

ARTS & Galleries

Cohen captivates in Lambertville exhibit

The Gallery and Academy of Robert Beck presents an exhibition of paintings by Alex Cohen titled "Small Captivations," opening Dec. 8 in Lambertville, N.J.

Artist's receptions will be held 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

Both Robert Beck and Cohen participated in the 2012 New Hope Arts exhibition "Continuum," which paired established and emerging artists. Cohen was subsequently invited to show a selection of small works as part of Academy's mission, which is to provide an exhibition opportunity for someone doing important work and to offer the public a chance to see a different kind of representational painting.



"Carriage House, May" is by Alex Cohen.

Beck describes Cohen, who graduated from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, as an artist focused on process.

"This selection of small paintings is a free-wheeling investigation outside of rules and pre-conceived ideas," he said. "That's how Alex paints. He's not creating a scene; he's feeling around in the depths of his sentiments."

Cohen uses lyrical brushwork to create excursions in perspective that aren't quite real but aren't not quite real, either.

"I look for something simple and evocative to propel my paintings — some spirit hidden in the canvas I can summon to help lead me to discovery," he said. "The subject matter often just goes along for the ride."

"Small Captivations" will run through Dec. 28 at the Gallery and Academy of Robert Beck, 204 N. Union St.

Contact 215-603-6573 for information.

World AIDS Day observance slated

FACT Bucks County will host the Lambertville and New Hope World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil and Walk beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at The Lambertville Station riverside parking lot by the Delaware River bridge.

The observation of World AIDS Day will be officiated by the Rev. Michael Ruk of St. Philips Episcopal Church, New Hope.

There will be a short walk over the bridge to New Hope and ending with a wine and cheese reception at Gallery Piquel, 39 North Main St..

Those attending who wish to have a loved one who has passed away from HIV/AIDS recognized, can contact FACT at 215-862-3325 with a return phone number.

FACT will recite the list of names

at the beginning of the vigil. Since this is a Saturday night, the Lambertville Station lot will not be available for parking. Participants are asked to park on the streets in Lambertville or New Hope.

World AIDS Day is held Dec. 1 each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died.

World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day, first held in 1988

For those who make a \$25 or more donation to FACT on World AIDS Day at the Vigil you will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Gallery Piquel.

Pennridge Adult Evening School registration open for winter

From basketball to belly dancing, karate to yoga, the Pennridge Adult Evening School has a number of activities to occupy cold winter nights.

Classes begin the week of Dec. 3. Most last for 10 weeks and are held in district buildings.

A brochure and registration form is available at pennridge.org. Participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

Students can register in person Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Evening School office at Upper

Bucks County Technical School, 3115 Ridge Road in Bedminster Township.

Registration form and payment can also be mailed to PSD Adult Evening School at the tech school address.

For information, call 215-795-2011.

Bank partners with nonprofit for new art show

The Bank of Princeton Lambertville Branch is partnering with One Simple Wish.org through Dec. 15. The organization responds to wishes of foster children and vulnerable families in need.

An award-winning filmmaker, artists and live music are featured in the bank's gallery during the benefit. The opening reception is 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30.

The paintings of documentarian Bill Jersey are highlighted in "Impressions of Umbria."

Jersey is best known for his documentary films, including "Eames: The Architect and the Painter," "Hunting the Hidden dimension" for Nova on PBS, and "The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow."

Also featured are paintings by up and coming artist James Falciano.

The exhibition in the branch office at 10 Bridge St., can be seen during business hours.



"Olive Trees and Poppies" painted in Umbria, Italy, is one of Bill Jersey's paintings on exhibit at The Bank of Princeton Lambertville branch.

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Tyler workshop bridges two communities

The art communities of Bucks County and Philadelphia converge at Tyler Park Center for the Arts in Richboro when Hope Rovello, a contemporary Philadelphia ceramic artist, presents her workshop, Screen Printing on Clay and T Shirts, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

She was the 2011-2012 Resident Artist at Greenwich House Pottery in New York City. She teaches at Philadelphia University, The University of the Arts and The Clay Studio of Philadelphia.

Rovello earned her BFA in sculpture from Maine College of Art and her MFA in Ceramics from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Participants will learn a simple screen-printing technique for both ceramic and cloth surfaces. They will have the opportunity to develop and print their own design on a t-shirt and clay form.

The cost is \$60 for nonmembers and \$55 for members. For information, visit TylerParkArts.org.

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