



THE PHILADELPHIA SKETCH CLUB

A Year-Long Celebration of the 150th Anniversary

Collaborative Exhibitions & Events

As many of you know, the Philadelphia Sketch Club will be celebrating its 150th (Sesquicentennial) Anniversary in 2010. Many events are being planned for that year and we are extremely pleased that a number of prominent art organizations will be having collaborative exhibitions to support our celebration.

On November 7, 2009, as the Club enters its 150th year, we will have a Sesquicentennial Preview Party & Exhibition to announce the various exhibitions and events that are planned for the coming year. This will be a ticketed event for members, patrons and the press. To coincide with the party, we will have an exhibition of historical paintings and a few invited contemporary works. Most of these works will come from prominent galleries and collectors. The exhibition will be available for viewing from November 6 through November 22, 2009.

The Sesquicentennial Year will reach its high point of celebration with a party at Woodmere Art Museum on November 20, 2010. Listed below is the current status of the collaborative exhibitions and events that are planned for 2010:

National Constitution Center

January - April 2010
Inspiring a Nation

An exhibition of World War I posters by Philadelphia Sketch Club artists presented by the Army Heritage Center. Seldom have artists' works stirred human emotions more than these posters. They inspired our citizens to enlist, donate funds and work in the industrial complex to support the war effort. The exhibition will be held in Posterity Hall.

Brandywine River Museum

March 22 - May 23, 2010

N. C. Wyeth and the Philadelphia Sketch Club

In 1912, the Philadelphia Sketch Club was the venue for the first exhibition devoted solely to N. C. Wyeth's work. This recreation of that exhibition includes both illustrative art and Brandywine valley landscapes in a variety of impressionistic styles.

Athenaeum Of Philadelphia

May 17 - August 6, 2010

The Architect as Artist:

Theophilus P. Chandler, Jr. (1845-1928)

This exhibition in the Athenaeum's Haas Gallery will feature more than one hundred drawings, photos and manuscripts from the Chandler collection at the Athenaeum. Chandler helped found the School of Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania and his membership at the Philadelphia Sketch Club spanned over 50 years.

Philadelphia Museum Of Art

August 21, 2010 -

January 2, 2011

Eakins on Paper

This special installation of rarely-seen drawings and watercolors will highlight the draftsmanship of Thomas Eakins, who began his teaching career at the Sketch Club. A tour of the museum will also uncover additional works by Eakins and other noted Sketch Club members such as Howard Roberts and Thomas Moran.

Philip And Muriel Berman Museum Of Art

June through September 2010

The Hutton Family of Artists

Hugh Hutton was an editorial cartoonist for the Philadelphia Inquirer for over 35 years. His wife, daughter and other family members were or are accomplished artists and their works will be presented in this exhibition. Three generations of the family have been actively involved as members of the Philadelphia Sketch Club.

Newman Galleries

June 5 through July 2, 2011

Philadelphia Sketch Club 2010

Members Exhibition

Philadelphia oldest and one of the most prestigious art galleries presents the Philadelphia Sketch Club 2010 Members Exhibition. It will feature approximately 150 contemporary works in all visual mediums by current members of the Philadelphia Sketch Club

James A Michener Art Museum

August 21 through November

21, 2010

Philadelphia Sketch Club

Artists and Bucks County

An exhibition in the museum's Pfundt Gallery of works by members of the Philadelphia Sketch Club who worked in and around Bucks County. Past and current members will be represented.

Woodmere Art Museum

September 2010 to January 2011

Sketch Club Artists in Woodmere's Permanent Collection

This exhibition will present approximately 50 works of art by past members of the Philadelphia Sketch Club that are in Woodmere's permanent collection. It will feature major works of art by such prominent artists as Eakins, Anshutz, N. C. Wyeth, Moran, Garber, Redfield, Horter and Riggs.

Society Of Illustrators, New York

Time to be determined
Philadelphia Sketch Club Illustrators

This exhibition will feature some of America's greatest illustrators who were members of the Philadelphia Sketch Club. Noted past illustrator members included A. B. Frost, N. C. Wyeth, Henry C. Pitz, Earl Horter and John Falter.

Free Library Of Philadelphia, Art Department, Print & Picture Collection

October through December 2010

Ever-Changing Philadelphia: Prints and Watercolors by Frank H. Taylor

One of the most prolific viewmakers in the Philadelphia area was Frank Hamilton Taylor (1846-1927), an artist, author, and editor who found a wide range of means to put his work before the public. An early member and leader of the Philadelphia Sketch Club, he was especially interested in the 18th century city and its peripheries, making hundreds of watercolors between the 1890s and 1920s. He published many of these in a series of over 400 large lithographed prints under the title Old Philadelphia: Artistic Reproductions from Drawings by Frank H. Taylor.

Pennsylvania Academy Of The Fine Arts

Fall 2010 (Exact dates to be determined)

The Drawings of William Emlen Cresson

Over one thousand artists have benefited from the traveling scholarship established in the name of this young artist who died at the age of 23 in 1868. This exhibition explores his known work to include several drawings relating to the Philadelphia Sketch Club.

Approval Pending

Atwater Kent Museum

Time to be determined
Philadelphia Sketch Club Artists Represented in the Atwater Kent Museum Collection

An exhibition of paintings and prints showing views of Philadelphia and environs. The exhibition will include several noted Sketch Club artists to include Earl Horter and Frank H. Taylor.

Art In City Hall

Time to be determined
Philadelphia Sketch Club Members Anniversary Exhibition

An exhibition of current members of the Philadelphia Sketch Club in historic City Hall.

Other Events

150th Sesquicentennial Preview Party

A celebration for press and patrons at the Philadelphia Sketch Club on November 7, 2009, to announce 150th anniversary related events for the coming year with an exhibition of historic and invited contemporary works by Sketch Club Members.

Smithsonian Bus Trip (Being Planned)

A bus trip to the Smithsonian Institution where we will have a behind the scenes viewing of works by Sketch Club members Thomas Moran, Stephen Ferris and H. Lyman Sayen.

New York Bus Trip

A bus trip to New York to view the collaborative exhibition at the Society of Illustrators and then a visit to the Salmagundi Club where several members have belonged.

Walking Tour Of City Hall And The Masonic Temple

A guided tour of the art in City Hall and the Masonic Temple to view works of art by Sketch Club members.

Gala Anniversary Celebration

An anniversary celebration will be held at Woodmere Art Museum on November 20, 2010. Joseph Pennell medals will be presented by the Club to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the visual arts.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for many of the events listed. For additional information, contact: Barbara Murray, Executive Director: (215) 545-9298 or bmurray@sketchclub.org.