



“RELEASE” a show by Mary DeWitt

by Pat MacAteer

Recently, the Lebanon Valley Council on the Arts (LVCA) hosted the art show, “Release.” Mary DeWitt, a Philadelphia artist, brought her well known show to Lebanon for August and September. Sponsored by F.O.R.E (Female Offender Re-Entry Program), the striking art work at the Council’s building on Willow Street brought many local dignitaries and a diverse population to see the exhibition’s opening on August 7th. Also, the Council hosted individual groups such as a HACC class, a book club, and a seminar during the show’s two months at LVCA. Individuals came from surrounding counties to see the show. Comments ranged from “outstanding art” to “so sad for these women.” The show definitely promoted dialogues on women in prison and their reentry into the regular world. If one wants more information on the show, the *Merchandiser* on September 16, 2015 did an exceptional article. Also, Google Mary DeWitt to hear dialogs about her paintings. All in all, Mary DeWitt’s show provided a fantastic experience for us at LVCA and a big thank you to F.O.R.E.

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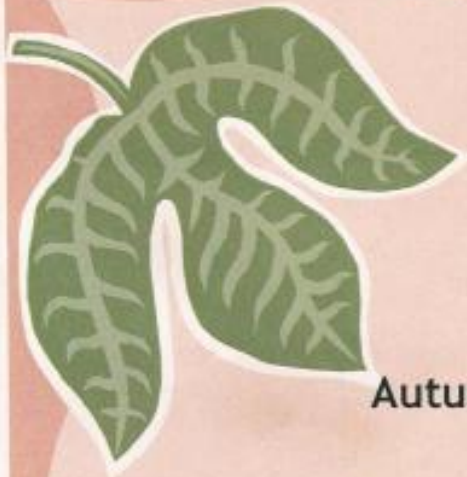
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Autumn Brunch at the Arts Council

October 25, 2015 11am to 2 pm

734 Willow Street, Lebanon, PA Call 273-0033 or email lebanonartscouncil@gmail.com for more information

Sit down to a hearty brunch of assorted breakfast casseroles and quiche, Danish and homemade pastries, scones, tea, coffee and fruit drinks.

Suggested donation: \$12.00 adults; children 7-12: \$8.00

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President's Letter

Crisp mornings and short evenings serve as a daily reminder that summer has slipped away. This summer was busy with kid's camp in August. Mimi Shapiro kept more than a dozen kids active with paper, pencils and other art tools. They ended camp by writing, illustrating, and performing a skit for the parents.

This summer, the youth from Youth Advocate worked on the mural project as well as maintained the back yard. Some kids were more interested in pulling weeds and mowing lawn with our "Amish" (reel) mower than painting, which was mutually beneficial.

In August, the "Release" show by Artist Mary DeWitt brought many visitors. She extended her loan of the paintings through September, so we could accommodate visitation requests by various groups. Mary portrays the reality of women in Pennsylvania serving life sentences without parole through vivid, dramatic paintings. Over the past 30 years, Mary developed close friendships with many of these women, and her heart and soul are evidenced in the brushstrokes. Several people reported feeling enriched and educated by the various discussions generated in their group. From book club to psychology class to art student, Mary painted a challenge and a lesson for each viewer.

This fall, we are looking forward to the Autumn Brunch, beginning watercolor classes, the Zombie Walk, Soup Night and Christkindle Market. Ladies' Night continues each second Thursday of the month. We are working on opening the Art Resource Studio, which will serve youth and families who face health/mental health challenges by offering a community based opportunity to come together and create art. We would love to see you at one of our events this fall.

Sharon Zook

Calendar of Events

1st Friday of every month - Artwalk

2nd Thursday of every month - Ladies Night
except July 2015

3rd Thursday of every month - Board
Meeting

3rd Saturday of every month - Celtic Music
Session

October 25 - Autumn Brunch

November 6 - (Friday) Zombie Artwalk

November 12 - Ladies' Night

December 5 - (Saturday) KristKindleMart

Mural Project 2015

by Sharon Zook

This past year, LVCA initiated a mural project. Collaborations with Youth Advocate, South Sixth St. Playground, and Halcyon led to an idea becoming a reality. This summer, the Youth Advocate group, organized by Jason Gonzales worked each week on priming 4' x 8' panels, then sketching the design and painting the perspective drawing of a cityscape. First Friday of September, the group exhibited their urban themed mural, "Whenever you find the world against you..." at the new tourist center beside the market. A total of seventeen youth and 2 former clients participated in the project. They are starting a sequel to mural this fall. Meanwhile at the South Sixth St. Playground, Vania Hardy led a group of kids in painting a 25 ft. wide mural of "Hot air balloons in flight". Over a dozen kids participated in painting the background, then colorful balloons. Another mural designed by Joyce Blouch is still "in the works" and a collaboration with Halcyon members. The 16' x 4' mural will feature scenes of a tree changing through though the seasons-spring, summer, fall and winter. The mural project was supported in part through the Foundation for Enhancing Communities and the PA Council on the Arts. We thank these organizations for bringing the community together to produce a more colorful environment that will be enjoyed by many.



NOVEMBER LADIES' NIGHT

Ladies' Night the second Thursday of November we plan to paint gourd ornaments for ChristKindle Market. No cost to paint ornaments for the booth at ChristKindle Market; \$5 if you paint an ornament to take home. All supplies provided. Nov 12 at 6:30, refreshments start at 6, so come early to the Art Center.



Membership is open to the general public and to artists, artisans, craftspeople, businesses, government officials and organizations interested in promoting the arts and culture in Lebanon.



Lebanon Valley Council on the Arts

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Membership Application / Renewal

Our Vision:

The vision of the Lebanon Valley Council on the Arts is to provide organization, leadership and a voice for the arts to transform people and communities. We believe that where there is art there is life... and envision a community where the arts are for everyone.

How You Can Help:

Your Membership supports the continued efforts in funding educational arts opportunities in the Lebanon Valley. The Arts Center located in an historic convent building, serves as a hub for today's emerging and aspiring artists, and also serves as an important resource for the public to engage in the artistic experience. Volunteers are always welcome and encouraged

Membership Benefits:

- Quarterly Newsletters
- Members Only Events
- Access to Studio Spaces
- Participation in Members Only Shows
- Discounted Class Rates
- Vendor Opportunities in Gift Shop

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$55 Family	City, State, Zip:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Dual Retired	Co Member Information (Dual / Family)	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Friend	Name:	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Patron	Phone:	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Sustainer	Email:	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Benefactor	Number of Children under 18 (Family):	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ ----- I would like to donate an additional amount to LVCA		
I am active in the arts in the following ways:		
I would like to see LVCA offer the following programs classes or events:		
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be contacted for volunteer opportunities *All communications will be sent via email unless you tell us otherwise by checking here. <input type="checkbox"/>		

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Art is for everyone

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Lebanon Valley Council on the Arts is to promote all disciplines of the Arts and encourage greater appreciation of the arts, thereby enhancing the Quality of life in the region.

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