

Everything's Coming Up Roses!

It'll be swell... it'll be great... The Grand Community Room will be a-bloom with Rose Queens and paper roses for the **Everything's Coming Up Roses!** fundraiser on Friday, July 25, 8-11 p.m. Rose-themed drinks and hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, and activities are all part of the fun. Celebrate 50 years of rose-related history in Jackson and stroll through the *A Day in the Park: A History of the Ella W. Sharp Park* exhibit in the Pyron Gallery. Joe Summers and his Gypsy Jazz Trio will provide live music with acoustic European-inspired jazz in the Community Room. Mary Thompson and her partner, Dorian Deaver will perform the tango and offer a short lesson for interested attendees— with a rose in her mouth, perhaps. Throw on your favorite red party clothes and join the fun. Proceeds benefit the Museum's Educational Programs. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets for the **Everything's Coming Up Roses!** fundraiser are \$25 and may be purchased at the Museum or by phone (517) 787-2320.

Wild Changes...



New pieces were rotated into the Andrews Gallery of Wildlife Art in May, including some art not previously exhibited. Also, new artists will be featured on the Museum website. Sandy and Andy Andrews recently acquired new bird carvings at the 2008 Ward World Carving Championship in Ocean City, MD.

Three of these wood bird carvings, all by Gary Eigenberger of Green Bay, Wisconsin, will be displayed in the new exhibit in the Andrews Gallery of Wildlife Art opening in October. The carving above is a Red Kite perched on a fence post in a sunlit snow drift valiantly fighting a brisk wind.

Who Needs Cable?



Katie Hill, ESMAH Exhibits Coordinator, enjoys the new outdoor sculpture display. The 10 works, organized through the Midwest Sculpture Initiative, are distributed throughout the Museum campus and feature the work of Midwest artists.

Reality TV by Todd Kime
(Ottawa Hills, OH)

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself; I'm Chris Gordy, your new Executive Director. Not only am I new to Jackson, but also to Michigan. My wife, Susan, and I came here from Galena, a small tourist town in the extreme northwest corner of Illinois. Susan, our dog, Sadie, and I are happy to be here in Jackson and are looking forward to some great exploring here in Michigan.



I came on board at the Ella Sharp Museum on April 21st and have met so many wonderful staff, volunteers, members and visitors to the museum. I know that I have some pretty big shoes to fill, and as I look around I am humbled by the amount of hard work and love that created the museum you see today. I look forward to working and meeting with everyone here and am looking into the future with great excitement. On my first day I told the staff that this museum has unlimited opportunities sitting at its fingertips and it's true.

Already we're looking into the future with prospects of new and exciting programs and exhibits that will entice each member of the family and community. The staff and I hope that this sense of anticipation and excitement rubs off on all of our members and volunteers. We encourage everyone to stop by the Ella Sharp Museum of Art and History and share with us this wonderful gem of Jackson, Michigan.

EVENINGS AT THE ELLA

The Museum is open for extended hours on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. Help spread the word that through July 2 there is free admission to the galleries courtesy of Wendy's Restaurants of Jackson. (Two Wendy's will also donate a portion of their evening sales to the Museum!) Tours of Ella's Hillside Farmhouse will be available in July and August at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Ella's Granary Restaurant is also open on Wednesdays from 4-7:30 p.m. with "open mic" acoustic entertainment and complimentary snacks. Enjoy a glass of wine or beer and take in the latest Museum exhibits! And don't forget to see the latest merchandise from the summer buying trip in Chicago at the the Friends Gift Shop which will also feature extended hours on Wednesdays.

TRAVEL WITH THE ELLA

The Domestic Travel Committee rides again with their September 16-18 trip to northern Michigan. Highlights of the trip include a stay at the recently renovated Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, tours of the Dennon Museum, the Old Mission Peninsula Winery, the Music Museum, and some fabulous meals all for only \$390 per member and \$410 for non-members. Single supplement is \$100 extra. For full details contact the Museum.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STORIES NEEDED

In September 2009 the Museum will partner with the Community Action Agency to create an exhibit examining the history of the African-American Community in Jackson. We are currently collecting artifacts and local stories to help complete this exhibit. We are excited about filling some of the empty spaces in our new collections facility with artifacts relating to this very important facet of Jackson's history. The exhibit will run September 19, 2009 through January 2, 2010. Please contact Judy Horn or Katie Hill with stories and donations.



Lucy Thurman

LOFTIS ENDOWMENT

Retired Director Lynne Loftis has been recognized by the Museum Board of Trustees and the community with the inauguration of the *Lynnea Loftis Endowed Chair for History and Cultural Programming*. This endowment will support quality programming for Jackson's youth as well as contribute to the preservation of the historic buildings and exhibits of the museum. Lynne's influence and creativity are evident throughout The Ella, especially with our *Pioneer Living Program* and *Early Michigan Festival Days*. To sustain and add to such programming not only maintains Lynne's vision but fulfills Ella Sharp's as well. Over \$30,000 has been raised to date toward our goal of \$50,000. To find out more about how you can contribute contact the Museum by phone or visit the website at www.ellasharp.org. (On the website, use the "Support Us" tab and choose "Giving to the Museum" from the drop down menu and follow the donation instructions.)

Museum visitors will also note that there is a new name on the Jackson History Gallery— it is now officially the Lynnea A. Loftis Gallery of Jackson History.

CONTRIBUTIONS

April through May 2008

MEMORIALS

JOAN OTIS

Virginia and Duane Huntoon
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MARY ROGGE NASH

Bea and A.P. Cook III

IN HONOR OF MRS. MARY DEMING (BIRTHDAY)

Gloria Stevens

THANK YOU!

To date we have raised over \$30,000 toward our goal of \$50,000 for the *Lynnea Loftis Endowed Chair for History and Cultural Programming*. Thank you to all who have contributed! A special thank you to the companies who helped fund the reception: Melling Tool Company, Kellogg Crankshaft, Craft Agency, Consumers Energy, Curtis and Curtis Law Firm, Christoff and Sons Floor Covering, Walton Agency, Inc., Cunningham Construction, and CP Federal Credit Union.

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"Pioneer" students from Queen of the Miraculous Medal School enjoy their lunch in front of the Dibble One-Room Schoolhouse. Pioneer Living field trips will resume in September but families can enjoy a visit to the past during Summer Days at Hillside Farm (see July Calendar).

SUMMER HOURS

The Museum is open:

Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Extended gallery hours on Wed. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday

Contact the Museum by phone at (517)787-2320 or visit the Museum website at www.ellasharp.org

Ella's Granary Restaurant is open:

Tues.-Thurs. 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Granary (inside and on the Patio) on Wednesday evenings 4-7:30 p.m.

Granary reservations and info (517) 768-8495.

ADMISSION* (EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008)

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| GALLERIES & FARMHOUSE | Adults \$7 Children (5-12) \$5 |
| GALLERIES ONLY | Adults \$5 Children (5-12) \$3 |
| FARMHOUSE ONLY | Adults \$3 Children (5-12) \$3 |

*(Museum members enjoy free admission!)

Michigan Watercolor Society

APRIL 6 THROUGH JULY 7, 2008 IN THE HURST GALLERY

Regional artists exhibit their new work.

*Michigan League of Handweavers 15th Biennial
Fiber Show*

JULY 13 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2008 IN THE
HURST GALLERY

Join us for an opening reception and free
community lecture at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 13.

Heisey Glass

JUNE 28 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 IN THE
EMMET GALLERY

All that glitters isn't just gold... it's aquamarine,
coral, and green.

A Day in the Park: A History of the Ella W. Sharp Park

MAY 23 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14, 2008 IN THE PYRON GALLERY

The history of Jackson's largest park is highlighted including photographs
from the zoo, an original sled, and Rose Queen memorabilia.



Pyron Gallery



Hillside Farmhouse

Quilts from the Collection in Hillside Farmhouse

JUNE 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2008

Sixteen quilts from the Museum's extensive textile
collection will be exhibited throughout Ella's Hillside
Farmhouse including Ella Sharp's "Nine Patch" quilt made
by her in the late 1880s. The Interpretive Center of Ella's
house will feature a mini-exhibit of "other things pieced and
quilted" as well as quilt patterns.

Also on exhibit: *The Lynnea A. Loftis Gallery of Jackson
History* and the *Andrews Gallery of Wildlife Art* (see front page).