

JANUARY 2012 OUTLOOK ON THE ARTS by NEDRA FISHER

‘Lilium by Parise’ an exhibition of photography by Paula Clark Nettleton from January 4-31, is the premier gallery show at Art Reach on Broadway for 2012. This gifted artist graduated from the Kendall School of Design and has a wide range of expertise including painting, graphite, pen and ink, and fabric art. Paula states, “My inspiration has always come from that which is continually creating and recreating ... nature. Photography now has me seeing the world through different eyes, focusing less on creating art from what I see, than on discovering the art that is already there. I am learning to see-in-the-moment, so as to capture the fleeting image that appears for a mere second and then changes forevermore.” Please join us at a reception in the Gallery for this fine artist on Thursday, January 5 from 5-7 p.m. The title does need a bit of explanation. All of the photos are of lilies. There are a number of species represented, but the genus for lilies is *lilium*. The flowers in this series were grown by a man whose last name is Parise ... like Paris but with an e ... grew the flowers (try to explain that to the spell-check on your computer).

At noon on Wednesday, January 4 our Let’s do Lunch program will feature the Acoustic Guitar duo, Ray Davies and Tho He. Davis earned his bachelor’s degree in classical guitar from Grand Valley State and his MEd from Umass, Boston. He teaches classical guitar at Grand Rapids colleges, Cambridge, MA, Greenville, MI and from his studio in Mt. Pleasant. Tao He has been playing guitar since he was a 10 year-old student in Nanning, China. He continued his education in Brisbane, Australia and Western Kentucky U. and has participated in numerous classical guitar masters classes throughout the U.S. The two met at a Classical Guitar Workshop at Grand Valley State U. and decided to form a duo. On the 4th, they will perform music by Bream, Williams, and a wide variety of classical, romantic, Spanish, and contemporary music. This program is free and open to the public. Just bring your lunch and a love of fine music. Cookies and water are provided courtesy of Meijer, Inc., Mt. Pleasant.

The Day With the Artists at T. S Nurnberger Middle School in St. Louis on December 16 was a great success thanks to Pat Knapp who organized the entire event. Students and teachers learned about the techniques of creating art through pastels with Andrea Hoffmeister, Watercolor with Deborah Rutkowski, clay with Barbara Taylor, caricature with Eddie Jackson, quilting and its use in the Underground Railroad with Juanity Netzley and Vickie Monroe, sketching with Julie Anderson, creating cartoons with computers with Angela Starry, and origami with SLHS students Brooke Hipolite, Dana Best, and Ashley Byers. The Academy of Performing Arts had the students learning the art of dance, while the Children’s Theater and Gratiot Players Theater with Justine Defever discussed the actor’s role in the arts. To explore the art of music, Al Bartholomew, a community musician, used a computer, a keyboard and a projector to create new songs each session, while Don Metcalf and Doyle Wood introduced a computer program called “Garage Band” and played for them. The school and teachers provided a delicious lunch, when the artists took a break at noon. It was a wonderful way to spend the last day of school before Christmas vacation!

The 2012 Winter Adult Classes at Art Reach include:

- Introduction to Adult Drawing Class with Dorota Lagida-Ostling. Eight week session on Mondays, January 16-March 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. An introduction to various drawing media and techniques while exploring concepts of value, light, form, and space.
- Beginning Painting with Paula Clark Nettleton. Eight week session on Tuesdays, January 17-March 13 from 6-8 p.m. You will enjoy the creative process of working with acrylics as you explore the basic instruction in composition, drawing, and color theory with Paula.
- Chinese Watercolor with Jamie Hui Zhang. Eight week session on Thursdays, January 19-March 15 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Students will learn basic Chinese watercolor techniques. Flowers and birds are the best subjects to start with, using rice paper and animal-hair brushes.
- Rag Rug Making with Amy Shindorf. Four week session on Wednesdays January 19-February 9 from 6-8 p.m. Rag rugs are colorful and fun to make. They are great decoration to add color and warmth to your room. Amy will teach you step-by-step techniques to create your own rug.
- Beginning Watercolor Class with Carole Howard. Six week session on Wednesdays, January 25-March 7. Learn the basics to develop strong values, create various textures, and expand your knowledge of composition while discovering your own style.
- Clay Workshop I: Mask Making with Barbara Taylor. Two week session on Tuesdays, January 17 and 31 from 5:15-7:15 p.m. at Claymates Studio, 911 Mulberry Lane, Mt. Pleasant. Workshop will teach students, whether new to working with clay or not, techniques of hand building and glazing functional and decorative clay creations.

Winter Children's Classes at Art Reach include:

- Kids Day Off. Monday, January 16 from 9:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Ages 6-12
A fun day of creative arts at Art Reach Your student will explore numerous projects and activities throughout the day. Lunch is provided. Space limited.
- Children's Beginner Drawing Class with Kari Chrenka. Eight week session on Mondays, January 16-March 12 from 4:15-6 p.m. for ages 6-12. Students will learn about the basics of drawing, composition, perspective, still life, construction, pointillism, self portrait creation and more. All supplies included.
- Children's Clay Class with Donna Hoff-Grambau. Four week session on Wednesdays, January 18-February 8 from 4:15-6 p.m. for ages 6-12. Students will explore the basics of hand building clay to make a work of art and make functional pots as well as sculptural forms. Your child will build confidence in their creativity both technically and aesthetically. All supplies are included.

For more information on classes, call Art Reach at 989-773-3689 or check our e-mail at www.artreachcenter.org

There will only be 333 banners available for the 2012 Festival of Banners. Applications for entries are due by February 17, so sign up soon!