best Buy employee, earned \$4,000 for Wayne Center through the Best Buy TagTeam Award program, which recognizes the volunteer efforts of its employees by making a financial contribution to nonprofit organizations where employees offer their leadership, expertise and time.

Gettles and his wife, Dana, worked at the Nutcracker Tea in 2008. In 2009, Dana was in charge of the Little Mermaid Tea, and Gettles not only helped set up, decorate, and clean up, he also took photos, printing them on his own printer (the ink cartridges were donated by Best Buy).

The Gettles' daughter Chloe, 7, has been in Wayne Center Ballet since age 4 and was a Mouse in 2008's *Nutcracker*.

WAGE

receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in Norway.

The exhibit also includes work by Sherrie Dennis, whose painting, *A Woman's Walk-about*, started as a small paper collage and was transformed into an acrylic on canvas painting measuring 12' x 18'.

Artist Lisa Wagoner, will present watercolors, a wool felted piece and a quilt all inspired by the raising of her family family, which she says is the most significant part of her Earth Walk.

WAGE's own Earth Walk began in 1986, when Shie first gathered a group of local artists to discuss the creative process. What started as weekly brown bag lunches attended by a few people, has become a monthly gathering of more than 20 artists from various counties and with different skill levels and careers.

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Comments, suggestions and submissions may be directed to the Executive Director, Robb Hyde, at 330-264-ARTS; via fax: 330-264-9314; via mail: 237 South Walnut Street, Wooster, OH 44691; or you can send an e-mail to Robb Hyde at: robbhyde@wayneartscenter.org

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CHRISTMAS WITH LITTLE WOMEN

Wayne Center's Storytime Family Theatre will perform *Christmas with Little Women* on Friday, December 4th at 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 5th at 2 p.m. in the Wayne Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5-12, 4 and younger are free. They may be purchased in advance or at the door at the Wayne Center.

The beloved characters of Louisa May Alcott's classic novel *Little Women* come to life in this charming portrait of two holiday seasons. The initial holiday is marred by the receipt of a telegram from the War Department. Father, while serving as a chaplain in the Union Army, lies ill in Washington. Mrs. March must leave to care for him. However, a year later, it is a joyous occasion for the Little Women indeed. Jo sells her first story to a newspaper. Meg is in love and is engaged. Excitement abounds when Amy gets an opportunity to go to Europe. Most importantly, Father is healthy again and is coming home on the evening train! This heartwarming story is truly in keeping with the joyous holiday season.

"You may remember reading *Little Women* when you were younger or the story may be new to you," said Lisa Zemancik, education coordinator at the Arts Center. "Either way you will love the characters of Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy. *Christmas with Little Women* is a great family classic that you won't want to miss."

Christmas with Little Women is directed by sisters Anna & Chelsea Barrios, Wayne Center instructors in music and drama.

Featured in the production are: Samantha Schabitzer as Meg; Lacey Shaw as Jo; Michaela Barrios as Beth; Ana Schmidt as Amy; Dennis Steffen as Laurie; Todd Schaffter as John Brooke; Gillian Culbertson as Mrs. March; Brooke Courtemanche as Aunt March; and Melissa Raber as Hannah.

Chorus members are: Alisha Stage, Lindsey Schaffter, Morgan Schaffter, Jenna Lepley, Anneliese Wagoner



The cast of *Christmas with Little Women*.