

SAVE THE DATE!

2012 FAVA Festival of Fine Art and Fine Wine

Saturday, April 14th

6:30 p.m.

Planning for FAVA's 13th Annual Fundraiser, featuring wines from France, is underway. Watch for your invitation in early March!

Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend!

Current & Future Exhibitions

Yarn to Garment

During the month of January, the FAVA Main Gallery once again became a beehive of activity as Oberlin College student weavers and community members, under the tutelage of **Betsy Bruce**, fulfilled their Winter Term project by creating garments from scratch: weaving the cloth, designing, and sewing the finished product. A fashion show of their creations will be held on Sunday, February 5th, at 1 p.m. in the Main Gallery and their work will be exhibited in the South Gallery from Saturday, February 4th through Sunday, February 12th.



Excited students receive their yarn for their *Yarn to Garment* projects.

Ninth Congressional District High School Art Show

Reception on Sunday, March 11, 2012, at 1 p.m.
Oberlin College Science Center

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur will introduce this year's award-winners in the 2012 9th Congressional District High School Art Competition.

Artist as Quiltmaker XV

May 13—July 29, 2012

FAVA's 15th biennial juried art quilt exhibition will open on Mothers' Day. Coordinated by curator and artist **Ruta Marino**, this year's show will feature quilt artists from all over the United States whose work has been selected by juror **Jean Druessedow** (Director, Kent State University Museum). A special sneak peek preview for FAVA members will be held on Saturday, May 12 (7-9 p.m.) – another great reason to become a FAVA member!

New Faces to FAVA

New London resident **Amy Szmania** became FAVA's accountant-bookkeeper in the fall of 2011, replacing **Joe Martin** who is now working at the Cleveland based non-profit JumpStart (Congratulations, Joe!). Amy's wealth of experience working with local governments, nonprofits, and public entities in Lorain County and her calm and friendly manner make her the perfect fit for FAVA!

In January, **Lauren Centa**, an accountant with **Meaden & Moore**, joined the Finance Committee – where she will be working with another M & M staff member – **Board Treasurer Lynn Koster**. We are very grateful to Meaden & Moore for their wonderful volunteers and for their generous support of FAVA's education outreach programming.

Education Happenings

To close out the Fall semester, projects from FAVA's Home School and Early Childhood Art Classes were displayed at the Oberlin Public Library during an evening reception for students and their families.

The FAVA Winter/Spring 2012 Class Schedule is now available at www.favagallery.org. FAVA's Education department continues to offer classes for all ages and is working to expand its daytime offerings for adults. New this Spring is a series of one day workshops in jewelry making with Mark Johnson and Sheree Ferrato..



FAVA Elsewhere

Oberlinians of the Year

It is with great delight that we congratulate FAVA board members Ron and Barbara Rollins who were honored as "Oberlinians of the Year" by the *Oberlin News-Tribune*. In reviewing their selection, the paper brought to our attention the innumerable activities and organizations that Ron and Barb have been involved with in their forty years as proud Oberlin residents. The Cub Scouts, Athletic Boosters, First Church, and many college students (in need of a place to celebrate Thanksgiving) are just a few of the organizations and individuals who have benefited from the Rollins' ethic of sharing in their community. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition from your grateful friends at FAVA!

Return of the *Amici String Quartet*

FAVA members who enjoyed the appearance of the Cleveland Orchestra's *Amici String Quartet* at a gallery reception last year will be happy to hear that this prestigious ensemble will present a free concert and Meet-the-Artist reception on **Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m.** at First Church, Oberlin, U.C.C. The concert will benefit homeless families through Family Promise of Lorain County and the Interfaith Hospitality Network and the ensemble will welcome audience members following the program. Donations will be accepted.

Exhibitions Past



Untangling Threads

Oberlin College alumni Alia Kate and Anna Beeke standing in front of a lovely Moroccan rug at their fall exhibition in the Main Gallery.

Annual Members Show

The annual FAVA Members Show attracted interest of all ages. Running concurrently in the South Gallery, the exhibit of works by Maureen Brady Johnson and Robin Rice proved a fitting complement to the Main Gallery show.



In Appreciation

For many years Ann Fuller has played an important behind-the-scenes role at FAVA as volunteer manager of our website. Thank you, Ann! You are a valued member of our team!

In Memoriam

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Jim White, an early supporter and past Board President of FAVA, who passed away on December 7, 2011. Jim was an invaluable member of the Oberlin and greater Lorain County communities -- he will be missed by many individuals and organizations.