

Ella

ELLA SHARP
MUSEUM
OF ART AND HISTORY

Calendar of Events February 2009

9 Friends Meeting & Luncheon

Monday, February 9, noon

Lynne Loftis, past Director of The Ella, will present a continuation of "Ella Sharp and the Merriman Family." Invite a friend to get to know our Ella. Please phone in reservations to the Museum for the luncheon by noon on Friday, February 6. The cost is \$10 for the luncheon and the public is welcome.

10... Follow the Drinking Gourd

February 10-12 and 17-20

The Museum's *Follow the Drinking Gourd* program brings in area elementary students who learn about the flight to safety taken by African-Americans escaping from slavery in the mid-19th century. A trip to the nearby Hurst Planetarium illuminates the role that the stars played on the journey and, at the Museum, they learn about the facts and folklore.

12 Feather the Nest Wings Fundraiser

Thursday, February 12, 5 p.m. social hour, 6:30 dinner

Wings is a wildlife art educational program for the whole of Jackson County for grades K-12. Program kits feature such things as waterfowl taxidermy for direct observation drawing, painting and carving media techniques, and proper species habitat and compositional landscape guidelines. To help this exciting educational venture take flight a fundraiser with the Museum's partner, Delta Waterfowl, will feature field gear, wildlife art, decoys and other related items for raffle. This casual evening is fun for the whole family. Wildlife art is very popular with all ages. One out of every 4 artworks sold today is wildlife art! A Delta Waterfowl membership is included in the admission and dinner ticket (Single \$45, Double \$70, and Youth \$25). Reservations are required. Contact the Museum today.



On St. Valentine's Day, 1857, Ella W. Merriman was born in the Museum's Hillside Farmhouse. Happy Birthday Ella! And thank you, for all the gifts you gave to Jackson!

Don't forget to pre-order your yard dot...
Check out www.ellasharp.org for the latest details

15 Ella's Birthday Tea

Sunday, February 15, 2 PM

Adult Members \$15, non-member Adults \$17, all children under 12 \$5 each

Celebrate the 151st anniversary of Ella's birth by attending the annual Birthday Tea in her honor. Tea and crumpets and elegant surprises await. This is a wonderful way to introduce a young friend to a very sweet tradition! Shirley Temple drinks will be available for those too young to appreciate hot tea. Paid reservations are required. Space is limited as this is a very popular event. *Ella's Birthday Tea* is hosted by the *Friends of The Ella*.



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January 2009

1 **Museum Closed**
New Year's Day

2 **One-Day-Wonders for Kids**
Friday, January 2, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM, \$25 for members/
\$30 for non-members (Bring your own lunch).
Brrr! The weather outside is frightful. Come celebrate
winter at the Museum with wintery paintings featuring new
techniques. Kids will also decorate cookies and enjoy hot
chocolate and marshmallows!

10 **EXHIBIT OPENING**
Earth and Fire Equals
Clay
Saturday, January 10
The Emmet Gallery glows in the warmth of earthy glazes
and smooth ceramic forms.

12 **Friends Luncheon &**
Meeting
Monday, January 12, noon
Tim Bos (International Society of Appraisers) returns, by
popular demand, and presents, "Appraising and Learning
More About Antiques." Tim will talk about the "State of
the Market" and how the economy has impacted the buying
and selling of antiques and collectibles and where the new
generations' collecting habits are forming. Friends are
invited to bring their collectibles for appraisal. Please phone
in reservations for the luncheon by noon on Friday, Jan. 9.

12 **Winter Classes Begin**
Monday, January 12
Adult and Children's Classes begin. Make a New Year's
resolution to learn something new at The Ella!

EXHIBIT OPENING &
RECEPTION:
17 **3rd Annual State-wide**
Fine Arts Competition
Saturday, January 17, 2 - 4 PM
The Friends of the Ella Sharp Museum of Art & History
sponsor the 2009 Fine Arts Competition and the opening
reception today. Over \$2500 in awards will be given out at
3 p.m. including the coveted Best of Show. Leslie Adams is
this year's juror.

26... Gift Shop Closed
Monday, January 26 - Wednesday, January 28
The gift shop will be closed for inventory.

31 **Win, Choose, or**
Draw Winter FUNdraiser!
Saturday, January 31, 7 - 10 PM
Take a chance on the Museum with a night of odds in
your favor. Drawings of all kinds will take place includ-
ing special drawings for four pieces of art by renowned
regional artists William DeBilzian, Bev Simmons, Carol
Stygles, and Leland Beaman. Hors d'ouvres, a cash bar
featuring wintery drinks, a bucket raffle, 50/50 drawing,
and a dirty dozen (8.5 x 11 pieces created especially for
this event) silent auction are just part of the evening's
fun. Tickets are only \$20 and are available NOW by
contacting the Museum.