

Beck Center Holiday Show

November 17, 2011 – January 1, 2012

The Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to welcome talented local artists for the final exhibition of 2011. This Annual Showcase provides the opportunity for outstanding visual artists to share their art work with the community.

Artists this year include:

- Ann Caywood Brown – pastels and photo transfers
- Bonnie Gordon – pottery
- Joseph Gregg – photography
- Mardel Sanzotta – painting
- Debra Sue Solecki – drawing

Enjoy learning more about the artists of the Beck Center Holiday Show!



Ann Caywood Brown

Pastels and Photo Transfers

A native of Elyria, Ohio, Ann Caywood Brown, graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a B.A. in Art History. Prior to her graduation she had been a painting major at Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Institute of Art, leaving WRU in 1957 and returning to CWRU after twenty years to complete her degree studies.

Ann has served as the Directors of the Valley Art Center, Chagrin Falls, and the Cleveland Artists Foundation, Lakewood. She was also on the May Show staff at the Cleveland Museum of Art for seven years. During these years and since leaving the Cleveland Artists Foundation, Ann has continued her artistic pursuits, as a potter and a painter. In 2003 she received a fellowship to work for a month at the Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, Vermont. In addition to her art work she has curated several exhibitions and juried five exhibitions. For the past several years she has also screened short subject films for the Cleveland Film Festival.

Recent exhibitions include: *Focus on Women Artists*, Lake County Community College; *Pastels and Polaroid Transfers*, Loganberry Books Gallery, Shaker Hts., Ohio; *Valley Art Center Juried Exhibition*, Chagrin Falls, Ohio; *Fine Arts at the Fair*, Ohio State Fair Exposition, Columbus, Ohio; *Works on Paper (Pastels & Polaroid Transfers)*, Armory Gallery, Beck Center for the Arts, Lakewood, Ohio.



Bonnie Gordon

Pottery

I was a fine arts student at Ohio University from 1965 to 1968. Although my major was in painting, the ceramics classes I took as electives intrigued me. In 1972 I put a studio in the basement of my house and began making pottery and 39 years later I continue to work in clay as a means of expression.

While much in my work has changed throughout the years, one important element that has remained is my focus on organic living forms. My once straight-forward wheel-thrown stoneware planters with appliquéd flowers evolved into porcelain vessels which are altered and incised after the throwing process. More colorful symbolic imagery has been incorporated into these pieces as my life has been altered again and again. These life changes have taken me to unexplored places in my soul; places rich with spirit, love, death, loss and growth. Nature's seasons somehow mimic this continual dance of life and it is a dance of many colors.

Anywhere from six months to 3 years is spent working on a specific series of pieces. Many of these series overlap and merge together at varying times. As always, my forms represent the essence of life. The incised lines are the rhythms of nature and the soul.

My intention is to create an honest ceramic form, complete in both design and concept.

Bonnie Gordon may be reached via email at bon7gor@aol.com or you may visit her facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/profile.php?id=1462402517> and additional photos of her work may be seen at dennisgordonphotography.blogspot.com/



Joe Gregg

Photography

Joe Gregg has been a Lakewood resident since 1966. His photographic journey started in the 1960's while stationed at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. His favorite subjects are landscapes and still life.

He retired as the CEO of the W.H. Fay Company, a local and long distance Steel and Machinery hauler founded in 1887. He and his wife Susan, have two children and 5 grandchildren, all Lakewood residents.

Joe won the People's Choice Award at the Cleveland Botanical Garden's "ForalScape" show of 1967. He has recently shown his work at the Malvina Freedson Gallery at Winton Place and at the Lakewood Public Library.

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Mardel DeBuhr Sanzotta

Painting

As a self-taught painter with remarkable composition skills, Mardel Sanzotta has mastered a variety of painting media. Versatility, lyricism and poetry are evident in her work.

She was born near the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, and is influenced by having lived and worked in the Northwest wilderness of Montana, as well as the Midwest of the United States.

Mardel believes that the charm of art lies in its perpetual invitation to the artist to break down any limitations of medium or skill that might interfere with the goal of visually expressing subtle and moving revelations which arise by seeing into, rather than only looking at a motif. Increasingly, her attention turns to visually exploring the simple fact that things are rarely what they seem to be.

For three decades, she has conducted painting classes, lectures, and workshops in several states, maintains a full commission schedule, and has had many one-person and group shows, winning awards locally and nationally.

Over 100 major corporations, as well as Veterans' Administration Medical Centers, children's hospitals, and at least 400 long-term care facilities have purchased her work. She is the originator of therapeutic three-dimensional art primarily for Alzheimer's facilities, which has received national recognition. Her portraits, wildlife, nature, figural and landscape art can be found in private and corporate collections across the U.S. Many galleries and designers nationwide have sold and represented her work. The Franklin Museum in Philadelphia and the Cleveland Zoo own her paintings.

A partial list of shows & exhibits:

- Cleveland Museum of Natural History; Ducks Unlimited
- Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
- Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, OH
- Gannon College, Erie, PA
- C.M. Russell Invitational Show, Great Falls, MT
- Annual Juried Western Art Show & Auction, Spokane, WA
- Beck Center for the Arts, Lakewood, OH
- Pastel Society of America, New York
- Ohio Watercolor Society
- COSI – Center of Science & Industry, Columbus, OH
- From the Heart of Nature Show – Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, OH
- Woman II Group Show, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH
- Geauga Nature Arts Festival, West Woods Park, winner of People's Choice Award '09, '10
- Penitentiary Glen at Lake Metroparks – one-person show, 2010
- Chagrin Falls Valley Art Center – Venus Envy Invitational Show, 2009
- Geauga Parks' West Woods Nature Center-Nature Art Show-two-person show-Spring, 2011
- Lake Farmpark solo show 2011
- Beachwood Ohio Community Center group show, 2011

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Debra Sue Solecki

Drawing

Artist and Art Educator, Debra Sue Solecki is happy to be back at Beck for another exhibit. By day, Solecki is busy teaching art to students in Strongsville, by night she is working in her Westlake studio. Her artwork can be seen in local exhibitions, galleries and chalk festivals. Inspired by nature, Solecki's drawings and paintings realistically present the delicate beauty in nature with an underlying message of concern for our environment. Her work for The Beck Holiday Show will include detailed drawings and paintings in a variety of sizes and price ranges.

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