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First let me introduce myself. [My name is Judy Giamborino and I am the newly hired Executive Director of the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce.](#) I am thrilled to be working here and I look forward to meeting all of you! Some background information about me: I am a life long resident. I left for college and a couple of job opportunities in the Boston and Florida area working in the parks and recreation field. I moved back to town in the 1980's, spent a total of 16 years working as an Assistant Manager for the Commonwealth of Mass and then Mass College helping to run the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Rink . I also worked for a couple of years at the Williamstown Youth Center as an Associate Director then went on to selling real estate full time for the past 4 years in Berkshire County and Southern Vermont..

There would not be a Chamber in Williamstown without the dedicated board members (both past and present) the volunteers and chamber members themselves. From what I have both seen and heard members put in a lot of their time, energy and expertise. I am looking forward to working with the board and hope they will be willing to help nurture me in my new position.

So now onto some other business and important dates to remember.....



POINTS OF INTEREST

- * February 27, 2008 Breakfast meeting at The Williams Inn * *Bay State Games February 1st – 3rd *
- * The Clark Art Museum * *The Williams College Museum of Art Events*
- * Public Programs and Special Events
- * A Workshop Presented by The University of Massachusetts Small Business Dev: "Not Planning To Fail"

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE....

February 27, 2008 Breakfast Meeting:

Featuring an Update on the Bickford Cottages Assisted Living Facility located on the former Pho-Tech Site, along with Updates on the Cable Mills Project on Water Street More information to follow. The breakfast will be held at the Williams Inn from 7:15 – 8:50am

The 2008 Bay State Winter Games....Held this coming weekendFeb 1st – 3rd.

Annual Olympic-style winter sports festival featuring: Figure Skating, Masters Ice Hockey, Skiing.

The 2008 Winter Games will feature over 800 athletes in Figure Skating, Masters Ice Hockey and Alpine Skiing. Participants range in age from 8 to 62 and represent over 200 different Massachusetts cities and towns.

Schedule: Williams College (Figure Skating) Vietnam Veterans Memorial Rink (Masters Hockey)

Friday:	2 – 9PM	3:30-11PM
Saturday	8 – 5PM	7:00 – 10PM
Saturday	7:30-9:30 Bay State Skating Show	
Sunday	8 – 7PM	7 – 2PM

The Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute

225 South Street, Williamstown, MA 01267

www.clarkart.edu, 413-458-2303.

Hours: Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm

Admission: \$12.50 June through October, free November through May

February 9: Start with Art is a free series for preschoolers and their parents on four selected Saturdays through March at the Clark. The theme for February 9 is animals. Begin at 10 am with an exploration in the galleries using a gallery guide specially designed for this age group and attend short "Painting Talks." Afterward enjoy art-making activities. Best suited for three- to six-year-olds.

February 10: Victor Hill will perform works for harpsichord at the Clark at 3 pm. The performance is free.

February 16: The Clark heats up with a festive winter evening of old fashioned Western spirit marking the opening of Remington Looking West. "Come in from the Cold," from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, features a preview of the exciting exhibition, dancing to the music of the Hi-Flyers, hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine and beer, and cash bar. Cowboy couture encouraged. Tickets are \$50 per person (\$40 per member) and can be purchased online or by calling 413-458-0524

The Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute cont.

February 17: Look westward as the Clark's assistant curator of American art Cody Hartley opens the exhibition Remington Looking West with a visual scouting party. This lecture is free and held at 2 pm.

February 17 through May 4: In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Frederic Remington shaped America's vision of the West with illustrations, sculpture, and painting. Remington Looking West brings together the Clark's iconic works by the artist with those from public and private collections to explore how he came to this vision and how it evolved throughout his career

February 29: At "Clark After Dark: The British Invasion" We'll supply the love beads, so get out your paisley shirts, bellbottoms, and granny glasses and get ready to dance with the go-go girls. This series of hip happenings takes you around the world and transports you through time with music and dancing, out-of-the-ordinary activities, exotic snacks, and late-night encounters with art. Held 8 pm to 12 am. \$10 (\$8 members), at the door. 21+ to enter. Cash bar.

The Williams College Museum of Art (WCMA) Presents...

For more information please visit www.wcma.org

Teachers' Program: Art & Writing Series

Exploring Writing Through Art

Friday, **February 15,**

9:00 am–4:00 pm

Reservations required. Lunch provided.

Teachers from all disciplines and grade levels are invited to explore ways to make both writing and art more accessible to students. The first workshop will present innovative writing exercises to respond to selected artworks in the museum. The second workshop uses active experiences in art to explore texts and jumpstart the writing process. Teachers are welcome to attend one or both workshops.

STORYTIME IN THE GALLERIES

Fridays, 10:30–11:15 am

February 15 – May 9, 2008

Preschoolers, toddlers, and infants with adults welcome. No reservations required for families. Preschool classes must call in advance.

It's storytime in WCMA's galleries! Join us for a reading of contemporary and classic children's books—selected especially to connect to artwork on view. Look at artwork, enjoy readings, and learn about stories and art together. Each week has a different theme.

Special thanks to the Williamstown Library for their assistance. Storytime in the Galleries offers a special program for teen parents. Call for information. Special thanks to the Williams College Office of Community Engagement for their assistance.

Lecture by Nancy Spector: "Felix Gonzalez-Torres: The Generosity of Meaning"

Wednesday, **February 20**4:00 pm

Nancy Spector, Chief Curator of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York, will lecture on the impact of Gonzalez-Torres's work. A world-renowned curator and expert of Felix Gonzalez-Torres, Spector organized a major retrospective of the artist in 1995, Venice Biennale,.

Williams College Museum of Art cont

Season Premiere Party

Wednesday, February 20 5:30 pm

Celebrate the museum's new spring exhibitions with a reception following Nancy Spector's lecture.

Symposium: Artistic Crossings of the Black Atlantic:

The Migratory Aesthetic in Contemporary Art

A Williams College Museum of Art / Clark Artist Symposium

Saturday, March 1

9:30 am–6:00 pm: Registration and Symposium at the Clark, 225 South Street, Williamstown

6:00–8:00 pm: Reception at the Williams College Museum of Art

This day-long symposium invites five acclaimed artists—sculptor Willie Cole, multi-media artist Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, British filmmaker Isaac Julien, photographer Hank Willis Thomas, and installation artist and MacArthur Fellow Fred Wilson—to discuss the Black Atlantic aesthetic. Today this Black Atlantic aesthetic extends into the realm of the visual as international artists critically engage cross-Atlantic migration as a principal focus of their work.

Admission: \$20 per person, \$10 for members of the Williams College Museum of Art and the Clark, students. Free to Williams students, faculty. For more information please visit www.wcma.org or www.clarkart.edu/research_and_academic

This program has been organized by the Williams College Museum of Art and the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute; it is presented in conjunction with related exhibitions at the Williams College Museum of Art.

NEW TEEN WORKSHOP

Making a Mark in the World

Thursdays, 4:00–6:00 pm

March 6 – 27, 2008

Reservations required. Ages 13 – 18.

Fee: \$45 for WCMA and NCBA members; \$55 for nonmembers

Teens are invited to explore the art and technique of printmaking, using the exhibition of prints by renowned South African artist William Kentridge as inspiration. This hands-on workshop is held in collaboration with Northern Berkshire Creative Arts. Call NBCA 413.663.8338 to register.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

North Adams Regional Hospital is seeking artists to participate in the next exhibit of the Community Art Work Project, which will be displayed beginning February 15 throughout the public areas of NARH. For more information, contact Debi Pendell at 664.2787 or debipendell@msn.com

The Mount Greylock Regional High School production of Cole Porter's Anything Goes needs a pianist to volunteer to play with the pit orchestra. The orchestra rehearses two to three times a week afternoons after school, and will rehearse every day with the cast during the week before February vacation (February 11- 15) and the week after vacation which is the week of the show. Performances, for which we will need the services of the pianist, are Thursday, February 28 (9:00 AM and 7:00PM), Friday, February 29 (7:00 PM) and Saturday, March 1 (7:00 PM). Please contact Lyndon Moors at extension 167 or Jeffrey Welch at extension 109 if you know of someone.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS cont.

The popular Mount Greylock Regional High School fundraising extravaganza **Food of Love is scheduled for Friday Feb. 8 at the Williams Inn**. This event is a benefit for Shakespeare and Company at MGRHS and includes a delicious chocolate buffet and student performances. Tickets are available at Where'd You Get That, Wild Oats and Country Tack in Lanesborough.

WORKSHOP:.....

The University of Massachusetts Small Business Development Center will present 'Your First Business Plan' Not Planning To Fail

The old adage, "not planning, is planning to fail" rings true for life in general, but is critical in business. According to Susan Mongue, "not having a business plan is the equivalent of sailing without a rudder. You're at the mercy of the wind."

For existing or aspiring business owners, , on **Tuesday February 12, 2008** from **9:00 am to 12:00 noon** at Mass MoCA, 1040 Mass MoCA Way, North Adams, MA. Participants will leave with a detailed outline for their business plan, and information on how to define their business model and describe their financial statements to a banker.

Keith E. Girouard, *Senior Business Advisor* for the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center in Berkshire County will conduct the workshop.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce, Berkshire Bank, Greylock Federal Credit Union, Lee Bank, Legacy Banks, and TD Banknorth Massachusetts.

Since space may be limited, those wishing to attend are encouraged to pre-register by contacting the Small Business Development Center at (413) 499-0933 between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, or selecting **Training Seminars** online at www.msfdc.org/wmass. The fee for the workshop is \$35.00 and due upon registration. An additional \$10.00 will be charged to attendees paying the day of the workshop. **Checks should be made payable to The University of Massachusetts.**

The MSBDC offers free, confidential counseling services to small business in Berkshire County through the Pittsfield office with outreach counseling available in Great Barrington and North Adams by appointment.

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