

ART

Wustum Museum to host 51st year of 'Watercolor Wisconsin'

RACINE — Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, 2519 Northwestern Ave., will continue an important Racine tradition with the opening of "Watercolor Wisconsin 2017"

This long-running, juried exhibition attracts a wide range of artists. Limited only by their materials — aqueous media such as acrylic and watercolor — artists are free to create two- and three-dimensional works on paper. This year's show features a variety of subjects from animals, flowers and landscape to figurative studies and the abstract.

Christina Haglid, senior paper conservator and manager for the Art Conservation Department at Joel Oppenheimer Gallery, Chicago, and Tom Herzberg, a freelance illustrator for more than 30 years and longtime member of the U.S. Air Force Art Program, with artwork in the permanent collection of the Pentagon,

juried this year's show. Haglid and Herzberg considered 261 works submitted by 148 artists, narrowing down the selection to 104 works by 75 Wisconsin artists.

Racine and Kenosha County artists in the exhibition are: Gillian Gaffy, Burlington; Genevieve Gagliardi-Gerov, Carlotta Miller and John W. Terhardt, Kenosha; Robert W. Andersen, Sarah Andersen, Eileen Black and Doug DeVinny, Mount Pleasant; Regina Baker, Jerry Belland, Karen Broman, Lisa Englander, Karen Mathis, James McFarland, Nate Mortensen, Christine Patten, Lance Raichert, Suzanne Schackelman, Phil Schultz, Dina Walker and Kelly Witte, Racine; Harry Wirth, Salem; and Norman Abplanalp and Linda Gerard Dzik, Waterford.

The opening reception and awards ceremony will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. The exhibition will continue through April 21.

FUNDRAISERS

Christmas Coffee House has pie auction

UNION GROVE — A Christmas Coffee House will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Union Grove United Methodist Church, 906 12th Ave.

The evening will include Christmas music provided by Hims of Harmony and the Union Grove High School Jazz Band. The silent auction will include handmade quilts, a processed hog and baskets filled

with special items for all ages.

New this year, a pie auction will feature pies baked by church members and friends. Gingerbread house making and holiday projects for children will also be available. Beverages, popcorn and hot dogs will be sold and a bake sale will be held.

Proceeds will help support the youth, church and other local projects.

BOOK SIGNINGS

Tyler to hold book signing

RACINE — Chuck Tyler, retired director of Racine's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, will sign copies of his new book, "Youth in the Center of My Heart," from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Racine Heritage Museum, 701 Main St.

Tyler has been serving youth for more than 60 years. He hopes to inspire young people with this book of

thoughts and stories that range from the challenges of growing up with hardship and segregation to his work for equality and justice in our community. Tyler recently received the Theodore Harris Humanitarian Award from Racine's chapter of the NAACP.

"Youth in the Center of My Heart" will be available to purchase for \$19.95, cash or check only.

Cibrario plans book signing Saturday

KENOSHA — Nick Cibrario will hold a book signing from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at RE: Vision Gallery & Artist Studios, 4625 Sheridan Road.

His current novel is "The Long Road to Mount Kailash," based upon a pilgrimage he took to Chinese occupied Tibet with his Hindu friends from Wisconsin in 2013.

Once again the main character in this novel is the anthropologist, Carl Brecht, who is also in his other novels set in

Nepal, "Murder in the Mountains," "The Pomelo Tree," "The Harvest" and "The Shamans," which will also be for sale at reduced prices along with his two novels set in Kenosha, "Secret on the Family Farm" and "A Desperate Decision." Nick's children's book, "Elmer the Octopus" and his wife's book, "Hester the Weird Witch," will also be available.

Cibrario will also have some of his favorite paintings on display including "Santa Claus."

MUSEUMS

Kenosha History Center announces new exhibits

KENOSHA — The Kenosha History Center, 220 51st Place, opened two new exhibits — "Kenosha Ice Harvesting" and "AMX: A New and Bold Direction."

As the 19th century drew to a close, a boom industry began to explode in Kenosha County. Ice was a necessity of modern life. It cooled food in the home, preserved meat and goods as they transited

as the ice industry boomed, it busted. The skeletons of the ice industry are still apparent in Kenosha County. The exhibit runs through 2018.

In 1968, American Motors Corp. introduced a production model based on their experimental concept cars of two years earlier. The car, a two-seater sports car modeled on a shortened Javelin