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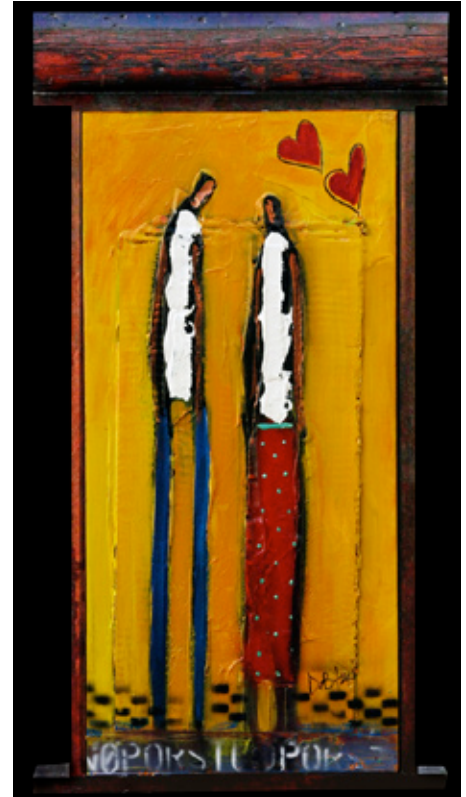
Win, Choose, or Draw!

TAKE A CHANCE ON THE WINTER FUNDRAISER JANUARY 31ST

The odds are in your favor to have a fantastic night out at the Museum on Saturday, January 31, 7-10 p.m. at the *Win, Choose, or Draw* winter fundraiser party. Admission to the event automatically enters you in a once-in-a-lifetime drawing featuring original artwork from four well known artists with ties to the Jackson area: Carol Stygles, Bev Simmons, William DeBilzan, and Leland Beaman.

“For only \$20— less than a half tank of gas— you get a fabulous night out at The Ella... and a chance to take home a piece of original artwork,” notes Amy Wellington, coordinator of the event. “It’s a fundraiser with the emphasis on fun.”

In addition to the admission raffle, there will be “bucket” dollar raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and a silent auction featuring the 8.5” x 11” work of 12 regional visual artists. Other games and surprises will be revealed throughout the evening. Hors d’ourves and a cash bar will be available as well. All proceeds will benefit the Museum’s Annual Fund. *Win, Choose, or Draw* advance tickets are available at the Museum. Contact the Museum today!



A chance to take home William DeBilzan’s *One of These Nights* (34x19) for just \$20!?

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY



The Museum’s Log House was decorated with fresh greens and a Christmas tree for A Civil War Christmas program on December 6. Visitors enjoyed a hot drink and met a soldier home on furlough and his family.

...To a Tea

Make plans to have a nice cuppa at Ella’s Birthday Tea on Sunday, February 15, at 2 p.m. The Friends of The Ella will be hosts this year and promise a scrumptious afternoon of crumpets, cake, and tea, live music and surprise entertainment. Young guests will have the option of “Shirley Temple” drinks should they not warm to a spot of proper tea. The Museum’s annual Tea is a lovely day out for old friends or new, Tea enthusiasts and children. This very popular event requires paid reservations (Member adults \$15, non-member adults \$17, all children under 12 \$5 each).



Connect the dots.... Look inside....

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

As I write my article for this issue of the newsletter, I can hear the voices of many small children emerging from the *Breakfast with Mrs. Claus* program. Every child is leaving with a piece of candy and the memory of meeting Mrs. Claus herself as she sang songs and told stories.

In a moment I'm going to go out to the log house where Christmas is being celebrated in Civil War style.

Our historic family is out there cooking a traditional Christmas dinner and welcoming their returning soldier home for the Holidays. It certainly is a busy day at the museum and I'm looking forward to more of these days in the future.

We have so many wonderful plans, programs and events for the future of the museum, but we could never do it without the generosity of our members and volunteers. Even our Holiday events would not be possible without the support of our members, volunteers and community. I hope you keep us in mind during this new year and new era for the Ella Sharp Museum.

I also hope to see some of you at the Friends of the Ella Sharp Museum luncheon on Monday, January 12, in Ella's Granary Restaurant. Make sure to call the Museum at 787-2320 and let the front desk know that you will be attending.

Come out and see us sometime, and don't forget that we always have some great opportunities at hand for you to be more involved in the museum.



Friends Bits and Pieces

Cheryl Lawrence is the new Sunshine Committee chair of the Friends of the Ella Sharp Museum. Please let Cheryl know of any members in need of a "Get Well" card. Friends are also reminded to record their volunteer hours.

Toledo Trip

The Museum Travel Committee announces a February 8 trip to Toledo to visit the Toledo Museum of Art and view the special exhibition *Homer for the Holidays: Watercolors by Winslow Homer* (on loan from the Chicago Art Institute). Also, don't miss the stunning new Glass Pavilion featuring over 7,000 objects of glass. Dinner will be at the elegant 1851 Greek Revival mansion, The Hathaway House, in Blissfield. Contact the Museum for more information.

In the works is a three-day, two-night trip to the Stratford Festival in Canada... Details in the next newsletter.

A Familiar Face

Ella Sharp has her own Facebook page with over a hundred friends— are you one? Facebook members can find Ella by using the search feature. (Because Jackson is not a Facebook "network" yet, Ella's under Ann Arbor.)

The Museum also has a "fan page" on Facebook— become a fan and keep up to date on the latest events and see photos of exhibits, events, and more.

Connect the Dots

Soon, all over Jackson, folks will be seeing dots in yards and on businesses. This campaign to stir up community pride will have The Ella at its center. More information will be coming but yard dots can be pre-ordered at the Museum in January.

Gift Shop Sale!

The annual Pre-Inventory Sale in the Friends Gift Shop takes place in early January. (The shop will be closed January 26-28 for inventory.) Everybody wins here— great merchandise is marked down to make room for new merchandise arriving in February... every purchase helps support The Ella.

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*Detail from All in White
Dresses exhibit*



Photo by Donna Terek

FROM THE GALLERIES

by Katie Hill, Exhibits Coordinator

We've been busy preparing for the 2009 exhibit year that will feature two blockbusters, many art exhibits and one ground breaking historical exhibition. In March, we will present an art exhibit by Detroit artist, Tyree Guyton (pictured, right). We will also host the *Great Lakes Pastel Society's Members Show* in mid-March. Beginning June 6, the museum will be transformed into a wildlife experience with the nationally traveling *John James Audubon* exhibit. The fall will bring a previously untold part of Jackson's history with *A History of African Americans in Jackson* beginning Sept. 19. We will round out the year with a unique exhibit featuring Ken Thompson and John Leyland. Also keep your eyes open for new work in the Andrews Gallery of Wildlife Art and new outdoor sculpture both in May. We hope you will join us in this exciting year!

Andrews Gallery of Wildlife Art

OCTOBER 18 THROUGH MAY OF 2009

The vast collection of wildlife art, collected by Andy and Sandy Andrews, is rotated through this permanent exhibit. Not to be missed are the exquisite taxidermy and intricately carved birds and waterfowl.

Earth and Fire Equals Clay

JANUARY 10 THROUGH MARCH 14, 2009

IN THE EMMET GALLERY

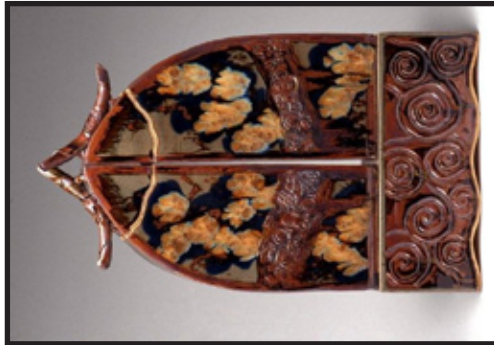
Eight regional potters turn the ordinary into the extraordinary. Pieces in this exhibit are for sale with 30 percent of the proceeds benefiting The Ella.

3rd Annual State-wide Fine Arts Competition

JANUARY 17 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2009

IN THE HURST GALLERY

Sixty pieces of artwork from across the state compete with the winners of juror Leslie Adams' choices honored at the opening reception (January 17, 2 - 4 p.m.) hosted by the exhibit sponsor, the Friends of the Ella Sharp Museum.



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Preserving History: Why We Collect

SEPTEMBER 20 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2009 IN THE PYRON GALLERY

An exhibit that examines how and why we collect and preserve the Museum's vast collection of over 64,000 items.

All Dressed in White

NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH WINTER 2009 IN THE FARMHOUSE

The frothy, pure white gown known as the lingerie dress was popular from the 1890s-1915; the women who wore these were shedding the heavy gowns of the Victorian era and were on the brink of unimaginable changes.

Last Chances: Closing on January 3 is *It's a Tonka! American Toy Trucks*.

Jackson Collects: A Few of Our Favorite Things closes January 10.