

## Arts &amp; Entertainment

## Celebrate Valentine's Day Early at the Currier Museum of Art



Enjoy music and a "Love Tour" at the Currier, February 13.

MANCHESTER – Bring your valentine to the Currier Museum of Art on Sunday Feb. 13 for a "Love Tour" through the museum galleries beginning at 1pm. The focus tour will highlight artwork inspired by love, including Jon Brooks' True Loves Blue. The gallery tour is free with museum admission.

At 2pm, the Currier will present a romantic concert featuring guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan, followed by red velvet cupcakes in the Winter Garden café. Concert admission is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Price is per person and

includes museum admission.

The Currier Museum of Art is located at 150 Ash Street in Manchester, NH and is wheelchair accessible. Museum hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, 11am-5pm; Saturday, 10am-5pm. Closed Tuesday. Open 11am-8pm the first Thursday of each month. Museum admission: adults \$10; seniors \$9; students \$8; children (age 17 and under) are always FREE. Free to all on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. More information: www.currier.org or call 669-6144 x108.

## STRING-issimo! Featuring The NSO String Quartet

NASHUA – FIRST MUSIC presents STRING-issimo!, an afternoon of chamber music at the The First Church, 1 Concord Street, Nashua on Sunday, February 27, at 3PM featuring critically-acclaimed NSO concertmaster Elliott Markow and his quartet colleagues in a program of Barber, Francaix, Ives and Mozart. Co-sponsored through the Nashua Symphony Chamber Series, this concert program will offer the opportunity to hear quality chamber literature played inside one of Nashua's historic architectural gems.

The NSO String Quartet includes: Elliott Markow, violin; Soo Gyeong Lee, violin; Rodger Ellsworth, viola and Harel Giethem, cello.

The ongoing collaboration between FIRST MUSIC Concert Series and the NASHUA SYMPHONY Chamber Series ensures that regionally and nationally renowned artists continue to offer quality chamber music in the Gate City, up close and personal! Tickets available at the door or by reservation calling 882-4861. \$15 for Adults; \$12 for Seniors; \$7 under 21. Information at www.first-music.org or 882-4861 x15.

## MAP presents "August" in July 2011

Milford Area Players is excited to announce that its summer 2011 production is the Pulitzer and Tony award winning "August: Osage County" by Tracy Letts. This will be the New Hampshire premiere and first resident production in New England of his critically acclaimed play (his second to win a Pulitzer). "August: Osage County" will be performed July 15 – 24th at the beautiful, climate-controlled

Amato Performing Arts Center in Milford, NH. Director Vick Bennisson, who grew up in the Tulsa area where this play is set, has wanted to direct this play since its debut. He is looking forward to assembling a stellar cast and crew to do justice to this fine artistic work. More information about becoming involved on and off stage will be available at www.MilfordAreaPlayers.org in early spring.

## Jaffrey Civic Center Announces Call of Entry for Annual Spring Show

The show will run from Friday, February 18 through Saturday March 26th, 2011. The first show of the season in the second floor Cunningham Gallery will start with an opening on Friday, February 18 from 5-7 pm. If you are interested in submitting your work, please note:

Each artist may submit two pieces in any medium, and 2 shrink-wrapped, matted pieces of art for the floor portfolio. The entry fee is \$25 per person. The sales commission is 30%.

You may bring your artwork to the Center beginning Tues. February 8 through Sat. Feb. 12. After the exhibit, your work should be picked up from Tuesday, March 29 through Saturday, April 2. Please mark this on your calendar. More information: 532-6527 or www.jaffreyciviccenter.com. We are open Tues: 10-6, Wed.-Fri: 1-5 and Sat 10-2. Admission is always FREE. The Center is located at 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, NH 03452.

## Sharon Arts Winter School Vacation Camp Puts Art in Motion

Sharon Arts Center is pleased to announce plans for our annual Winter School Vacation Week Camp program for children ages 7-12. The camp will take place Monday-Friday, February 21st-25 providing parents with early drop-off options (8:30am), as well as both morning only and full-day program choices.

The activities and creative projects featured throughout the week will be based on the theme "Art in Motion," and will include: the creation of "art machines," two and three dimensional projects, and moving into the creation of a collaborative "art factory" for our final project! Led by known community artist and educator Nome Graham, the week will be filled with interactive projects that empower young artists to explore art as a dynamic creation rather than something still. "Our youth programs provide a wide variety of opportunities to explore the many facets of art- from individual and collaborative explorations, to immersion in art history, science, and world cultures. Our young artists get to share their excitement for art with their peers, and will enjoy the nurturing and inviting environment. Nome's enthusiasm and dedication provides the kids with creative fuel to try new things, and be proud of their cre-



SAC ArtVenture Camper Colleen Minnihan explores clay.

ations." Explained School Director Alexandra Wall.

Scholarships and financial aid are available to families in need. Sharon Arts is committed to making our programs accessible to all who wish to participate. For more information, visit our website sharonarts.org or call 924-7256 for details.

Participation in the workshops is by registration only and space will be limited. Tuition starts at just \$150 for our morning program, and depending on the program options families are interested in, program costs range from \$150- \$350 per week for up to a full day of programming. To reserve your space, call 924-7256 or email register@sharonarts.org.

## League of NH Craftsmen Hosts Shades of Purple Exhibition

CONCORD – When you mix red and blue, you get purple -- a color that is often associated with royalty, wealth, leadership, and trustworthiness. The League of NH Craftsmen's Gallery 205 is hosting a multi-media exhibition that celebrates the color purple. This exhibition features jewelry, soft fabric sculpture, photographs, prints, blown, fused, and stained glass, clay, metal, garments, leather, a rug, and wood items - all handcrafted by juried members of the League.

The exhibition will be in the League's Gallery 205 in Concord

from January 14 through March 23, 2011. An opening reception, where the public can meet and speak with the participating craftspeople, is scheduled for Friday, January 14 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Check www.nhcrafts.org for cancellation in case of inclement weather. Gallery 205 is located in the League of NH Craftsmen's headquarters at 205 North Main Street in Concord, NH and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, and Saturdays, during the exhibition, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## "Warm Thoughts During Winter's Chill"

HOLLIS – The Hollis Arts Society announces its new Fine Art exhibit at Gallery West Pearl at 100 West Pearl St in Nashua (located in the Community Council Building).

The exhibit will open with the theme: "Warm Thoughts During Winter's Chill".

The new Community Council gallery will feature a variety of art of different media created by members of the Hollis Arts Society, which will be available for purchase. HAS donates a percentage of the proceeds to support the ongoing work of the Community Council.

The new exhibit will run from February through May, 2011.

The General Public is invited to the Artist Reception on Thursday, February 3, from 5 - 8 pm to meet with the Artists and browse the Gallery. Refreshments will be served and musical entertainment provided by Hollis Arts Society Member, Sue Hurwitz.

Several members of the HAS have donated their time and talent teaching a variety of art classes for Community Council consumers.

Gallery/conference rooms are open to the public weekdays from 8 - 4 PM unless a meeting is in progress.

For more information call Pat Hurd, president, HAS 882-1503



Painting by Bev Belanger

## "Love is for Squares" at East Colony Fine Art Gallery

MANCHESTER – East Colony Fine Art Gallery has a sure cure for your Winter Blues! Join the artists from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, February 12th for hors d'oeuvres, wine, and a special Valentines Day exhibit entitled "Love is for Squares." How will 25 artists interpret what this means to them? This, and all gal-

lery events, are free and open to the public, with free on-site parking.

East Colony Fine Art is located in Langer Place, 55 South Commercial Street, Manchester. Regular gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday 11-5 and Sat 10-5. Phone: 621-7400. Web site: www.eastcolony.com.



## Pottery by Chris Justice

JAFFREY – There will be bowls, platters, pitchers, mugs, vases, and lamps ... all functional ware for sale at the Jaffrey Civic Center in the 1st floor Display Cases from February 11- March 17.

"I experience great satisfaction making functional pottery. Stone-ware fired in a gas kiln is challenging and marvelous. The surprises, both good and bad, continue to fascinate me. I hope my work is warm and welcoming, and that it brings you the joy of handmade craft."

A graphic designer for many years, Chris finds pottery a rewarding and grounding outlet for both creativity and craft. She began her exploration of pottery-making while

earning an art degree at Keene State College, and then continued practice through classes at the Sharon Arts Center, workshops at Haystack Mountain School of Crafts of Deer Isle, Maine, and in private study with Genevieve Groesbeck of Peterborough.

Chris works and fires at her studio in West Peterborough, New Hampshire.

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## February Schedule of Events at the Currier Museum of Art

MANCHESTER – The New Hampshire Art Association 62nd Currier Exhibition will be on view through March 6, 2011, and will feature painting, photography and sculpture by some of the state's most talented artists.

The museum's entrance is located at 150 Ash Street and parking is available in the on-site lot. Museum hours are Sunday, Monday, Wednesday - Friday 11 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-5 pm, open the first Thursday of each month 11 am-8 pm, and closed Tuesday. Admission to the museum is always free for children 17 and under, and every Saturday from 10 am-noon admission is free to everyone.

The Currier Art Center offers art classes and vacation camps for all ages.

To find more information, visit www.currier.org or call 603.669.6144 x108.

## FEBRUARY

## Get an Early Start on Valentine's Day

Sunday, February 13  
The Love Tour at 1 pm

Join docents Jane Bentas and Pat Howard on a Focus Tour of the Currier featuring artwork inspired by love. Free with museum admission.

Concert for Valentines at 2 pm

Enjoy a romantic concert with your valentine, featuring guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan, followed by red velvet cupcakes in the Winter Garden. \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Price is per person and includes museum admission. Reservations can be made via our website at www.currier.org, or by calling Visitor Services at 603.669.6144 x108.

## Public Guided Tours

Tours are offered daily, and highlight the history of the museum, the collection, and special exhibitions. Public tours are free with museum admission. Through March 29, Highlights of the Collection, tour times: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 12:30 pm; Saturdays and Sundays at 1 pm.

## Currier Museum Art Center Faculty Exhibition

On view through March 7

Stop into the Currier Museum of Art's Community Gallery to enjoy the annual Art Center Faculty exhibition. This exhibition showcases the range of arts and crafts that faculty members create and exhibit throughout the region. All work is for sale and a percentage of the sales from this exhibition benefits the scholarship fund of the Art Center.

## First Thursday: Meet the Artists Reception

Thursday, February 3 from 5:30-8 pm

Join us to celebrate the New Hampshire Art Association 62nd Currier Exhibition. Awards will be presented in the Winter Garden and guests will have the opportunity to meet with the artists in the galleries. Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available.

## Focus Tour – Fashion in Art

Friday, February 4 at 12:30 pm  
and Sunday, February 6 at 3 pm

These special tours offer visitors in-depth gallery discussions on a particular theme, work of art or artist, and this winter there are many great tours to choose from! Today's tour will be led by docents Pauline Bogaert and Sandy Townsend. Free with museum admission.

## Family Saturday: Picasso Portraits

Saturday, February 12 from 10 am-1 pm

Spend some quality family time at the Currier the second Saturday of every month. Participate in hands-on art activities, go on a guided family gallery walk (11:30 am), visit the Discovery Gallery or use a family gallery guide. Museum admission is free from 10 am to noon, and children 17 and under always enjoy free admission.

## Currier Museum Art Center Workshop

Earrings in a Day!  
Saturday, February 12 from 10 am-3 pm

Bend, twist, wrap, coil and hammer earrings! Using a variety of wire, mostly copper, brass and silver, preteens and adults will use a few hand tools to shape the wire into curlicues, squiggles and hoops. By incorporating beads you can add color. Bring a lunch. Cost is \$60 per person. Register by calling 603.669.6144 x122, register online at www.currier.org, or visit the Art Center in person at 180 Pearl Street, Manchester, NH.

## Currier Museum Art Center Children &amp; Parent Workshop

Miss Piggy Banks  
Saturday, February 12 from 1:30-3:30 pm

Inspired by the Muppet character Miss Piggy, participants will put a spin on the traditional piggy bank to create a fun and useful sculpture. Children (5+) and their parents will use pinching and coiling techniques to construct it, and then the project will be glazed and fired. Cost is \$40 for 1 parent/child, \$55 for 2 children. Register by calling 603.669.6144 x122, register online at www.currier.org, or visit the Art Center in person at 180 Pearl Street, Manchester, NH.

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This is a partial list. Visit www.currier.org for a complete list of events.

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