

Super Saturday at Saratoga Clay Arts Center! - Holiday Open House and Reception for New Exhibition

SCHUYLERVILLE - There's been a lot of excitement in the artistic community about the new Saratoga Clay Arts Center, which was founded last year at 167 Hayes Road in Schuylerville, by Jill Fishon-Kovachick.

The Saratoga Clay Arts Center is dedicated to the creation, education and promotion of clay arts by providing resources (such as studio space and workshops) to bring

together local and national ceramic artists with enthusiasts about the medium. In rapid fashion, the Saratoga Clay Arts Center has grown to host a number of talented artists in their studios, and the Schacht Gallery, located within the center, is receiving proposals for what will be a full slate of exhibits in 2012-13.

This Saturday, December 10, is shaping up to be a great opportunity to visit the Saratoga

Clay Arts Center, as there are a variety of interesting events scheduled. From 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., the center's resident artists will host their first annual holiday show and resident artist sale. This show and sale will feature works of over 20 of the area's top ceramic artists. Each artist will showcase their original work inside their studio spaces, with a wide variety of work, including bowls, cups, pitchers, teapots and sculpture, available for purchase. Holiday cookies and refreshments will be served.

Following the sale is a reception in the Schacht Gallery from 5-7 p.m. for the opening of the clay arts center's member exhibition. This exhibition will feature selections from 21 of the center's member artists. The exhibition will be at the Schacht Gallery through January 27, 2012. The Schacht Gallery is open daily from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information about Saturday's activities, visit www.saratogaclayarts.org.

- Arthur Gonick

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MEMBERSHIP EXHIBITION

December 10, 2011 - January 27, 2012
Opening Reception
Saturday December 10, 2011
5:00 - 7:00pm

Heather Sterns - Jean Fei - Jessica Phillips
Randi Kish - Rebecca Sparks - Sharon Brill
James Sankowski - JoAnn Axford - Jordan Becker
Karen Elem - Patricia Collins - Galen Odell-Smedley
Sandra Campo Tracy - Shar Kingsbury - Barbara Reeley
Audrie Sturman - Cheryl Horning - Dolores Thompson
Lorraine Hall - Amejo Amyot - Dan Greenfield

JoAnn Axford, Convolutulus arvensis (Blindwood)
2011, 11.25"x7.25"x7.25"; photo by artist

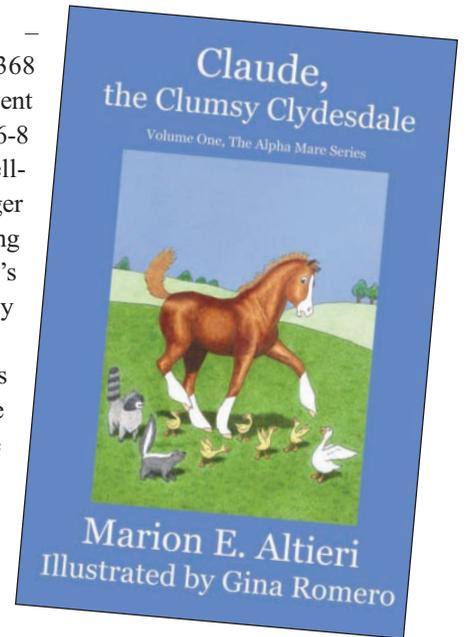


Book Signing and Reading by Marion Alteri

SARATOGA SPRINGS - Impressions of Saratoga, 368 Broadway will host a special event this Friday, December 9, from 6-8 p.m. They will present well-known equine writer and blogger Marion Alteri, in a book signing and reading of her first children's book, "Claude the Clumsy Clydesdale."

This book uses tales of horses to teach life lessons that are suitable for all members of the family. Marion will autograph and personalize her book for attendees beginning at 6 p.m., and will be reading from "Claude" at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Marianne Barker at (518) 587-6666 or mbarker@impressionssaratoga.com.



Trumpet Sensation Chris Botti to Headline at Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival's 35th Anniversary

SARATOGA SPRINGS - In the first of an ongoing series of a weekly online announcements, dubbed "The Building of a Season," about artists or programs that will be part of its 2012 summer lineup, the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC) announced on Thursday, December 8, that trumpet superstar Chris Botti, the music world's best-selling instrumentalist, will be among the headliners at the 35th Anniversary Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival.

he festival will take place on June 30 - July 1, 2012, at SPAC.

Botti, whose music spans jazz, pop, classical and rock, is a multi-platinum selling artist known for his brilliant performances and high-profile collaborations with many of music's biggest names, including Sting, Andrea Bocelli, Yo-Yo Ma, Joshua Bell and Aerosmith's Steven Tyler.



Hitting the road for more than 250 days per year, Chris Botti and his band have performed with many of the finest symphonies and at some of the world's most prestigious venues, including performances at the World Series and Nobel Peace Prize ceremony.

Botti will perform on Saturday, June 30.

"The Building of a Season" is an integrated digital feature at www.spac.org which contains a wide variety of information about SPAC's 2012 artists and programming, including streamed videos, YouTube interviews, photo galleries, media articles and reviews.

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