

CURRENT & UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Cleo Clark Williams  
Wilderness Center  
Woodcarvers  
We'll Leave  
the Light On  
Ray Muniak  
Now thru Feb 29

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Stark County High  
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A still life by Cleo Clark Williams

## Regional Artists Cleo Clark Williams and Ray Muniak in New Exhibits

*A Sense of Place: The Paintings of Cleo Clark Williams and Saved from the Fire Pit: Wood Sculpture from Environmental Debris Artist Ray Muniak* are on display now through February 29, 2004 in the galleries of the Museum.

Canton's Cleo Clark Williams attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and Kent State University, earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1982. She then began to showcase her art and in 1978, won her first award at the Lithopolous, Ohio Open Competitive Exhibition, earning the title "Best-of-Show." Since then, Cleo has been a part of numerous exhibits all over the United States, including California, Florida, New York and Pennsylvania. In addition to participating in nearly forty shows, Cleo has also taken home numerous awards, and not surprisingly, has been featured in *American Artist Magazine* twice. In addition to Cleo's exhibitions, her work can also be seen around Ohio, at businesses, banks and hospitals.

Hinkley's Ray Muniak has been working with wood for over forty years, creating "Muniart" wall hangings and sculptures. Initially, Muniak was "inspired by my father working with wood and the wonderful aroma of fresh-

## "Antiques & Art" Theme for Museum Guild Show

This year's theme, "Antiques and Art", is expanding the activities of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual *Antiques in Canton* Show and Sale. Friday's Preview Party promises an artistically displayed and outstanding array of gourmet fare prepared through the culinary expertise of Chef Jennifer Wolfe Thompson and her Committee. Photo panels derived from the Museum's 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century permanent collection will be on display in the Colonial Café.

Executive Director M.J. Albacete's presentation of the "Earliest Art Traditions in America" is set for Sunday at 1 pm. A Silent Auction of Antique Art and Historical Getaways will run throughout the weekend. Also look for our new edition, *Star Recipes Cookbook*, featuring the tried and tested gourmet Preview Party hors d'oeuvres and desserts. This new compilation of recipes will be on sale during the show.



Thirty-four dealers are in place, and we've added three new dealers. *Antiques In Canton* is set for March 12-14. Friday evening's Preview Party tickets will be available in February by calling the Museum's office; tickets are \$35. Show admission is \$5 and Nationwide is sponsoring free parking in their lot on Market Avenue North.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CANTON MUSEUM OF ART

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

December 24, 25 & 26  
Museum Closed

January 1 & 2  
Museum Closed

January 5 - 9:00 am  
Docent Meeting

January 14 - 11:30 am  
Fine Arts Associates Luncheon

January 16 - 8:00 pm  
Coffee in the Courtyard

January 25 - 1:00 pm  
Museum Closed

January 27 - 7:30 pm  
Classical Music Club

January 28 - 9:30 am  
Museum Guild Meeting

January 28 - 5:00 pm  
CMA Board Meeting

## A Note from the Executive Director

For many years now, the Holiday season begins for me with Christkindl Markt which, as usual was a wonderful and exciting three-day event. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the many volunteers who helped to make this a success, especially the two co-chairs, Gloria Rayburn and Sue Bratton, who seemed to be everywhere at once! What amazed me most about these two is that every time I ran into them at the Markt, they began telling me about new ideas for next year's Christkindl Markt!

As we approach the end of the year, it seems appropriate for the Trustees and Staff to express our thanks to all of our volunteers, friends, patrons, members, sponsors, for helping in so many different ways to assure the success of another CMA season. We can all look back with pride on a number of wonderful exhibitions and special events, such as our Ohio Bicentennial exhibits, *In a Clear Light* and *Turkey River*, and their popular opening receptions. Certainly of paramount significance was the installation of the Jerry Peart Sculpture on the campus of the Cultural Center for the Arts, and featured in the December issue of *Sculpture* magazine.

Next year has the promise of a few surprises, one or two "experimental" projects, and one of the most important exhibitions we've ever attempted: *Andrew Wyeth: The Helga Paintings*. The Canton Museum of Art will be the next-to-the-last venue in the United States for this collection before it goes to a new home overseas. World class exhibitions come with heavy fees, and so all of us—Trustees and Staff—will be exploring every possible funding resource.

And as we approach the end of the year, this is the perfect time to examine worthy projects in the arts for tax-deductible donations. Here's are a few items on our Holiday wish list: the Andrew Wyeth exhibition has a six-figure rental fee, and although some portion of this expense will be realized through admissions, the CMA must pay for it up front. We'd like to adapt the CMA library somewhat to serve as a conference room, with new tables, chairs, and a PowerPoint system. Your gift, small or large, would help us meet these challenges—and make things a little easier for you when April 15 rolls around. You may have some ideas of your own about a specific funding project. In any case, we are ready to respond to your inquiries, or to meet with you and respond to any questions and concerns.



The Board of Trustees, and Staff join me in extending best wishes to all of our friends for a warm and wonderful Holiday Season, and for a New Year filled with brightness, joy, and splendor!

M. J. Albacete

## NEWS, NOTES, THANKS . . .

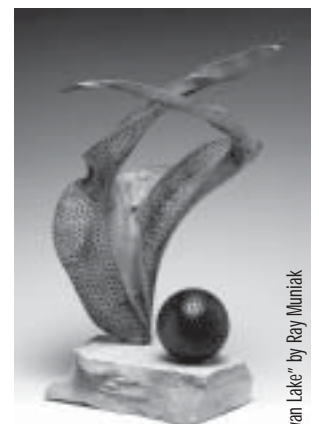
SECOND APRIL GALLERIE RECENTLY REOPENED AT A NEW LOCATION JUST A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE MUSEUM AT 209 SIXTH STREET NW AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE PALACE THEATRE. WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

## Cleo and Ray

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cut pine." A full-time artist since 1987, Ray moved to the rural area of Hinckley to create his artwork from home and construct a personal gallery. He has been involved with over thirty exhibits and gallery shows, including ten years at the Yankee Peddler Festival in Canal Fulton, Ohio, where he was named 2001 "Artist Craftsman of the Year."

When asked about his creative process, Ray states, "each piece of cast-off wood has within itself a hidden form that I am first unaware of. As I work the piece and remove the decayed areas, it speaks to me, guiding me in different directions. The focus of my art is to create objects of beauty that is both calming and mentally titillating."



"Swan Lake" by Ray Muniak

CMA IS SET TO BRING ANDREW WYETH'S HELGA PICTURES TO CANTON IN AUGUST

# Affiliate Updates



## Canton Fine Arts Associates

If you haven't attended a Fine Arts Luncheon Meeting lately, now is the time to join us for a wonderful event. In January, we have another delicious luncheon and exciting program for you to enjoy. The January 14, 2004, luncheon meeting will be held in the Canton Museum of Art Courtyard at 11:45. Luncheon cost is \$ 7.00. Our program will be Dr. Barbara Drennan of Malone College. She will explain her very creative community mural projects in various cities around the country. Reservations for this exciting meeting can be made by calling Barb at 330 - 453 - 7666. . . . Jeanne Freitag



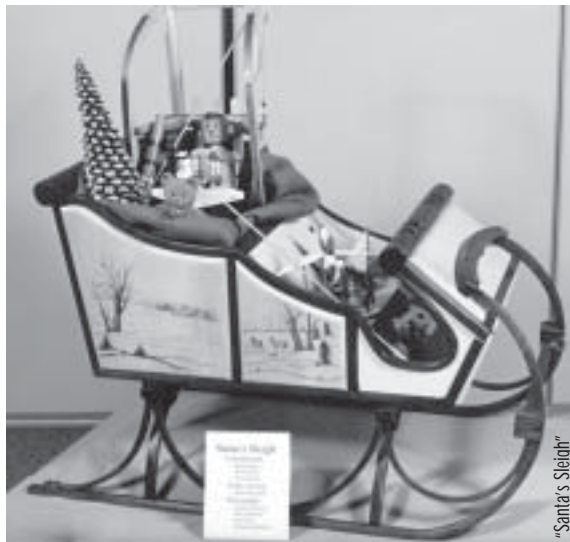
## CMA Docents

The CMA Docents are tentatively planning a one-day trip in March, April or May to the Columbus Museum of Art to view the fascinating new exhibition, *Monet to Matisse: The Triumph of Impressionism and the Avant-Garde*. There will be plenty of room on our 47-passenger bus to accommodate additional members and friends of the Museum. The fee—yet to be determined—will include admission to the museum, lunch, and round-trip bus fare. We'll go on a weekday, leaving from and returning to the Cultural Center. So, if you are interested, please contact CMA (330-453-7666) at once for further information. We need a full bus to make it work!

## Woodcarvers Share "A Little Bit of Christmas"

The Wilderness Center Woodcarvers are featured in a new exhibit running now through February 29. The show features individual pieces of artistic woodwork, including chip carving, painting and wood burning as well as the collaborative project, "Santa's Sleigh."

Bob Berger, of Massillon, Bob Hawes of Beach City, and Jim Homan of Orrville constructed the sleigh. The chip carving was done by Millersburg's Bob Brubacher, and wood burned side panels were added by: Juanita Bowers, of Wooster; Mary Daniels, of Massillon; Peg Gish, of North Lawrence and Wanda Wentling, of Brewster.



Former CMA Trustee Kendall Ward, currently serving as president of the group, became interested in woodworking and joined the Woodcarvers after retiring as an Assistant Dean at Kent State University, Stark Campus. Ward was one of the contributor to 'Santa's Sleigh,' creating a miniature toy sled. The Woodcarvers are excited about the exhibit, and Ward notes that the Museum has been "very encouraging." Overall, the group hopes to convey to the community that "woodworking can be artistic as well as a craft."

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## **Winter Classes and Workshops Set**

What to do when the holiday season has drawn to a close, the weather outside is frightfully cold, and the familiar feeling of winter boredom creeps in? Bundle up and venture out to CMA and partake of 2004's "Magic of Art" classes and workshops. Beginning in January, the museum will offer programs for adults, children and families, providing a fun way to explore different areas of art.

Among the new offerings this winter, renowned magician Michael Lair, will offer "Magic! A Beginner's Bag of Tricks" for grades 2-6. Using everyday objects such as string, yarn, pennies, paper and crayons, Mike will present the fundamentals of magic. Also on tap is "Storytelling with Puppets," taught by Melinda Dannemiller, for grades 3-6. Melinda will show how to bring puppets to life and allow children to expand their storytelling skills.

A complete brochure is available now. And remember, gift certificates for classes make a great holiday gift! Call 330-453-7666 for more information.

