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MARCH 7 – "MOVING ON" EXHIBIT OPENING
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APRIL 11 – GRAND OPENINGS!! OUR NEW SPACE
& "IMPRESSIONS OF NEWARK" EXHIBIT



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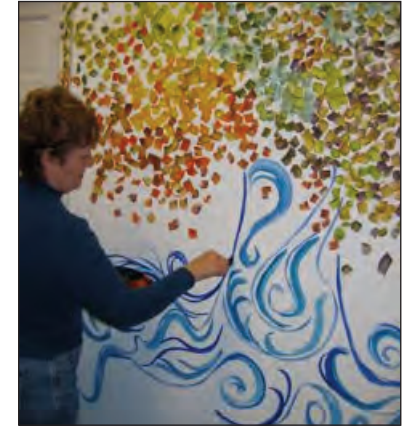
ARTFORMS

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2008

Paint Your Art Out: The NAA's way of saying goodbye!

"Paint Your Art Out," the final event at our old location at 100 Elkton Road, left the Grainery Station space more beautiful than we found it! The artists who showed up decorated the walls with Pollock-esque dribbles, a doodle, trees and flowers – even a troll! (Visit the Web site to see all the artwork.)

Now all our "stuff" is sitting in a storage space while the interior work is completed at our new address: 276 East Main Street, Suite 102, Newark, DE 19711. Groups of volunteers tackled cleaning sanding, sweeping, scraping, spackling, painting, and trips to the dumpster in recent weeks.



May Myer painted a beautiful "wave tree"

Grand Opening in April

While we hope to open our doors in time for the "Moving On" show in March, the official Grand Opening is set to coincide with the opening reception for the "Impressions of Newark" exhibit, our tribute to the city's 250th anniversary. That's on Friday, April 11, from 6-9 p.m.

(For details on entering your work in either or both shows, see the "Call to Artists" page.)

The day after the opening, Saturday, April 12, our 250 sculpture will be part of the city's anniversary parade. Check the "What's



Kristina Watkins gets the message out

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The Newark Arts Alliance is a locally supported cultural non-profit organization. Our mission is to provide the citizens of greater Newark with the opportunity to explore and display their creativity, as well as participate in cultural events that build community. We provide the means to celebrate life through all forms of artistic diversity.

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“Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent.”

– Victor Hugo

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Up With the NAA” page to see how you can be part of this project.

In the meantime, our contact info is still the same.

Phone: 302-266-7266

E-mail: info@newarkartsalliance.org

Web site: www.newarkartsalliance.org

In between newsletters, we’ll post updates on the Web site, or you can get NAA updates delivered direct to your e-mail box. Just call or e-mail and ask to be added to the list.



Last week, demolition at the Grainery Station was almost complete, with only the front sidewalk and a bit of the foundation remaining of our old location. Imagine the surprise when someone who hasn't heard about our big move stops by to pick up a little something at the Gallery Shop ...

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Contact Terri Gillespie,
302-456-1372 or
swingsambasoul@gmail.com.

What's Up With the NAA

Who's given to the annual campaign? There's still time to add your name to this list! Here's who has made a contribution to the NAA Annual Campaign so far:

Deborah Barr, Nancy Breslin & Peter Caws, Ann Brown, Carol Boncelet, Doris H. Crowley, Alida Cutts, Terry Foreman & John Crowther, Jacalyn Fossler, Caffé Gelato, dianne lee Goodell, Stanley Hajec, Pat & Fran Hart, Debbie & Steve Hegedus, Herman's Quality Meat Shoppe, Caryn & Gordon Hetherston, John & Karen Hornor, Chet Javorsky, Beverly & David Lawrence, Susan & Bruce Logan, Joan & Jim March, Ray & Marilyn Magnani, Wallace H. McCurdy, Jr., Susan McKenna, Lucy C. Moise, Agnes Morris, National 5 & 10, Palmer & Lebowitz, Maria Papoutsakis, Elizabeth M. Perse, Barbara A. Platx, Jerry & Peggy Schultz, Joy & Ed Schweizer, AT & DW Smith, Jeffrey A. Smith, Laura Spencer, Deborah Stelling, Bruce Tucker, Judy Villamarin, Doug Wasgatt, Tom & Laura Way, and Susan & Terry Wrightson in honor of Gertrude Wrightson.

The big question in local poetry: DelaWhere? Poetry is alive and well in Newark, despite the fact that Word Dancing is no longer. The local group has reorganized, joining with its fellow poets in the DelaWhere? Wilmington group to become DelaWhere? Newark.

While the NAA is relocating, the Newark reading is being held Tuesdays from 8-10 p.m. at Central Perk on Main Street. The weekly events include readings by featured poets, workshops, and slams. The cover is \$3. The sessions are suggested for age 15 and up due to occasional language and subject matter.

The Wilmington group's events, held on Wednesdays, include: February 6 – Open Mic and feature: The Klute; February 13 – Open Mic and Slam; February 27 – Open Mic and feature: Jared Paul.

Check their joint Web site at www.delawhere.org for more information. The Slam Master for Newark is Margie Bello, 302-290-5881.

Dates set for tastings. The schedule has been set for the 2008 series of "spirited soirées," our wine and beer tastings. They're held on Fridays from 7-9 p.m.

- April 25 – wine tasting during the "Impressions of Newark" show celebrating the city's 250th anniversary
- August 1 – beer tasting (with pretzels) during the Fifth Annual Open Members Show

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Spotlight on Community Arts



The City of Newark's official 250th anniversary print is now on sale. The original painting, commissioned to celebrate this important event, is the work of contemporary folk artist Carol Dyer, a longtime resident of the Washington DC area. She has created similar works for towns all along the East Coast.

Signed 22-inch by 30-inch prints are \$100; unsigned are \$50. They can be purchased at the NAA when we reopen, with 50% of sales benefiting our organization. If you need one sooner, they're also available in the Planning Department at the city building, 220 Elkton Road, and in Mayor Vance Funk's law office at 273 East Main Street.

Exhibit shines at Biggs. The Biggs Museum of American Art in Dover has scheduled a number of events and programs in connection with its "Delaware Silver" exhibit, which runs from March 5-June 29. The highlight is the permanent installation of The Colonel Kenneth P. and Regina I. Brown Collection of Delaware Silver at the museum.

This collection encompasses work by 40 of approximately 44 known Delaware silver makers from the 17th to mid-19th centuries, and features costume objects, militaria, table wares, commemorative wares, and tea and coffee services.

In addition, there is a loan exhibition, "Masters in Our Midst," which brings together work by some of the most exceptional silver

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The hollow plywood letters were built by carpenter Mark Rahn for a rock-bottom price of \$200. The 2 and the 0 are five feet high; the 5 is six feet. All are about four feet wide and one foot deep. They'll be covered with white canvas before the items are applied.

Want to be part of this project? Here's how.

- Help create the artwork. Just send an e-mail to info@newarkartsalliance.org and we'll keep you posted about work sessions.
- Contribute photocopies (not originals) of your artwork, writings, news clippings, advertisements – anything that says "Newark" to you. Bring or mail them to the NAA at our new address. Slide the envelope through the slot in the door or mailbox.



NAA Art Loop. Interested in exhibiting your work on the Newark Art Loop? The loop, sponsored by the NAA, is held on a monthly basis at several locations on and near Main Street, including Blue Bamboo Healing Arts Studio, Adria Café, You've Been Framed, Main Street Florist, Hardcastle Gallery, Sinclair's Café, Central Perk, Home Grown Café, Brewed Awakenings, Gecko Fashions, and Caffè Gelato. The spaces will accommodate approximately 12 pieces. Contact Pamela Skwish at 302-731-9289 for details.

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Becky Siple (left), Isabel Crowther, and Zach Siple give painting their art out a big "hand"!

Call to Artists

NAA exhibits. The new gallery space is tentatively scheduled to open in March with **“Moving On,”** an open, juried show on the theme of transitions and new beginnings.

The proposed drop-off for work is the weekend of March 2-4. Watch the Web site or get on the e-mail list for updates. The opening reception is set for Friday, March 7, from 7-9 p.m. The exhibit runs through April 5.

“Impressions of Newark,” an exhibit that ties in with the celebration of the city’s 250th anniversary, will be our Grand Opening show at the new location. Drop-off dates are April 4-7, and the opening reception is Friday, April 11, from 6-9 p.m. The show runs through May 10.

There is a submission fee of \$5 per piece for NAA exhibits. Please visit the “Exhibits” section of the Web site for other guidelines.

NAA & Caffé Gelato sponsor exhibit and wine dinner. The NAA will be part of two special events designed to celebrate the opening of an additional dining area at Caffé Gelato on Main Street. In April, the NAA will put on an art exhibit at the restaurant, and a special wine dinner will be held, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the NAA.

About 20 pieces will be included in the show. NAA members interested in being featured can submit up to three pieces of framed, 2-D work, ready to hang, labeled with their name, phone number, title of work, medium, and price. The drop-off dates are March 21-26 at the NAA. The submission fee is \$5 per piece.

The work will be juried by Michael Brock, owner of Hardcastles Gallery. The exhibit will be displayed throughout April. Work will be available for purchase by contacting the artist directly. A 20% commission to the NAA is requested on sales.

The wine dinner is set for Sunday, April 6, at 5 p.m. About \$20 of the \$49-per-person cost will benefit the NAA. Watch for details about the menu and reservations!

For more information, contact Terry Foreman, 302-266-7266 or terryforeman58@comcast.net.

This project’s got your number. The NAA is celebrating Newark’s 250th anniversary this year by creating sculptures of a huge 2-5-0, each number decoupled with city memorabilia. They’ll be part of our “Impressions of Newark” show in April, appear in various public places, and take a ride on a float in the anniversary parade.

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by Delaware smiths from private and public collections across the country.

The February and March events include:

- “An Evening of Artful Dining” on Friday, February 29, at 6 p.m., featuring a Delaware-themed dinner; music by the First State Strings; a public lecture by Don Fennimore, author of *Delaware Silver*; and a preview of the exhibit.
- a free Biggs Kids program on silver jewelry for children ages 5-10 on Saturday, March 1, from 2-3:30 p.m.
- the opening reception on Wednesday, March 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- “Silver 101” with Ryan Grover, Biggs Museum Curator, on Wednesday, March 26, at 5:30 p.m.

For details on these items, reservations, and a look at the April and May schedule, visit www.biggsmuseum.org or call 302-674-2111.

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- October 24 – food and wine event to complement our "Feast Your Eyes" show

Two easy ways to benefit the NAA. Donate through United Way and designate the NAA as your charity of choice. We’re a “write-in only” recipient of funds, so you need to either use our organization number (9533) or specify the Newark Arts Alliance.

You can also shop online through iGive.com, and each store listed in its “mall” gives back a percentage of your purchases as a donation. Our ID number is 315907.

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“Moving On” exhibit

Opening reception (proposed): Friday, March 7 @ 7-9 p.m.

Watch the Web site for updates

NAA/Caffé Gelato Art Exhibit & Wine Dinner

Dinner: Sunday, April 6 @ 5 p.m.

Info & reservations: 302-266-7266

Exhibit: April 1-30

Grand Opening & “Impressions of Newark” exhibit reception

Friday, April 11 @ 6-9 p.m.

NAA ART GROUPS

Call the contact person for information on where these groups will be meeting until the NAA reopens.

Loose Threads – Artists Group

Fiber arts, painting, jewelry & more
3rd Wed. @ 7 p.m.

Info: Laura Spencer, 302-453-1351

NAA Advisory Committee

2nd Wed. @ 6 p.m.

NAA Board of Directors

Call the NAA for date & location

NAA Exhibition Gallery Committee

1st Mon. @ 5:30 p.m.

Info: Maureen Kamerick,
302-453-8866

NAA Gallery Shop Committee

4th Wed. @ 7 p.m.

Info: Jeff Smith, 302-368-1089

NAA Painting Group

1st & 3rd Wed. @ 9:30 a.m.-noon

Bring your own supplies

Info: Pamela Skwish, 302-731-9289

DelaWhere? Newark Poetry Group

Tuesdays @ 8-10 p.m. – \$3 cover

Central Perk (until NAA reopens)

Suggested for age 15 & up

Info: www.delawhere.org or

302-290-5881

NEWARK ART SCENE

Brandywine Friends of Old Time

Music Concerts

Fridays @ 8 p.m.

February 26 – Claire Lynch Band

March 7 – Bluegrass Double Header:

Blue Daze & The Tuesday Mountain

Boys

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Info & tickets: 302-635-3001 or

www.brandywinefriends.org

Chapel Street Players

“How I Learned to Drive”

February 22, 23 & 29 @ 8 p.m.

Chapel Street Playhouse

Info & tickets: 302-368-2248 or

www.chapelstreetplayers.org

Delaware Accordion Club

3rd Sun. @ 2-5 p.m.

First State Diner

Info: 302-738-7378 or

www.delawareaccordionclub.com

Newark Free Library

“Harp Music From the Emerald Isle”

Sunday, March 16 @ 3 p.m.

Info: 302-731-7550 or

www.nccdelib.org/newark

Newark International Folkdancers

No partner necessary

Fri. @ 8 p.m.

George Wilson Community Center

Info: 302-737-7321 or

Ismat@udel.edu

Newark Open Bluegrass/Oldtime Jam

Any skill level, bring instruments

Thurs. @ 7:30-10 p.m.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Newark Symphony Orchestra

“Pictures of Promise”

Sunday, March 9 @ 3 p.m.

Loudis Recital Hall, Univ. of DE

Info & tickets: 302-369-3466

www.newarksymphony.org

Scottish Country Dancing

No charge, no partner necessary

Mondays @ 7:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Info: 302-368-2318

University of Delaware

1) Full Fathom Five Woodwind Quintet

Saturday, February 23 @ 3-5 p.m.

Bayard Sharp Hall

2) “Seussical”

Sunday, February 24 @ 2 p.m.

Mitchell Hall

3) Faculty Jazz Concert

Thursday, February 28 @ 8-10 p.m.

Loudis Recital Hall

4) Limbeck featuring John

Ralston, House of Fools and Atlas

Friday, February 29 @ 7 p.m.

Bacchus Theater

5) Chorale Concert

Friday, February 29 @ 8-10 p.m.

Loudis Recital Hall

ARTS IN THE AREA

All Delaware unless otherwise listed

Delaware Theatre Company

“Mary’s Wedding”

February 27-March 16

Wilmington

Info: www.delawaretheatre.org

Delaware Valley Chorale

“Music From a Time of Darkness”

Sunday, March 9 @ 3 p.m.

baby grand, Wilmington

Info & tickets: 302-652-5577 or

www.grandopera.org

“In Harmony” Music Series

Saturdays @ 7 p.m.

February 23 – Harry Spencer Trio

March 29 – McDermott’s Handy

Schwartz Center for the Arts, Dover

Info: 302-736-2467 or 302-760-4911

Schwartz Center Films

Wednesdays & Sundays @ 7 p.m.

February 20 & 24 – “August Rush”

Schwartz Center for the Arts, Dover

Info: 302-678-5152



Once Jeff Smith (right) started a Jackson Pollock-style painting, everyone wanted to give it a try!