

Rossetti art contest accepting applications

Local students in grades seven through 12 are invited to enter the 25th annual Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Contest. The event is sponsored by Dallas residents Joe and Sue Hand in memory of the late Suzanne Rossetti of Saugus, Mass.

The 26-year-old daughter of Louise and the late Peter Rossetti was murdered in 1981. After reading her tragic story, the Hands called Rossetti's family and expressed their desire to hold an art exhibit in her memory.

All students in grades 7-12 residing in, or studying art within, the geographical boundaries of the Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Tunkhannock, and Northwest Area school districts may enter the contest.

All entries must be delivered to Sue Hands Imagery, 35 Main Street in Dallas, beginning Feb. 13 and no later than Feb. 22.

Ribbons will be awarded in 12 different categories on each separate grade level by two panels of three judges each.

They will be judged separately on each grade level in a variety of categories including pencil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic, oil, ink, scratchboard, mixed media, fibers, photography, prints, and miniature drawings and paintings. The size of the photographs must be at least 8-by-10.

No entry may exceed a total size of 40 inches in any direction. All two-dimensional entries must be mounted or matted, or framed - the exception is works on canvas board or stretched canvas - and must be accompanied by an entry form.

Entry forms are available from area school art teachers or at Sue Hands Imagery.

All two-dimensional artwork, other than matted paper, must have a secure hanger on the back. Artwork must have been completed in the last 12 months and may not have been entered in any previous Rossetti Art Show.

Each student may submit a total of three entries. In addition, a separate awards jury of six artists will assign many community-sponsored cash awards and gift certificates.

The deadline for entries is 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22. The public is invited to the opening reception of the show from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 5 at the MacDonald Art Gallery on the campus of College Misericordia in Dallas. An awards ceremony will follow at 4 p.m. in the Walsh Auditorium. The exhibit of winning art works will continue through March 31.

For a complete listing of all rules, call Heather Madeira at 675-5094.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Feb. 5, 1883, the Southern Pacific Railroad completes its transcontinental "Sunset Route" from New Orleans to California. Termed "the Octopus" for its stranglehold on the California economy, the Southern Pacific inspired Californians to create some of the first strong public regulations over railroads in U.S. history.

• On Feb. 2, 1912, the world's first movie stuntman performs for a newsreel when Frederick Rodman Law jumps off the Statue of Liberty with a parachute. Later that year, Law performed a similar stunt off the Brooklyn Bridge.

• On Feb. 4, 1938, Hollywood talent agent Myron Selznick (brother of producer David O. Selznick) is banned from the 20th Century Fox lot. The studio felt that Selznick was undermining the industry by inflating actors' salaries.

• On Feb. 3, 1948, the first Cadillac with tailfins is produced, signaling the dawn of the tailfin era. General Motors increased the size of the Cadillac's "tail feathers" every year throughout the 1950s.

• On Feb. 1, 1958, Elvis Presley records his last single, "Wear My Ring Around Your Neck," before joining the Army. While serving in the Army, Presley's monthly salary dropped from \$100,000 to \$78.

• On Jan. 30, 1969, the Beatles make their last public performance, giving an impromptu concert on the roof of their London recording studio. After neighbors complained about the noise, police broke up the concert.

• On Jan. 31, 1990, the Soviet Union's first McDonald's fast-food restaurant opens in Moscow. Throngs of people lined up to pay the equivalent of several days' wages for Big Macs, shakes and french fries. The arrival of McDonald's in Moscow was a small but certain sign that change was on the horizon. Less than two years later, the Soviet Union ceased to exist as a nation.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• Three out of every four tornado touchdowns in the world occur in the United States.

• The French are well known for their knowledge in matters of the heart. It shouldn't be surprising, then, that the proverb "Try to reason about love and you will lose your reason" is attributed to the French.

• Virtually every major metropolitan area in the world has some sort of a subway system, and millions of people use that form of transportation every day. Many of those passengers would probably be surprised to learn exactly how long subways have been around: It was in 1863 that the world's first underground passenger train, the Metropolitan Line, began service in London. When the plans were still in the works, there were certainly people who were skeptical of this new mode of transport. In fact, The Times of London published the following critique:

"It is an insult to common sense to suppose that people would ever prefer to be driven amid palpable darkness through the foul subsoil of London." Few people agreed, evidently; the new London Underground was huge success as soon as it opened.

• It seems that customizing Bibles is a growing business - and some of the customizations are a bit puzzling. For example, there is an edition that contains no references to miracles, and one that doesn't mention eternal punishment. There's even one that's been published specifically for alcoholics.

Thought for the Day: "I have come to believe that the whole world is an enigma, a harmless enigma that is made terrible by our own mad attempt to interpret it as though it had an underlying truth." - Umberto Eco



This barn is a lot like some people. The weaker things around it might come and go, especially when times get tough. But some things - like this barn and some people - remain strong and sturdy in the face of adversity.

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Local, national newspapers available on Web site



"AMERICA'S Newspapers" has just been added to the many valuable online programs available to patrons

via the Back Mountain Memorial Library's home page: www.backmountainlibrary.org. This tool allows patrons to access the archives of the New York Times, the New York Times Book Review and 12 national papers, such as the Washington Post and the LA Times. It also allows access to the Times Leader and 36 other newspapers in Pennsylvania. For example, this program will prove to be a valuable tool to all genealogists researching family members and to students who need current event articles for school. So stop in the library and ask for a demonstration of America's Newspapers.

LIBRARY NEWS

CAROL KING

Just a reminder that the Back Mountain Memorial Library will once again host its very popular Wordhorde at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 at the library on Huntsville Road in Dallas. The doors will open at 7 p.m. All poets, musicians and actors are invited to another fun night of open microphone entertainment. If you would like to be a part of the entertainment and present poetry, songs, instrumental music, monologues or spoken word, call Brian at the library at 675-1182. You may also sign up the evening of the event. If you would like to be a part of the audience and enjoy all the local talent, just come to the library and pull up a chair. Advance registration is not

necessary.

Children's librarian Janet Bauman reminds all parents and caregivers that story times begin the week of Feb. 6. All story times are filled, but Bauman is in need of a toddler story time volunteer. Call the library if you can help.

The "Raising Kids Who Don't Smoke" series of pamphlets and tip-sheets is available free of charge in the Children's Room of the library. The Philip Morris USA Youth Smoking Prevention program has provided the library with these materials. Just stop in the Children's Room and select from these brochures: Peer Pressure and Smoking, Could Your Kid Be Smoking?, or Raising Kids Who Don't Smoke. Parent tip-sheets are titled: Parenting Styles and Youth Smoking, Talking to Pre-Teens About Not Smoking and Preventing Kids' Access to

Cigarettes.

"Odds and Ends" are now being collected for the 60th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. If you have household items, toys, collectibles, sports equipment, or other items in good condition that you would like to donate to the auction, you may drop them off from 3-5 p.m. every Saturday at the library.

The "Holiday Corner" at the library is displaying Valentine and St. Patrick's Day items for sale at very reasonable prices. Come in early for the best selections. Items are available anytime during regular library hours. All proceeds directly benefit the library.

Carol King is a volunteer at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Her library news column appears every other week.

70 YEARS AGO
Jan. 31, 1936

PIKE'S CREEK REMAINS CHAMPION

The Pike's Creek Orchestra from Lake Township holds the state championship. But since last fall, when it entered the Luzerne County competition, it hasn't played against a single competitor. It won the county championship because it had no opposition.

Then, the members rehearsed hard for the Bi-County championship. But when they went to Bloomsburg last month, they discovered Columbia County had no entry. They played their two pieces and became district champions.

ONLY YESTERDAY

A committee from Wyoming Valley Motor Club will meet with the County Commissioners within a few days to ask the county to include in its budget \$100,000 to pay property damages necessary in constructing the proposed Luzerne by-pass.

Members of the committee, appointed this week by Peer G. Rimmer, president of the club, are Senator A.J. Sordoni, chairman; L.J. Van Laeys, general manager of the Wilkes-Barre Record; Col. E. G. Smith, publisher of the Times-Leader; Hale Goughlin; and J. C. O'Donnell.

60 Years Ago
Feb. 1, 1946

PHEASANTS KILLED IN BACK MOUNTAIN
Nobody in town could predict the weather better than "Jack" Richardson until some-

body's dog killed six of his ring neck pheasants and seriously injured the seventh one morning last week. Jack bought pheasants last fall for his twin sons Tommy and Bobby. They kept them behind a heavy mesh wire fence and in one corner of the pen they built a roost. The boys were delighted with them. The hens weighed three and one-half pounds and the larger one had beautiful plumage.

Nelson Houghwout, 18, a senior at Kingston Township High School was slightly injured and five companions shaken up when their car was hit and overturned by a New York State car on North Main and North Streets, Wilkes-Barre on Saturday afternoon. The young men had gone to a city photographer to have their pictures taken for the school yearbook and were on their way home when the accident occurred.

"Buster," a 3-year-old rat terrier owned by Mrs. Wilbur Davis of Lehman Avenue in Dallas, was badly mauled by two larger dogs, a brown bull and a white spitz, in a free-for-all behind the Henry Disque home on Machell Avenue on Tuesday afternoon. Buster suffered severe lacerations and almost lost an ear and is confined to Lutes Small Animal Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, for treatment and inoculations against rabies.

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 2, 1956

SCARLET FEVER BEGINS TO WANE
The epidemic of Scarlet fever among grade school children in Lehman is apparently on the wane, with no new cases reported since Sunday. A few of

the 14 children affected are back in school again. Households having a Scarlet fever patient are quarantined, and all parents are asked by the school nurse not to send children to school who show any signs of colds or sore throats.

Six boys from Lehman-Jackson-Ross Vocational Agriculture courses placed high in competition with students from six other regional high schools. Workbooks were judged on Friday at Dallas-Franklin-Monroe Township school, when instructors in Vocational Agriculture from Huntington Mills, West Hazleton, Dallas-Franklin-Monroe, Lehman-Jackson-Ross, Scott, and Newton-Ransom met to compare notes and techniques of instruction.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 27, 1966

BIG PLANS CONSIDERED FOR CONYNGHAM HALL

Present extracurricular plans for Conyngham Hall, formerly known as Hayfield House, are to integrate the new Penn State campus in Lehman Township into the Back Mountain community by offering a meeting place for local organizations. For years the Back Mountain has discussed a community building.

But for lack of funds and united support, the move has died after abortive efforts of forward-looking citizens.

The Lake-Lehman wrestling team lost all but three of its bouts with the Hanover Area Hawkeyes last week, going down to defeat, 32-10. This left the victors with a 3-0 record. Lake-Lehman has lost the two meets they have participated in.

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 29, 1976

CULP NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Julia Culp of Overbrook Avenue in Dallas has been named to the dean's list at Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va. Miss Culp, a senior, earned a 3.88 grade-point average during the first semester of 1975-76 academic year. A straight "A" average is equivalent to 4.0.

The nursery school of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Dallas, will visit the dental office of Dr. William E. Watkins in Shavertown on Tuesday, Jan. 27. The field trip is part of a program of study on health. Thirty students and staff will attend the event.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 29, 1986

ART WORKSHOP OPEN TO STUDENTS

All area high school juniors and seniors interested in a career in the visual arts are invited to apply for admission to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Art Workshop, which will be held June 30-July 3. The workshop is free, non-profit and is an attempt by artists to give young art hopefuls a boost into the art world.

Two cars were slightly damaged Saturday afternoon when they collided on East Market Street, Shavertown. According to police reports, Christine Marie Sapp, Harris Hill Road in Shavertown, was operating her 1980 Plymouth when a car driven by William Rhodes of Avendale, pulled in front of the Sapp vehicle, causing the collision. He was driving a 1975 Pontiac LeMans.

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