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Salem Art Association
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Bush's Pasture Park, December 2016

ANNUAL WINTER CLOSURES

Because of holidays, exhibit rotations, and general winter housekeeping that needs to be done, the Bush Barn Art Center and Annex, and the Bush House Museum, will not be open during the following dates:

- December 24-January 1 (Bush Barn Art Center and Annex)
- December 17-January 3 (Bush House Museum)

ABOUT US

The Salem Art Association (SAA) is a 501c3 non-profit organization which has been serving the mid-Willamette Valley since 1919. We operate the Bush Barn Art Center and Annex, a Community Arts Education program, and the Salem Art Fair & Festival. SAA also operates the Bush House Museum on behalf of the City of Salem. Come visit at 600 Mission Street SE in Salem.

BUSH BARN ART CENTER & ANNEX

Tuesday-Friday | 10 am-5 pm
Saturday-Sunday | Noon-5 pm
Closed Christmas Day-New Year's Day
FREE ADMISSION

BUSH HOUSE MUSEUM

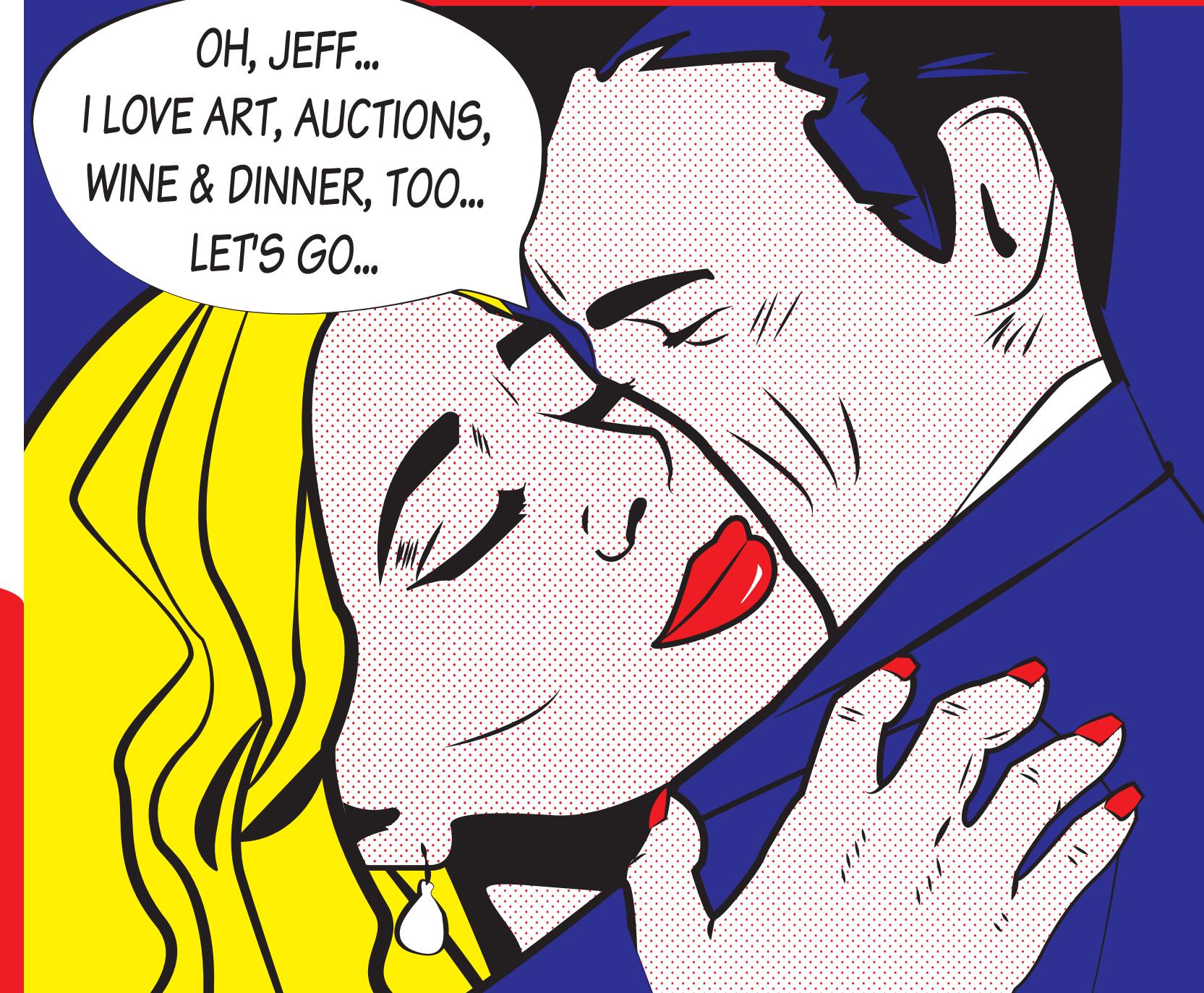
April-September:
Thursday-Sunday | 1, 2, 3 & 4 pm
October-March:
Friday-Sunday | 1, 2, 3 & 4 pm
Closed Christmas Day-New Year's Day
ADMISSION RATES ONLINE

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OH, JEFF...
I LOVE ART, AUCTIONS,
WINE & DINNER, TOO...
LET'S GO...



20TH ANNUAL CLAY BALL: POP OF COLOR!

On February 23, 2019, the Clay Ball auction and dinner is going POP! Come to the Salem Convention Center dressed in bright 1960s Pop Art colors, or simply add accents to your formal attire. Those who want to go all out can put together a costume inspired by Lichtenstein, Warhol, and their contemporaries.

At the event, start off by perusing a wide array of silent auction packages while enjoying complimentary wine from Bryn Mawr Vineyards, beer from Gilgamesh Brewing, and scrumptious hors-d'oeuvres. Afterward, you will be treated to a gourmet three-course dinner, followed by an exhilarating live auction featuring original art, and exciting experience packages. Once the bidding ends, stick around to cut loose and dance.

Your tickets and auction purchases help the Salem Art Association (SAA) provide arts opportunities to everyone from underserved students to established artists. Buy your tickets today at www.SalemArt.org/clay-ball or 503-581-2228.



FIND UNIQUE GIFTS AT THE BUSH BARN ART CENTER

Support artists, and SAA's non-profit arts programming, by shopping at the Holiday Showcase exhibition running through December 23. More than 50 artists and craftspeople will be selling greeting cards, tree ornaments, jewelry, ceramics, glassware, fiber art, traditional art, and so much more. There is something for everyone on your list, and at a variety of price points. Speaking of price, make sure to keep an eye out on Salem Art Association's Facebook, Instagram or Twitter for a couple days of big discounts in December.



CREATIVITY OF VOLUNTEER GROUP FEATURED IN TWO PART EXHIBITION

Shortly after the A.N. Bush Gallery opened in the Bush Barn Art Center in 1964-1965, a group of 12 volunteers under the leadership of Nancy Gromsen attended the Portland Art Museum's docent seminar, 'How to be a Museum Guide'. Since that time, the Gallery Guides have played a pivotal role at the Salem Art Association. They greet visitors, sponsor tours, offer scholarships, and assist with educational programs for students.

Many of the members of the Gallery Guides are artists and have shown in exhibitions throughout Oregon. This exhibition gives these wonderful people an opportunity to show their work in the setting which they take care of on a daily basis. SAA is honored to be able to share this exhibition as a way of saying 'Thank You' to the group for all they do.

Part I of the exhibition runs January 15-February 2, with a reception from 5:30-7:30 pm on Friday, January 18. Part II will be on display February 5-23, with a reception from 10 am-Noon on Tuesday, February 5.

Want to learn more about the Gallery Guides? Attend one of their free meetings, immediately following the First Tuesday Art Talk events at 10 am each month.



Art by Cynthia Wilcox



ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Many artists do not have a dedicated studio where they can create work, and even those that do sometimes need a change of scenery. That is where SAA's Artist-in-Residence program comes in. This free opportunity provides an artist (or artists) the chance to stretch their wings, and make new work. The Debra Smith Allis Studio, in the Annex at the Bush Barn Art Center, is open to artists of all disciplines. As part of SAA's Community Arts Education programming, there are also specific times of year dedicated to particular groups of underrepresented artists. Two deadlines are approaching for specific residencies: one for African American artists (January 15), and one for veterans (February 15). You can view the full Call for Artists application at www.SalemArt.org.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS ADORN NEIGHBORING HOUSE MUSEUMS

The Bush House Museum, and nearby Deepwood Museum & Gardens, team up for two Sunday afternoons of free admission, holiday decorations, live music, and light refreshments.

The Bush House Museum features Victorian inspired decorations and period music in the sitting room. Deepwood hosts Santa Claus in the solarium and self-guided tours with greeters in period clothing. The Bush Barn Art Center, next-door to the Bush House

Museum, joins the fun with the *Holiday Showcase* exhibit and other seasonal delights.

Stop by on Sunday, December 2, and Sunday December 9, from 1-4 pm for the festivities. Additional details about the event will be available online, closer to the event, by visiting www.SalemArt.org.



Kitchen, Bush House Museum



Sitting Room, Bush House Museum



Visitors explore *The Joe, Jim & Pedro Show* at the Bush Barn Art Center, October 2018

GRANTOR SPOTLIGHT

SAA is thrilled to have been awarded three grants from the City of Salem's 2018-2019 Transient Occupancy Tax fund. The three awards include:

- \$43,520 Facility Operating Grant for general operating expenses related to the Bush Barn Art Center and Annex
- \$10,000 Capital Improvement Grant to enhance the wall exhibition space in our galleries
- \$10,000 Special Event Grant for marketing the Salem Art Fair & Festival

As a cornerstone arts and culture organization for Salem and the mid-Willamette Valley, SAA annually serves over 70,000 people, providing a catalyst for community change while contributing to our region's creative economy, generating cultural tourism, building social relationships, promoting civic engagement, and improving the lives of children.

Funding from the City of Salem TOT funds has a significant impact in ensuring that SAA can continue to increase the cultural appeal of Salem and enhance the visitor experience.



SALEM ART ASSOCIATION ENTERS CENTENNIAL YEAR

The Salem Art Association was founded in 1919, which means that 2019 will be our centennial year.

Thank you to those who have been with us for several decades or even a season. We are grateful for those who sign up to be members, attend events, volunteer time, donate to fundraisers, teach in schools, advocate for the arts, and the many other ways of being an active part of this vibrant and connected community. It has been our pleasure to serve Salem and the surrounding area for the last 100 years, and we look forward to the next 100.

Keep your eyes peeled for some major changes to the look of SAA, special programming, and more in 2019.