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Bruce Museum Calendar of Events November – December 2007

November 2007

Every Friday, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Museum Exhibition Tours. Free with Museum admission. No reservations necessary.

Sun., Nov. 4, 9 a.m. “First Sunday” Bird Walk at Greenwich Point. Enjoy the diversity of avian life that Greenwich Point provides. Meet at 2nd concession stand. Park pass may be required. Bring binoculars. Held in collaboration with Wild Wings, Audubon Greenwich, and Bruce Museum. For information, call Cynthia Ehlinger at (203) 869-6786, ext 304.

Mon., Nov. 5, 1:15 p.m. Greenwich Antiques Society Lecture. “The Art of Rene Lalique” by Nicholas M. Dawes, Vice President of Live Auctions and Acquisitions, Mastro Auctions lectures. Tea reception to follow. For reservations and information, call (203) 531-9757 or (203) 869-9531.

Wed., Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m. Film Series: Contemporary Artists. *David Hockney: Pleasures of the Eye* (55 min.) First in a four-part series of films featuring several artists whose works are on view in the exhibition **Contemporary and Cutting Edge: The Pleasures of Collecting, Part III**. All films are free with Museum admission and are followed by coffee and discussion.

Wed., Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m. Astronomical Society of Greenwich Lecture. “Teachers at Zero-G” by Charles Fulco, Port Chester Middle School. Free. For information, call (203) 869-6786, ext. 338.

Sun. Nov. 11, 3 p.m. Science Lecture Series. “Darwin's Compass: Why the Evolution of Humans is Inevitable” by Prof. Simon Conway Morris, who challenges traditional views of evolution and details scientific examples that range from molecules to societies to support his claims. Admission \$5 at the door, free to Museum members and students with identification. Reservations strongly recommended and accepted after Oct. 27. Call the Bruce Museum at (203) 869-6786, ext. 420.

Mon., Nov. 12, 1:15 p.m. Connecticut Ceramics Study Circle Lecture. “New Perspectives in 20th Century British Ceramics: The Work of Hans Coper and Lucie Rie” by Richard Turnbull, PhD, Assistant Professor of Art History, Fashion Institute of Technology. For information and reservations, call (203) 622-1128 or (203) 323-8354, or email ceramiccircle@optonline.net.

Tues., Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. Young Friends of the Bruce presents Artists in the House! E.V. Day is an accomplished sculptor whose installations of suspension pieces, exploding dresses and wetsuits, and mummified Barbie dolls, comment on feminism and female sexuality. Her work is in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art, New Museum of Contemporary Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and many others. Ms. Day provides a brief introduction to her personal art history and then is interviewed by Senior Curator of Art Nancy Hall-Duncan. \$15 Museum members, \$25 non-members. The program is followed by a wine reception. Open to all; advance reservations are required. Send check or credit card information (card #, exp. date, and name on card) to: Artists in the House, Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830. Sorry, no phone reservations. Reservation/refund deadline is the Friday, Nov 9.

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Tues., Nov. 13, 7- 9 p.m. Astronomical Society of Greenwich. Public Night at the Bowman Observatory. The Bowman Observatory, located on the grounds of Julian Curtiss Elementary School, northeast of the Milbank/Elm Street rotary, is open to the public free of charge tonight (weather permitting). For information, call (203) 869-6786, ext. 338.

Wed. Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m. Film Series: Contemporary Artists. *Chuck Close: A Portrait in Progress* (57 min.) Held in conjunction with the exhibition **Contemporary and Cutting Edge: The Pleasures of Collecting, Part III**. Film is free with Museum admission and followed by coffee and discussion.

Thurs., Nov. 15, 8 p.m. Archaeology Associates of Greenwich Lecture. "Early Farming in Dalmatia" by Professor Andrew Moore, Dean of Graduate Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology, who has been investigating the spread of farming around the Mediterranean and into southern Europe. Members of Bruce Museum, AAG free, non-members \$10 at the door. <http://people.brandeis.edu/~jbernard/brucemuseum/aag.html>

Sun., Nov. 18, 1-4 p.m. Crazy for Cacao! Chocolate Family Day. Activities for the whole family include chocolate truffle rolling for kids with **Fritz Knipschildt**, chocolatier at **Chocopologie** in Norwalk, decorating candy boxes and gallery hunts through the exhibitions **A Taste for Chocolate** and **Eye Candy: Two Centuries of Chocolate Advertising**. At 3 p.m. **Sirius Coyote** presents a family concert of Cacao Growers Music! All activities are suitable for people of all abilities and are free with Museum admission.

Thurs. Nov. 22. Thanksgiving Day. Museum closed.

Tues., Nov. 27, 1:30 p.m. Lecture and Tea: Sweet Concoctions: The History of Chocolate in Early America. **Amanda Lange**, Curatorial Department Chair and Curator of Historic Interiors, Historic Deerfield, Deerfield, MA, explores North America's introduction to chocolate as evidenced through the decorative arts including the utensils and other equipment related to chocolate serving. Advance reservations required. Members \$15, non-members \$25, per person, per program. Send check or credit card #, with name and expiration date to: Chocolate Art Tea, Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830. Please specify dates and include your name and phone number. The reservation deadline for each afternoon lecture is the Fri. preceding the lecture date. Sorry no phone reservations or refunds.

Tues., Nov. 27, 7- 9 p.m. Astronomical Society of Greenwich. Public Night at the Bowman Observatory. The Bowman Observatory, located on the grounds of Julian Curtiss Elementary School, northeast of the Milbank/Elm Street rotary, is open to the public free of charge tonight (weather permitting). For information, call (203) 869-6786, ext. 338.

Tues, Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m. Young Friends of the Bruce presents Artists in the House! **Laurie Simmons** is a photographer and filmmaker known for her photographs of dolls, toys, ventriloquist dummies and manufactured interior spaces. Her art can be found in internationally recognized museum collections including Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC; Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, NYC; Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam; The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C; and The Hara Museum, Tokyo. Ms. Simmons screens her current film *The Music of Regret* and answer questions from the audience. \$15 for Museum members; \$25 for non-members. Presentation is by a wine reception. Open to all; advance reservations are required. Send check or credit card information (card #, exp. date, and name on card) to: Artists in the House, Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830. Sorry no phone reservations. Reservation/refund deadline is the Friday, Nov 23.

December 2007

Every Friday, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Museum Exhibition Tours. Free with Museum admission. No reservations necessary.

Sun., Dec, 2, 9-11 a.m. "First Sunday" Bird Walk at Greenwich Point. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. Meet at 2nd concession stand in Greenwich point Park. Held in collaboration with Wild Wings, Audubon Greenwich, and Bruce Museum. For information, call Cynthia Ehlinger at (203) 869-6786, ext 304.

Mon., Dec. 3, 1:15 p.m. Antiques Society Lecture. "Collecting Elizabethan Furniture" by George Way. Tea reception to follow. For reservations and information, call (203) 869-9531 or (914) 631-9439.

Wed., Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. Film Series: Contemporary Artists. *Squatting The Palace: An Installation by Kiki Smith in Venice* (44 min.) Held in conjunction with the exhibition **Contemporary and Cutting Edge: The Pleasures of Collecting, Part III.** Film is free with Museum admission and followed by coffee and discussion.

Mon., Dec. 10, 1:15 p.m. Connecticut Ceramics Study Circle Lecture. "Fragile Diplomacy: Meissen Porcelain for European Courts, 1710-1763" by Maureen Cassidy-Geiger, Curator Arnholt Collection. For information and reservations, call (203) 622-1128 or (203) 323-8354 or email ceramiccircle@optonline.net.

Tues., Dec. 11, 7- 9 p.m. Astronomical Society of Greenwich. Public Night at the Bowman Observatory. The Bowman Observatory, located on the grounds of Julian Curtiss Elementary School, northeast of the Milbank/Elm Street rotary, is open to the public free of charge tonight (weather permitting). For information, call (203) 869-6786, ext. 338.

Tues., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. Young Friends of the Bruce presents *Artists in the House!* **Joshua Mosley** is an Associate Professor of Fine Arts in the School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania. His work in animation, sculpture, and drawing integrates his interests in poetry, philosophy, film and music. His work entitled *dread*, on view at the Bruce Museum, was exhibited at the 2007 Venice Biennale and is the topic of his presentation. \$15 for Museum members; \$25 for non-members. Presentation is followed by a wine reception. Open to all; advance reservations are required. Send check or credit card information (card #, exp. date, and name on card) to: Artists in the House, Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830. Sorry no phone reservations. Reservation/refund deadline is the Friday, Nov 23.

Wed., Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m. Film Series: Contemporary Artists. *The Collector: Allan Stone's Life in Art*, a film by Olympia Stone. All films are free with Museum admission and are followed by coffee and discussion.

Thurs., Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Young Friends of the Bruce presents *Thursday Night Chocopologie Parties: Cooking with Chocolate.* "Cacao Appetizers" with Fritz Knipschildt, world-famous chocolatier from Chocopologie in Norwalk, who explores various ways to incorporate chocolate into your meals. Demonstrations followed by light cocktails and tasting. Limited to 120, advance reservations required. Open to all. Museum members \$25, non-members \$40, per person, per program. Send check or credit card information (card #, expiration date and name on card) to: Chocolate Parties, Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830. Please specify dates and include your phone number. The reservation/refund deadline for each evening is the Fri day preceding the program date. Sorry no phone reservations.

Tues., Dec. 25. Christmas Day. Museum closed.

Thurs. and Fri., Dec. 27 and 28, 10:30 a.m. School Vacation Workshops. Bugs, Nuts, Onions and Wool: Navajo Dyeing and Weaving. Craft hours for children in grades 1 – 3, who explore the exhibition *Navajo Textiles from the Bruce Museum Collection* and then participate in dying and weaving their own wool! Each workshop is a complete program, but the two projects are complementary. These inclusive workshops are suitable for students of all abilities. For information call the Education Department (203) 869-6786, ext. 325.

Thurs.: Dyeing Wool with Bugs, Nuts and Onions

Fri.: Body-Loom Weaving

Members \$5, non-members \$7, per child, per day. Includes all materials. Reservations are required for each day by calling the Museum (203) 869-0376.

Tues., Jan 1. New Year's Day. Museum closed.

The Bruce Museum is located at 1 Museum Drive in Greenwich, Connecticut. It is situated near Interstate-95, Exit 3, and a short walk from the Greenwich, CT rail station. Museum hours are: Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students, and free for children under five and members. Free admission to all on Tuesdays. Groups of eight or more require advance reservations. Museum exhibition tours are held Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Free, on-site parking is available. The Bruce Museum is accessible to individuals with disabilities. For information, call the Bruce Museum at (203) 869-0376, or visit the Bruce Museum website at www.brucemuseum.org.

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