Director’s Corner
Marilyn L. Wheaton

An event you won’t want to miss...
We will celebrate the remarkable life and artistic legacy of Marshall M. Fredericks on May 9 at Saginaw Valley State University. Fredericks’s family, friends, colleagues and museum supporters will join me and the museum staff and Board of Advisors for a memorable event honoring Marshall’s 100th birthday, the 20th anniversary of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, and the unveiling of two of his most unique works of art, Harlequins and Ballerina and Orchestral Parade and Harlequins and Circus Parade.

Following a cocktail reception in Curtiss Hall, SVSU President Dr. Eric Gilbertson and his wife Cindy will join Chris Fredericks, Frances Fredericks Ferriss, Roz Fredericks Rymal and Susan (Suki) Fredericks in hosting a celebratory dinner.

Janet Rubin, SVSU Professor of Theater, and Catherine McMichael, composer and concert pianist, are choreographing a spectacular program in Rhea Miller Recital Hall on campus in tribute to Mr. Fredericks. I am particularly grateful to Genda Labadie and Donna Van Steenhousen for co-chairing this event.

Tickets are limited, so call us at (989)964-7082 to request an invitation and make your reservation. Tickets are $150 per person, of which 50 percent is tax deductible. All proceeds go toward restoration of the Harlequins. I look forward to seeing many of you at this spring event.

Street Sense opens at the Museum

In spite of a snowy blistering cold night, an enthusiastic group of people from as far away as East Lansing and Detroit came to the opening of Street Sense: A 20 year retrospective of Tyree Guyton and the Heidelberg Project exhibit Friday evening, Feb. 8.

Tyree Guyton and the Heidelberg Project manager, Jenenne Whitfield, greeted and talked to guests about the work in the exhibition as well as the Heidelberg Project on the east side of Detroit.

Join us on Monday, March 24 for a 7 p.m. lecture by Guyton and Whitfield in SVSU’s Rhea Miller Recital Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Museum at (989) 964-7125.

Photos by: Geoff Haney
Education and outreach programs at the Museum

Kids and Sibs weekend at the Museum

SVSU's Office of Residential Life sponsored Kids and Sib’s weekend on Feb. 8 and 9. Brothers, sisters, cousins, nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends of SVSU students, faculty and staff participated in a weekend of fun and exciting events all over campus. A group of 28 kids and their families toured the Museum and participated in drawing activities in the galleries.

An exciting art camp for youth at the Museum this summer

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum is offering three one-week summer art camp sessions in June for kids ages 8 – 12. The classes will be taught by SVSU College of Education art education majors.

During each session, 10-12 kids will engage in unique sculpting, drawing, and painting projects in the Museum and on campus. Classes are Mon. through Fri. June 9-13, 16-20, and 23-27 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Registration fee is $50 per student for each of the three sessions. To register or get more information, call the Curator of Education at (989) 964-7096.

Adult education class learns about Marshall M. Fredericks

Members of SVSU’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) participated in a three week class at the Museum in January.

The Museum team of Director Marilyn Wheaton, Curator of Education Andrea Onish, and Registrar Geoff Haney taught the class to fifteen very enthusiastic adult learners. The class learned about Marshall Fredericks the man, artist, teacher and humanitarian; how the Museum and its collection are used as educational and teaching tools; and how the collection and the archives are being preserved and made accessible to the public.

Field trip transportation program on track

Many schools lack funding for field trips and kids miss out on meaningful cultural experiences. Thanks to funding from the Bay Area Community Foundation (BACF) and Team One Credit Union, Saginaw, field trips to the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum are being made more affordable for teachers in Bay County and Saginaw. The Museum was awarded $4,950 from the BACF and $1,500 over two years from Team One Credit Union. The transportation program awards up to $75 per field trip to the Museum.

Transportation subsidies are available for Bay County schools from January 15 to December 11, 2008, and for Saginaw public and parochial elementary schools in 2008 and 2009.

Thirteen Bay County teachers have scheduled tours through the transportation subsidy program since the first of the year. Additional tours are being scheduled weekly.

We encourage Bay County and Saginaw elementary schools to take advantage of the field trip program and apply for a $75 subsidy by contacting the Museum’s Curator of Education at (989) 964-7096.

Museum plans first Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibition

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum will host Michigan’s first Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibition June 13 to Sept. 20, 2008. The exhibition is open to living artists working in sculpture and residing within 200 miles of the Saginaw/Bay City/Midland area.

Sculpture must be original and completed within the last 5 years. Purchase and Merit Awards will be awarded by the juror, Sergio Di Giusti.

De Giusti, an Italian-born sculptor residing in Southeast Michigan, taught art history and studio classes at Wayne State University and sculpture at the College for Creative Studies.

Deadline for receiving entries is March 31, 2008. Contact the Museum for a prospectus at (989) 964-7125 or visit our website at www.svsu.edu/mfsm.

Museum’s mural outreach program funded by Saginaw Community Foundation

The Museum’s dedication to outreach in the community and at the university is well known. Funding from the Saginaw Community Foundation is making it possible for SVSU students enrolled in Art 433: Community Mural Painting Process and Technology and professor Mike Mosher to work with youth from Trinity St. John Community Center in Saginaw to design and paint a mural. "Public murals raise the consciousness of youth to the possibilities of visually influencing their environment," says Mosher.

In February, Trinity Center youth attended drawing classes at the Museum, toured the campus, and learned about opportunities for attending SVSU. During the month of March they will paint their mural on Trinity Center’s gymnasium walls under the direction of Mosher and his students.

"There’s excitement about this project. Students love working in the Museum because it provides great inspiration to them," said Marilyn Wheaton.
LT. COL. MARSHALL M. FREDERICKS, SCULPTOR AND MILITARY MAN

In this newsletter we begin to introduce you to the man behind the work at the Museum with anecdotal and historical material from the Marshall M. Fredericks Archives.

Like many men, Marshall Fredericks chose to enlist in the U.S. military following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Fredericks joined the Army Corps of Engineers where he served as the training officer for an engineer camouflage unit that trained to go overseas to camouflage airstrips and air installations. It is during this time in Tucson, Arizona that Fredericks met his wife Rosalind, who was driving a reconnaissance vehicle for the Army Air Force.

Always an innovative individual, Fredericks developed two new types of target charts while in Tucson, one visual and one radar-related for high altitude bombers. These inventions led to Fredericks transfer to the U.S. Air Force. His work with these target charts and a camera which he created allowed the military to perform operations which they previously had been unable to perform. According to Fredericks his “target charts and simulated radarscopes were used throughout the whole Japanese war and were very valuable...to the outcome of the conflict.” During his time in the military, Fredericks attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force. He was discharged from the service in 1945 and returned home to Michigan to continue working as a sculptor.

Following Fredericks’ return to Michigan, local governments, institutions, and corporations commissioned him to create memorials honoring veterans of World War II. These monuments include Victory Eagle on the UAW-Ford National Programs Center (formerly Veterans Memorial Building) in Detroit, American Eagle (Ann Arbor War Memorial Eagle) at University of Michigan Stadium, and the Eaton War Memorial Eagle monuments located at seven Eaton Corporation manufacturing facilities in Ohio and Michigan.

His largest commission, the Cleveland War Memorial: Fountains of Eternal Life, took nineteen years to complete. The memorial stands in Cleveland's Veterans' Memorial Plaza. For the complete unabridged article and more photos please visit: www.marshallfredericks.com/?p=132.

Photos in this story are from the Fredericks Archives.

We thank our supporters whose generosity made our many accomplishments in 2007 possible!

Individuals

$10,000-$15,000
Carol and Christina Fredericks

$5,000-$9,999
Alma Golmore Dodd

$1,000-$4,999
Donald and Linda Bachand
Suzanne Fredericks
David A. Fry
Gary and Genda Labadie
John and Judy Loe
Peggy Weddle
Norma O. Taylor
Chris and Donna Van Steenhousen

$500-$999
Bert and Holly Althaver
Timothy and Carrie Burns
Christopher M. Fredericks
Don B. Gill, Jr.
Barbara G. Holler
Barbara Mahar Lincoln
Mildred P. Putnam

$100-$499
The Hon. Charles and Mrs. Susan Anderson
Anonymous
Lawrence Bell

Kathleen L. Kandall
Michaela Duffy Kramer
Scott and Lisa Langenberg
Barrie Larson
Frederick and Kathy Lavery
Basil and Pat Mazzella
Donald McDonald
James and Barbara Mitchell
Mark and Patricia Moleaki
Meryln Mondol
Ernest Panicke
Betsy A. Phillips
Jeffrey and Constance Rapp
Lori Ann Reed
Stefan and Janet Rentoch
John and Barbara Roberts
Robert and Jane Rogers
James Ryan
Jack and Lila Ryder
Robert D. Shaw
Lawrence and Linda Sims
Henry Singh
Edwin and Suzanne Streichman
Ben and Margaret Snyder
Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Tomlinson
D. Eugene and Anne Thompson
Karen Uebel
Richard and Dee Wackman
Vic and Jeanne Weinstein

$75 or Less
Gary and Barbara Adelman
Julie Carol Arbory
Anonymous
Marianne C. Bird
Gary and Merry Jo Brandmore
Nancy M. Brautigam
Elizabeth E. Brenner
Norma Cheek
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Cooke
Michael and Marie Grasser
Lawrence B. Johnson
Richard Jelum
Kathleen Theiler Lanza
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard P. Lucas
Maryline Woods Madden
Ted and Joyce Marvason
Kingsbury Marril
Norman and Natalie Michels
Joel and Shirley Morbita
Joanne E. Murphy
Andrea Onofre
Linda M. Podol
Florence E. Sampson
Kay Schuff
John and Mary Stewart
Andrew Swartwout
Jean S. Treadaway

Organizations

$40,000 and above
Marshall M. Fredericks Foundation
The Dow Chemical Company

$20,000-$39,999
Saginaw Valley State University
SVSU Foundation
William P. & Susan H. Vitrine Charitable Foundation

$10,000-$19,999
Gregory Construction Company
Independent Bank
Mahan Tool and Supply Co., Inc.
Furniture Construction, Inc.
Robert Kidd Gallery, Inc.
Speno Brothers Construction
The F. P. Homan Company, Inc.
Wolverine Bank

$500-$999
Consumers Energy Foundation
Merrill Trust
Employees Owners of Gougeon Brothers, Inc.

$100-$499
Merrill Trust

$75 or Less
Dow Corning Corporation - Matching Gift
The names of deceased donors are included.
Eaton War Memorial comes to SVSU campus

Joseph Eaton, the founder of Eaton Manufacturing Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio, commissioned Marshall Fredericks in 1948 to design a war memorial to honor the men who worked for his company and died in World War II. Seven bronze memorial monuments were eventually created, one for each of Eaton’s plants, including one in Saginaw, MI.

Due to the current business climate in Michigan, Eaton Corporation made the difficult decision recently to close and raze the Saginaw plant.

In a recent letter to Marilyn Wheaton, Joseph Palchak, Eaton VP and General Manager, wrote, “In an effort to preserve an important part of Eaton’s history as well as the artistic legacy of Marshall Fredericks, Eaton Corporation would like to donate the Saginaw monument to the museum.”

Sometime in early spring, Eaton Corporation will transfer the bronze 8’ X 6’ Eaton War Memorial from its Rust Avenue location in Saginaw to the SVSU campus.

Museum board members appointed

Judy Lore of Bay City (left) and Donna Van Steenhouse of Midland (right) joined the Board of Advisors last year. Jack Martin of Harbor Springs was appointed to the Honorary Board.

Read more at:

www.marshallfredericks.com

the official blog for the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum.