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An artistic showcase

Sixth annual show opens Saturday with reception for artists**By Rex Huffman****The Times-Reporter***Posted Jul 18, 2008 @ 12:00 AM*

NEW PHILADELPHIA, OH — A Mid Summer's Night Art Affair VI, a show highlighting the work of invited artists with a Tuscarawas County connection, will open Saturday in the Tuscarawas County Center for the Arts at 461 Robinson Dr. SE, New Philadelphia.

"This is our longest-running show," said art center director Jeannine Kennedy. "The show was conceived because gallery chairperson Peggy Sibila thought it would be wonderful to do a show featuring artists from the area."

Kennedy said the show, which is by invitation only, features not only artists who live in the area but also those who may now live elsewhere, but still have ties to the area.

"It is one of our best shows," Kennedy said. "Many of the artists bump it up a notch because they really enjoy participating in this show," added Kennedy. "They want to do something cutting edge."

An opening night reception is planned for Saturday from 7 to 9 in the Tuscarawas County Center for the Arts gallery. The show runs through Sept. 15, and gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 to 2, and Saturday from noon to 4. There is no admission fee, but donations are accepted. The show includes artwork that is both traditional and contemporary, done in a wide variety of media including oils, watercolors, sculpture, ceramics, glass, printmaking, photography and instillation.

In addition to the artworks on display, printmaker David Sickinger will demonstrate slip print technique and create an artwork on site with the help of those attending at the reception.

Artists whose work is represented in this year's show are:

Jason Bair, Jane Brown, Jeff Bryan, Marcie Dryden, Efy, James Filkorn, Mallory Gerstacker, Kim Hohlmayer, Giuseppe Ionno, William Koch, Arthur Limbach, Peggy Luthy-Sibila, Ted Martin, Nancy McDonald, Barbara Palmer, Tom Radca, Harley Sefert, Bill Shryock, David Sickinger, Mark Sudduth, Drew Stanberry, Tori Tedesco, Deborah Tucker, Kyle Valentini, Don Weisgarber, Jon McDonald, Jackie Holan and Jeannie Wieland.

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