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## Elevate the Arts campaign raises over \$50,000 to date

The Lapeer Center for the Arts Council and gallery staff have been busy writing grants, selling Lapeer Montage artwork, organizing a July, 2009 garden tour and scouting out funding partners for our first *Elevate the Arts* project. Construction reconfiguring the front stairwell to accommodate a platform lift is set for completion this fall, creating barrier free access to our expansive basement areas. "We currently use the space for meetings, rentals, rehearsals and art class instruction," explains gallery director Carolyn McCarter. "The lift will allow us to expand our exhi-

bition space and course offerings by creating a more permanent area with access for everyone."

The lift is significant to our growth as we are mindful of our mission to enrich the quality of life in our region. For example, this year's K8 Art exhibit showcased over 250 pieces from students county wide with even more participation expected in 2010. Our gallery art curriculum is growing as well with emerging artist exhibits featuring our Youth

Art Saturday, Plein Aire and photography students.

Over \$50,000 has been raised to date with financial support from Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Lapeer County Community Foundation, the Lapeer

Art Association, the City of Lapeer Downtown Development Authority, Lapeer montage project sponsors and individual donors.

—Visit [www.gallery194.com](http://www.gallery194.com) and link to the Lapeer County Community Foundation to donate.



## Art classes linked to creative minds!

Gallery 194 is committed to offering affordable, accessible quality art classes. With drop-in registration and modest scholarships available, more area residents are expressing their creative side! We have many talented artists in our community who generously share their talents as art educators through Gallery 194.

If your interest lies in drawing or watercolor, self-taught artist Mike Monville will be teaching Watercolor I and II, and Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain

this fall/winter.

Fine artist Jason Cornish's Plein Aire class is back by popular demand! Explore venues around Lapeer as you paint alongside a professional. You will learn principles of light, pacing, composition and color theory. Jason also teaches winter studio classes and some youth workshops.

YAS (Youth Art Saturdays) will continue late summer and fall featuring a variety of master teachers such as weaver Marianna Fiedor, clay artist Mollie Jones and landscape painter Jacquie

Piechowski. We will begin again after the elevator installation is complete.

Nature photographer Dale Vronch has been teaching for over 20 years, guiding many from novice to skilled photographers. Beginners' digital camera is a new and popular class this summer along with Photography Workshops in July/August. For those who have previously studied with Dale, we are planning a series of "reunion shoots" for students to network and to continue developing their artistic skills.

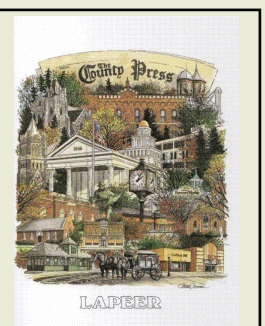
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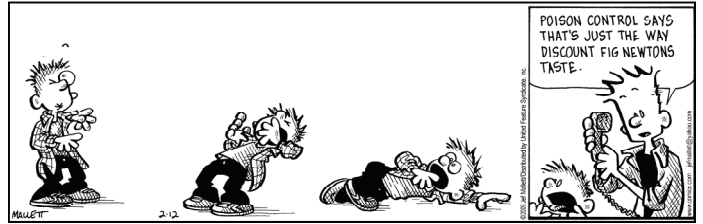
With a gift of Lapeer Montage Framed Prints from \$60.00  
 Quality Mugs: \$12.00

Proceeds benefit:  
*Elevate the Arts*



# Gallery 194: Main Gallery Happenings

Through July 24th enjoy EMU touring exhibit: **MIRTH, MOCKERY AND MAYHEM** featuring 40 artists with ties to Michigan. July 18 we will listen in as art historian Richard Rubinfeld discusses comic art from the beginning of time at our "Comics and Cartoons 101" event. Featured artists will be on hand. Starbucks will serve treats. July 28th brings award winning duck stamp artist Lorna Poulos and landscape artist Pete McCreedy's rock creations to the Main Gallery. Fall '09 showcases the Flint Artist Market with member artists providing workshops and demos in a variety of mediums. Lapeer Art Association rounds out the year with their annual Holiday Market. Emerging artists from our classes continue to be on display in the east and west hallway galleries. Of course, Mon-



tague art is always available for a tax deductible purchase benefiting the *Elevate the Arts Fund*. Down the road, we are planning an exhibit of Port Huron artist Earl Robinette's work and a *Detroit in Lapeer* Show with Taurus Burns, Larry Gabriel and others. Admission is FREE: visit often!

## Art on the Street

- Lapeer Art Association exhibits a multi-media show: "It's Alive" through August 8th in Gallery 194's Upper Gallery.
- 3,000 art fans enjoyed the 4th annual Lapeer Celebrates the Arts festival June 6/7. They enjoyed wine and beer tasting, art auctioning, story tellers, visual artists and performing artists. See you in 2010!
- Cranberries' Cafe, 10250 Hegel St, Goodrich will feature Dale Vronch's *Nature Photography* this July with a Meet-the-Artist Wine Reception on Wednesday, July 15th at 6 pm.
- Second Friday Art Walk on South Saginaw in Flint happens this summer: participants could be Buckham Gallery, Greater Flint Arts Council, Studio 625, the Creative Arts Alliance and Red Ink.
- Rochester's Paint Creek Center presents "Mold Made," a group sculpture show and a show by photographer Ian Weber through August 1st.

- Flint Institute of Arts features several extraordinary glass art exhibits this summer. Get there!
- Pix Theatre's 2009/10 season showcases ALL MICHIGAN artists with The Chenille Sisters, Tony award winning actor/Grammy-nominated recording artist Josh White Junior, an original production called *Michigan Anthology*, and comedy by Limelight Productions for starters.
- Art on the Town raised over \$600 for 4H youth programming by partnering with local artists and restaurants on West Nepeessing Street last March. Look for them next spring!
- Thursday's at 6:30 you can catch the Lapeer Downtown Business Association's Summer Concert Series on the historic courthouse lawn.
- The Huntsman in Dryden is currently showing Jason Cornish's oil paintings.

## Gallery 194 Wish List

- Easels, watercolor/oil paints, brushes, pottery wheels, kiln, egg cartons, fabric, newspaper roll ends, etc.
- Volunteers for special events/projects.
- Gallery quality sofa, ottoman and display easels.
- Curators kit including cordless drill, laser level, and rolling cabinet.
- Scholarships for student artists.
- Black locked lateral files/office furniture, general office supplies. Storage cabinets, palates, 2-way radios x4, commercial quality vacuum.
- Labor, supplies, design assistance to create walled storage space.

# Spotlight



Workshop at Sutherland Nature Center

**Dale Vronch**, well-known nature photographer, has been teaching classes at Gallery 194 since its inception. His enthusiasm for photography, nature, and life has inspired many students to con-

## Student Honors Teacher/Mentor

tinue on with this tranquil art form.

Renee Bardestcher credits Dale with turning her from a "...backsliding amateur to a serious amateur photographer. He has helped me to see things I would have walked right by before." She admires Dale's knowledge of composition and appreciates his photographs for their relaxing and soothing quality. In Dale's photos "I find everything is where it should be." Renee said it was a lucky moment when she signed up for Dale's class, "I am more patient, I can wait for the wind to stop

blowing or for the sun to come out."

Dale's photography class offerings include: Composition in Nature I and II, Photography Workshops, a New Digital Camera Class, along with a series of "reunion shoots" for veterans photo students.

Dale's work can be found in LAA's Upper Gallery and Gallery Gifts, Cranberries Café in July and the Grand Blanc Art Fair in August. - TF



Apple Blossoms- Renee Bardetscher

# Have you ever wanted to come to a special event at Gallery 194, but weren't quite sure of the etiquette?

Well you are not alone! Even I was unsure of the dress code, cost involved, and how to approach an artist before I came to a Meet-the-Artist reception last year at Gallery 194. Now I know there are too many wonderful things going on in the art world to pass up an opportunity to meet and mingle with people in harmony with the arts.

Come dressed as you are. Most events at Gallery 194 are come and go casual and friendly affairs where a love of art, people, conversation, and food are really all you need. A visit to the refreshment table might find wine, cheese and fine hors d'oeuvres or maybe coffee and donuts!

Talk to the artist. Most artists enjoy talking to folks about art, and their work in particular. You might

ask what was their inspiration and what medium they work with; if nothing else comes to mind, you can always say "I am intrigued by your work."

My first Gallery event was a panel discussion of national comic artists, which led me to a workshop on making your own mini comic! I have also had the pleasure of meeting



Meet the Artist Reception

James Conner, the artist responsible for our Lapeer Montage; Sam Machelius, an expert potter from Alpena; and Tom Hoyt who creates beautiful garden sculptures. We even had an "Ag and Art" event at the Gallery that was attended by over 100 guests. I enjoyed talking to Jason Cornish about his agriculture inspired art while sampling Michigan grown foods prepared by local chefs and watching independent film: *Asparagus stalking the american life* at the PIX. It doesn't get much better than that!

So don't be shy, come downtown Saturday, July 18th at 1pm to check out our next event: **Cartoons & Comics 101** presented by Richard Rubenfeld, Co-Curator and EMU art history professor. Starbucks will provide treats and Farmer's Market is open too! —Teresa Fick, Asst. Gallery Mngr.

## Taking Care of Business

### New Gallery Quality Lighting

New lighting has been installed in the building by Energy Systems Group through a City of Lapeer energy audit, courtesy of our Downtown Development Authority. The improved gallery lighting system illuminates exhibits and classrooms with a clean, white light preferred by artists and art lovers alike.

### Gallery 194 Available for Rent

The gallery has several rental opportunities for your special event. Consider renting the Main Gallery for an artistic backdrop to your party or reception, the lower level for a business seminar or workshop, or combine with a PIX rental. Rates are surprisingly affordable. Gallery staff could open Gallery Gifts or provide an artistic speaker of your choosing!

### Loft Style Apartment for Rent

Gallery 194's second floor boasts three refurbished, loft style apartments. Appliances are included with a washer, dryer and storage unit on site. It's within walking distance of downtown eateries, parks and the linear walking path. We have an available apartment in the near future for \$450/month with a year lease. Call 667-1495 to inquire.

## Kudos go to . . .

...Ralph Corbin for donating drawing/display easel.  
...Mike and Donna Monville for donation of matt board cutter.  
..Artist Francine Harris for generous donation of furniture, art and art supplies.  
...Friends of Mabel Cobane for cash donation toward gallery elevator in Mabel's memory.  
...Lapeer Optimists for generous youth scholarship funding.  
...Artist Karen Huizenga for firing pots created by potter Sam Machulis in a Lapeer Days demonstration.  
...Lapeer Center for the Arts Council

advisors for assisting with Lapeer Celebrates the Arts youth activities, designing window displays, hanging exhibits and providing steadfast support to gallery staff.  
...Lapeer Rotary Club for contributions toward art education scholarships and the elevator project.  
...Pix Arts Council for sharing their space along with their constant ideas, encouragement and enthusiasm for promoting culture in our historic downtown!  
...Paul Parsch and Larry at Sherwin Williams for drop cloth and paint donations.

...Dan Fiedor for the gift of a curator's kit and other supplies.  
...Lapeer Art Association for helping with elevator montage sales and loaning easels, advice and assorted art related items on a daily basis.  
...Jim Tebben and the Huntsman Club in Dryden for hosting our Plein Aire class critique with gourmet food and fare.  
...James Connor Gallery for repairing damaged fundraising inventory free of charge.



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*The center of "All Things Art"  
for the Lapeer Community*

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## ART AND THE GARDEN

### A JOURNEY BEYOND THE ORDINARY

Tour the private gardens of six  
of Metamora's most prestigious country homes.

#### July 25th: 10am to 3pm ART AND THE GARDEN TOUR

Featuring the private gardens of six homes in the Metamora countryside. The tour will start at The White Horse Inn in Metamora where you can purchase tickets and pick up your tour guide booklet.

Included in the tour:

- A formal English garden filled with lush colorful plantings set against an elegant English country house. Terraced gardens in the backyard lead to a flowing river with natural walking paths.
- Watch bronze being poured and cast at the working sculpture studio of a well-known artist and discover his artwork tucked into welcoming shady gardens.
- A sprawling Country Estate of over 300 acres boasts an 1870's farm house with an elegant lady's garden and greenhouse, a formal pool

with an English style pool house, a guest house and many barns and outbuildings. Rolling hills and a rollicking stream flow through this estate creating wonderful views and hiking trails.

- A cozy garden surrounds a horse lovers Cape Cod style home set in the woods. This property includes wonderful barns, paddocks, and a fabulous garden shed.
- A French country home with a mixture of retaining walls, walkways and an elegant winding staircase landing at a terraced patio with eye-catching views into the backyard.
- A rambling stone ranch house featuring breathtaking views and dramatic sculptures on beautifully maintained grounds is known to be one of the most desirable addresses in Metamora.

Don't miss this chance to tour some of Metamora's most prestigious properties and enjoy featured artists working in the gardens the day of the tour.

**To purchase tickets the day of the tour:** Tickets can be purchased at The White Horse Inn at 1 E High Street in Metamora (cash or credit) for \$12.00 each.

**To purchase tickets in advance - Save \$2:** You may purchase tickets at Gallery 194 in Lapeer Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am to 6 pm. Advance purchase \$10.00 each.  
**First Stop The White Horse Inn:** Stop at the White Horse Inn on the day of the tour to purchase tickets or turn in your ticket for a Tour Guide Booklet with descriptions, addresses and driving directions to the gardens for this self guided tour.

**For more information call:**  
Gallery 194 at 667-1495 or log onto [www.Gallery194.com](http://www.Gallery194.com).