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WinterGlow comes to BlackRock

The Art League of Germantown hosts its annual show

By Samantha Schmieder Staff Writer

BlackRock Center for the Arts will help host the Art League of Germantown's annual Fall Fine Art and Crafts Show, WinterGlow 2014, Wednesday through Sunday.

The show will feature original artwork from about 40 local artists, all available for purchase. Among the art for sale will be paintings, photography, sculptures, ceramics, woodcarving, jewelry and more.

On Wednesday there will be an opening wine reception and on Sunday there will be an artists' wine reception.

Craig Higgins, a member of the Art League and the show's chair, explained that the League is in its 31st year and has been hosting a craft show since its inception.

"It's a great organization, it's not juried. There are multilevel artists in oil, watercolor, photography, glass and jewelry," Higgins said.

The Art League of Germantown hosts monthly meetings for its members, which Higgins says usually ranges from 80 to 100 people, and artists who want to participate in the show must attend at least two of those meetings.

Higgins explained that the Art League of Germantown has a home at BlackRock. The league's annual shows are hosted there and in return the league provides BlackRock with volunteer support.

Each day the show is open, there will be artist demonstrations in different mediums for attendees to watch. Higgins said. For instance, someone might paint a portrait from start to finish.

"The shows provide a unique opportunity to demonstrate work and grow within that," Higgins said

WinterGlow 2014 is set up more like a fine arts gallery showing rather than an arts and crafts fair he said. Pieces are hanging on walls and 3D works are set up carefully on tables.

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WinterGlow 2014

Art League of Germantown's annual Fine Arts and
Craft Show

When: 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday ; 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday ;
3 to 9 p.m. Friday ; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; 1 to 5
p.m. Sunday

Where: BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town
Commons Dr., Germantown

Tickets: Free

For information: www.alog.org;

www.blackrockcenter.org

"It's a real craft in itself to present the sort of wide range of art in a way that's cohesive," Higgins said.

Those purchasing art can take their new works home the same day, while show coordinators replace it with an inventory piece to keep the gallery full.

Higgins said that the great part about the show, and the Art League in general, is that it helps to encourage artists and allows them to get constructive feedback on their work.

"[The league] really encourages the arts and appreciates the artists work and watches them grow and helps them grow," Higgins said.



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