



Winter Happenings

Genesee Center for the Arts & Education

Extra Special Visiting Artists

David MacDonald

The year began on a high note as we were able to bring you *two* visiting artists. Syracuse University Professor Emeritus David MacDonald spent a day at Genesee Pottery demonstrating the process he uses to create his large-scale platters and bowls. A rapt audience studied his technique, which includes using a wooden mallet to pound out the clay, and his painstaking process of carving intricate patterns on the surface of the piece in his signature style. MacDonald's recent works were on display in the Firehouse Gallery that month.

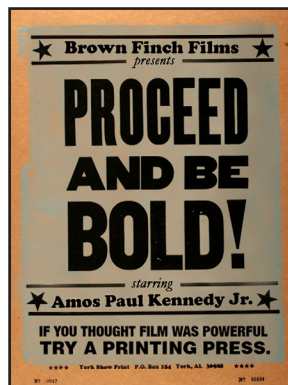


Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr.

Letterpress artist Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr. visited us from Gordo Alabama and – in typical fashion – Rochester greeted him with a snowstorm. Lucky for us he brought his cold-weather gear and conducted two separate workshops full of eager participants.



The events also included two screenings of the feature-length documentary film “Proceed and Be Bold!” at Frederick Douglass Resource Center and the University of Rochester, in which Amos stars as the subject. Three separate exhibits and sales of his provocative posters rounded out his visit.



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Great Bowls of Fire!

About 300 hungry locals descended on our old Firehouse last November to warm their bellies with Rochester's finest chili. The 7th Annual Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cook-Off provided an afternoon of food, drinks, music, prizes and fellowship. Hand-made bowls by Genesee Pottery artists were filled, scraped clean, and filled again with samples of chili from a dozen local restaurants. Sticky Lips BBQ, The Owl House, and India House all took home top honors as chosen by voters in the blind taste-test.

Live music from the Nate Rawls Band and young duo Tin Can Set provided the perfect musical backdrop. Fundraisers such as this one help keep our non-profit center operating and we thank everyone who bought a ticket and joined in the fun! Extra special thanks to all our volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the event a success. We can't wait to do it again next year!



Spring Class Highlights

Box Making

Tuesdays: April 26 - June 14
7 - 9:30 pm

Come learn how to make simple hinged boxes for storage, lidded boxes for display or small objects. Learn the famous archival clam-shell box- perfect for keeping safe old books or documents. We will cover these structures and more in this 8 week class! All materials and tools included as a part of the class fee.

Night Photography

Wednesdays: June 1, 8, 15, 22
7:30 - 10:30 pm

Explore various aspects of photographing at twilight and at night. Using color slide or black and white film or digital, students will shoot outdoors as a group at various locations. Topics will include use of filters, tripod, cable release, how to calculate exposures using a hand-held light meter, use of flash for fill and special effects, and various compositional aspects of shooting after dark. Work will be shared at the last class. Students must have basic camera skills.

Mosaics Workshop

Wednesdays: May 4, 11, 18
6:30 - 9:30 pm

Instructor Jill Gussow will teach the basics of mosaics - from breaking and laying out the pattern to grouting. Appropriate materials for different conditions, a bit of history and basic design concepts will be discussed. Be prepared for an addictive and meditative experience. Supplies will be provided. Jill Gussow created the beautiful East End mosaic in downtown Rochester. Check out her website: www.jillgussow.com

Get in on the Action at our Annual Auction: April 9th

Plans for the next Annual Auction and Carnival are in place! Mark your calendars Saturday April 9th for an evening with the arts. Dance to live music, sip a glass of wine, eat great food, and place a winning bid on that piece of art that you just *have* to bring home with you! Tickets to this semi-formal event are \$50 and available for purchase online, by phone, and at Wegman's "That's The Ticket" counters.

Poetry, Pottery, and Paper

The feeling of creative energy soared throughout the Arts Center as we played host to a kids camp this past summer. In a joint program with Writers & Books, a dozen elementary-schoolers put their creativity to the test as they learned how to write haikus, draw on clay, make paper, crank a letterpress, and more! The results are a handmade clay book and handmade paper book full of their original pieces of writing. On the last day of camp, the kids felt like real artists as they read their poems and presented a gallery of completed work to an audience of their parents. New friendships were formed and a sense of accomplishment could be felt in every child. We look forward to organizing a similar camp for budding young artists this summer.



Community Darkroom hosts Studio 678 Photo Club for its 13th Consecutive Year

The 13th year of Studio 678 Photo Club has been anything but unlucky (discounting one incident with a broken school bus!) with fun field trips and special guests. Studio 678 is a free after school photography program for 30 students in grades 6-8 at Wilson Foundation Academy. Students learn to use a 35mm camera, make their own black & white prints in the darkroom, compose writing to accompany their photographs, and mat and frame their prints for exhibition. Photo Club members travelled to Mt.

Hope Cemetery, Village Gate, Genesee Country Museum, and countless more cultural attractions around Rochester and the Finger Lakes region to gain experience in shooting on-location.

In January, we had special visits from Slam High Poetry Team, a local group of poets who have received national recognition for their performances. The poets worked with the students to help them write a poem about themselves. A local musician who writes positive socially-conscious hip hop, rap and R&B also helped the students with their writing.

Our 8th grade Photo Club students will have their work displayed in "A Photographers Path" Exhibit March 20 - April 29, and all of the students will be honored during an awards ceremony and presentation at City Hall April 8. Please check our online calendar for details.



Upcoming Exhibits & Events

March 4

Winter Blooms

A mixture of functional ceramics and sculptural wall pieces. Giselle Hicks and Kayla Stein earned their MFA degrees at Alfred University. Runs through March 27.

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Members' Exhibit:

Latest work from Printing & Book Arts members. Runs through April 30.

March 20

14th Annual "A Photographer's Path" Reception

High Falls Fine Art Gallery

This is a regional photography exhibition featuring photographs by over 100 area artists of all ages including eleven 8th grade members of Studio 678. Runs through April 29.

April 1

College Clay Collective

The best in college ceramics at the Firehouse Gallery at Genesee Pottery. Juried by Kathy King, instructor at the office for the Arts Ceramics Program at Harvard College. Runs through April 23.

April 8

Studio 678 Awards Ceremony and Exhibition Reception

City Hall 6:30-8:30 pm

All Photo Club members will showcase their work in a multimedia slideshow. Includes awards ceremony and gift presentation. Hosted by Norma Holland of 13Wham News, this celebrates the hard work and creativity of Wilson Foundation Academy Photo Club students.

* Dates are subject to change. Please check our website for our up-to-date gallery schedule. All exhibits are at Genesee Center building unless noted otherwise.

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COMMUNITY DARKROOM

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Office & Gallery:

Monday: 9a.m. - 9:30p.m.

Tues - Thursday: 9 - 6:30

Friday: closed

Saturday: 10 - 5:30

Sunday: 11 - 3:30

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Office:

Monday-Friday: 9 - 5

Firehouse Gallery:

Monday - Friday: 11 - 5

Saturday: 12 - 5

Closed Sunday

Art For All People

Our Mission

At the Genesee Center for the Arts & Education, we believe that a positive art experience can change a person's life. We are a community-based not-for-profit that educates, encourages and inspires all people to create and enjoy the visual arts.

About the Center

Established in 1970, The Genesee Center for the Arts and Education is located in an historic firehouse, built in 1895-1905. We are the only community visual arts center located within the City of Rochester.

The Genesee Center for the Arts & Education offers programs in all of our visual arts areas: Community Darkroom, Genesee Pottery, and the Printing and Book Arts Center. We offer youth programs, classes and workshops, rent studio space to individuals and exhibit work in our galleries. Anyone may take classes, though you must be a member to use some of the facilities.

The Genesee Center for the Arts & Education is an Institutional Member of the National Guild for Community Arts Education.

How You Can Help

To keep class prices low and access available, cash donations from supporters are always appreciated. Or go online at www.geneseearts.org