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Newsletter for friends of the College of Visual Arts

JANUARY 2009

Message from the President

AS WE USHER IN 2009 - IT IS TIME TO PAUSE and recognize CVA's greatest asset - YOU!

Students, alumni, faculty and staff, CVA Advisory Committee, and CVA Trustees, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your many contributions this past year and share in my enthusiasm for the year ahead.

CVA's community is the engine of the college and of its future. Together we are building CVA's legacy.

Over this past year, CVA alumni from the 1950s and forward joined in the festivities at the *Second Annual 2008 Alumni Exhibition and Reunion*. Thanks to the alumni exhibition and planning

committee there were seventy-five entrées. We anticipate doubling that number at the *Third Annual 2009 Exhibition and Reunion* this June.

In anticipation of spring garden clean up at Summit, a group of alumni from the 1960s and 1970s rolled up their sleeves along with some more recent graduates and launched a new initiative to clean up the first lower garden at Summit. If you have a green thumb or simply want to help out, we will be calling upon you this spring.

CVA's web site is the proud host of everyone's accomplishments. Moving forward, if you have some newsworthy sound bite about someone within

the CVA community or about yourself, please pass it along. We want to honor and share your exciting news.

CVA's Student Council is on the move this year. They are the next generation of alumni leaders at CVA. Get involved and join in the fun.

I hope to see you all at CVA's gallery openings and events. We have a lot to be proud of and your participation is making the kind of difference that counts.

Best wishes for 2009!

ANN LEDY
President
& Chief Academic Officer

Save That Date!

JANUARY

- 15 Faculty and Staff Orientation
- 20 Classes begin at 8:30 AM
- 22 *Juried Student Exhibition* THRU FEB 14
CVA Gallery Reception 6:00-8:00 PM
- 24 *Drawing Co-op*
EVERY SATURDAY THRU MAY 9
Western 404, 1:00-3:30 PM

FEBRUARY

- Framing Contemporary Art: Three Curatorial Views, Lecture Series*
- 8 Diane Mullin 4:00-5:30 PM
- 15 Dennis Jon 4:00-5:30 PM
- 22 Betty Carpenter 4:00-5:30 PM

MARCH

- 4 *CVA Junior Year Spotlight: Saint Paul Mayor's Exhibition* THRU MAY 1
Mayor's Office
Opening Reception 5:00-7:00 PM
- 5 *2009 Perspectives in Fine Art Series Exhibition* THRU APR 3
CVA Gallery Reception 6:00-8:00 PM
- 16 - 20 Spring recess - *No classes*
- 23 Classes resume at 8:30 AM
- 26 *Scholarship Exhibition* THRU APR 25
Summit Building Reception and Award Ceremony 6:00-7:00 PM

APRIL

- 9 *Foundation Exhibition* THRU APR 18
CVA Gallery Reception 3:00-5:00 PM
- 30 *Graduate Exhibition* THRU MAY 9

MAY

- 4 - 7 *Senior Thesis Presentations*
- 5 Last day of classes
- 8 *Commencement*
Minnesota History Center 3:30 PM
- 8 *Graduate Exhibition*
CVA Gallery Reception 5:00-8:00 PM

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The College of Visual Arts is a private, accredited, four-year college of art and design offering Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in graphic design, illustration, photography, drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and interdisciplinary art and design studies with concentrations in fashion design at Parsons Paris, museum gallery studies, teaching artist, or advertising design. Founded in 1924, the college is located in the thriving urban residential areas of historic Summit Hill and Cathedral Hill in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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Go to www.cva.edu, for additional upcoming events.

Campus News

NEW ADDITIONS & RETURNS

Please welcome the following new faculty.

Sue Snyder Austin
Academic Research and Writing

Amy DiGennaro
Drawing VI

Liinea Lundin
Graphic Imagery

Jeremy Nienow
Cultural Anthropology

JoAnne Schuna
Illustration Professional Portfolio Development

NEW STAFF

In October Anne White joined our staff as Director for Student Life. Anne has almost twenty years experience in higher education student services. Most recently she comes from the University of Minnesota where she was Coordinator for Judicial Affairs in the residence halls and Director of Student Services for the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Anne also has an extensive background in the performing arts.

OCTOBER 3 LOWER GARDEN CLEAN UP

CVA alumni Madonna White '68 and Dale Mather '89 have offered to spearhead an effort to refurbish the lower garden at the Summit building in the spring of 2009. In preparation for the proposed renovation, a general clean up of the area needed to be done. In mid-September Demeri Mullikin issued a call for help to staff, faculty, students, and alumni. On October 3 a group of volunteers spent the morning and early afternoon clearing away the garden area of brush and overgrowth, and hauling away the debris to a local compost site. It was a fun, productive day and a great first step in reclaiming the land. Next spring looks bright for the start of a new lower garden. Are you interested in helping out with this project? If



Garden clean up. L to R back row: Mike Pearson '72, Demeri Mullikin, Sibyl Roche, Thomas Mullikin, Madonna White '68, Ann Ledy, Bob Bergad, Rudy Arnold '10. Front row: Jean Curtis-Neitz, Cory Loven '09, Dale Mather '89. Not pictured: Marco Suemnick '07. Photo by Sue Short

so, please contact Demeri Mullikin for more information at dmullikin@cva.edu or 651.757.4004.

NEW CAMPUS-WIDE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Technology convergence has arrived at CVA. In August, a new IP telephone system was installed at the college, integrating voice and data (Internet.) All campus buildings are now tied together into one combined DHCP network and telephone system via digital transmission over two T1 lines.

The college's old telephones have been removed and replaced with updated IP telephones in all faculty and staff offices. New IP telephones have also been installed in the Summit classrooms and outside the student

lounge. For the first time, each CVA office now has its own direct-dial number, voice mail, and a variety of other calling features.

The new main number is 651.757.4000. All phone numbers are in the range of 757.4000 through 757.4099. CVA's former main phone number, 651.224.3416, is forwarded to the new number and will continue to work. The toll-free number is still 1.800.224.1536 but the Summit fax number has been changed to 651.757.4010.

GALLERY NEWS

The fourth annual 2008 CVA Leaders of Design Series with Blu Dot was a great success! The September 24TH evening lecture with Blu Dot founders John Christa-

kos and Maurice Blanks at the Minnesota History Center was filled with designers and enthusiasts. The next evening, the exhibition opening at the CVA Gallery was highlighted by a lively Blu Dot furniture auction that raised fund for the design series.

CVA, in conjunction with AIGA MINNESOTA, is pleased to announce that next year's presenter will be Patrick Coyne, editor and designer of *Communication Arts* magazine, the leading trade journal for visual communications. His lecture presentation will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009. His magazine will celebrate their 50TH anniversary with an exhibition at the CVA Gallery from *continued on PAGE 7*

Student Corner

FIELD TRIP TO AAMODT'S APPLE FARM

On Saturday, October 4, the Student Council sponsored a bus trip to Aamodt's Apple Farm in Stillwater. Students enjoyed apple picking and sampling the many tasty treats available at the farm.

STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISING

In order to raise funds for activities, the Student Council designed and created buttons of many colors and many themes that sold for \$1 each. The proceeds of the sales of over 100 buttons were used to purchase prizes for the Halloween party.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AND SUMMIT

TRICK-OR-TREATING

On Friday, October 31, the CVA students were dressed to the nines in elaborate and some thematic Halloween costumes for a party at the Summit building. About 75 students attended and the evening was a spooky success. In the early evening CVA was visited by about 200 trick-or-treating ghosts and goblins from the neighborhood.

STUDENTS FACULTY AND ALUMNI ATTEND AIGA

CVA students, alumni, and faculty participated in the annual AIGA Minnesota Design Camp on October 3–5 in the beautiful woods of Nisswa, MN. Featured

speakers included Brian Collins, Principle of COLLINS, tronic Studios, The Art of Chase, and *ReadyMade* Magazine. Workshops included Kodak, Adobe, Nomadic Letterpress, and more.

ANNUAL INTERNSHIP FAIR

On October 23 CVA hosted its second annual internship fair. The fair was meant to provide a forum for internship-seeking students and potential internship sponsors to meet, talk, and discuss possibilities and requirements for internships. This year's guests included representatives from the Target Corporation, the Walker Art Center, and the Minnesota State Arts Board.

STUDENT CLUBS

The Anime Club is the oldest student-created organization on campus. Anime was introduced to CVA by Neil Johnston, who founded the Anime Club during his time as a student, and served as its adviser while he taught painting and drawing classes at CVA. The Anime Club continues its proud tradition of entertaining the CVA community and providing popcorn and other tasty snacks throughout the academic year. The Anime Club meets every Sunday from 1–4 P.M. in Summit 101. Contact Gail Rall for more information.

The Fiber Arts Club is a new club that offers



Student field trip to Aamodt's Apple Farm. Photo by Rudy Arnold

students an opportunity to get together and share their common interest in fiber arts. Common group activities include knitting, crocheting, embroidery, felting, and cross-stitching. The club meets on Mondays from 6:30–7:30 P.M. in Sum-

Lifelong Learning

ART HISTORY LECTURES

This February the college will present a distinguished lineup of lecturers from three major Twin Cities museums. The lecture series will feature presentations by Diane Mullin, Weisman Art Museum, Dennis Jon, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and Betsy Carpenter, Walker Art Center. The lectures will be held on February 8, 15, and 22 at 4:00 P.M. in Room 101 of the Summit building. A \$10 per lecture or \$25 series fee will be charged.

OPEN FIGURE DRAWING CO-OP

On Saturdays, during the academic year, CVA hosts an Open Figure Drawing

Co-op. During the spring semester the sessions will be held January 24 through May 9, with no session on March 21. The co-op runs from 1:00–3:30 P.M. in Room 404 of the Western building and the \$10 fee (cash only) is paid at the door.

The Illustration Club is also new this year. This club is open to all students in all disciplines and hopes to promote a dialogue between all of

the disciplines through team projects and activities. Allen Brewer, an adjunct faculty member and alumnus, will advise. The club meets on the first Friday of the month from 10–11:30 A.M. For more information, contact Rudy Arnold.

The co-op is open to both experienced and beginning artists who wish to enhance their figure drawing skills.

Artists must provide their own supplies. Participants under 18 must complete a Figure Drawing Permission Form that is available at www.cva.edu/news_events/figure_drawing.pdf.

SUMMER 2009 PROGRAMMING

This summer's programming will include pre-college courses in drawing, fashion, and photography. Also planned are continuing education courses for adults in printmaking and technology in the classroom. Watch for more information on the CVA web site.

For more information about any of these programs, please contact Carmen Harris at charris@cva.edu. Registration forms for all programs are posted online at cva.edu/programs/pro_summer.htm.

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Proud @ CVA

EVAN BADEN alum 07 has been named a recipient of the 2008–09 *MCAD/Jerome Fellowships for Emerging Artists*. The Fellowship program awards \$10,000 annually to five Fellows, allowing each the freedom to pursue his or her own work over a 12-month period.

ED CHARBONNEAU alum 99 & faculty has been painting a new mural across the entire exterior of Fat Lorenzo's restaurant in South Minneapolis. The building was first painted by Ed and Neil Johnston, '98, in 1999. Over the following nine years, the exterior painting was badly damaged. Designs for new murals were rendered by Jeremy Szopinski, '98, and Ed through the spring of 2008. Michelangelo's image of *God Creating the Sun, Moon, and Planets* from the Sistine Chapel ceiling was used as historical reference for a design.

SHAWN DALSEN alum 06 participated in the Saint Paul Art Crawl in October 2008.

DAN GERBER alum 96 exhibited new sculptural photographic work with Jeff Van De Walker '96 at Gallery 310 in downtown Stillwater in October.

EMILY HOISINGTON faculty has received the *Jerome Emerging Printmaker's Residency*



Student Sam Anderson '11 at the CVA Halloween Party.

Photo by Rudy Arnold

which culminates in an exhibition at Highpoint Center for Printmaking February 6–28, 2009.

DR. JULIE L'ENFANT faculty has been selected to write the first book in a series about local art and artists. Julie's book on seven Minnesota women artists was inspired by a 2007 exhibition *In Her Own Right: Minnesota's First Generation of Women Artists* at the Minnesota Museum of American Art. The book will be published by Afton Press in fall of 2009. She also gave a lecture at the Tweed Museum of Art in Duluth in November. This was in conjunction with the current exhibition at the museum, *Draw to Live and Live to Draw: Prints and Illustrations by Wanda Gag*.

BEN LEVITZ alum 98 was featured as an up-and-comer in an engaging article by Britt Aamodt in the October online magazine of MNArtists.org. Ben is the owner and principle designer of Studio On Fire, a design and letterpress studio that creates one-of-a-kind posters, invites, business cards, CD packaging, and even LP covers for an impressive list of clients.

BRIAN LUND alum 98 recently had artwork included in two group exhibitions, *Archaeology of Wonder* at Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT, and *Red Badge of Courage ReVisited* at Newark Arts Council, Newark, NJ. In January 2009, Lund will have his first solo exhibition at Smith-Stewart Gallery in New York City.

JOSHUA MURRAY alum 06 participated in the Saint Paul Art Crawl in October 2008.

EVAN NAGAN student received an honorable mention for a series of posters he submitted to the *AIGA Flux 08 Student Design Competition*. Undergraduate and graduate students from schools of art and design, as well as colleges and universities with design programs, were eligible to submit work. A panel of accomplished designers selected the winning entries, which will be displayed at The Blue Elephant Art Center in Frederick, MD.

BARB NEI faculty exhibited in September her photographic series



AIGA Design Camp. L to R back row: Stephen Peters, Kristin Krantz, Teri Springer '08, Sarah Ekstrom, Evan Nagan, David Dresbach, Ben Levitz '98. Front row: Diana Quenomoen, Kelly Perlick '08, Lindsey Sabaen '08, Christina Hancock '08, Steve Olson '08. Not Pictured: John DuFresne, Peter Fetsch '06, Kolean Pitner. Photo by Kolean Pitner

Similitudes; the Girls of Group K in the Concordia College Photo Biennial: Beauty.

TODD NOVAK *faculty* is an Associate Creative Director at MRM Worldwide and has received two awards for *Outstanding Achievement in Website Development* from The Web Marketing Association for his work on recent websites. *Wheresyours.com*, a website for Nature Valley was given the award for *Outstanding Website*. The award for Food Industry Standard of Excellence was given for his work on *Tasterschoice.com*.

SONJA L. OLSON *alum 02* has been hired as the Lower School Art specialist at the Convent of the Visitation School in Mendota Heights.

She continues to teach preschool in the morning as well as run her own business offering private art lessons.

KIRSTEN PETERSON *faculty* has been named a recipient of the 2008–09 *MCAD/Jerome Fellowships for Emerging Artists*. The Fellowship program awards \$10,000 annually to five Fellows, allowing each the freedom to pursue his or her own work over a 12-month period.

CHRISTINA SCHMID *faculty* has an essay in a new anthology published by Camden House Press, *After the Avant-Garde: Contemporary German and Austrian Experimental Film* edited by Randall Halle. She also writes essays for the *Rake* magazine online

as well as reviews for Raintaxi online.

LINDSEY SCOTT *alum 06* has been named Coordinator of the new Eden Prairie Art Center. She also is working on a master's degree in arts and cultural management at St. Mary's University of Minnesota.

JENNIFER (HISLOP) SHRIVER *alum 01* graduated in May 2008 from the College of Saint Catherine and University of Saint Thomas School of Social Work with a Masters Degree in Social Work. She is employed as a hospice social worker through HealthEast Hospice. She gave birth to a son in September 2008.

STEVE STENZEL *alum 03 & faculty* was recently in a 2–person show in the New Works Gallery at the Silver Eye Center for Photography in Pittsburgh. Work from his *Faribault County* and *16 Days in Red Wing* series were shown.

PAMELA VALFER *faculty* had a solo exhibition, *Local Fauna*, last November/December at Umber Studios in Minneapolis.

JEFF VAN DE WALKER *alum 96* exhibited steel sculptural work with Dan Gerber '96 at Gallery 310 in downtown Stillwater in October.

FALL 2008 PRESIDENT'S LIST

Congratulations to the following students who earned a 3.50 GPA for the fall semester and carried at least 15 credit hours.

Havilah Aos

Rudy Arnold

Audrey Axt

Todd Balthazor

Megan Bartz

Nathan Besser

Emily-linnea Bulen

Laura Falkenberg

Stephanie Frey

Hannah Frick

Erik Geiger

Alison Guinn

Thomas Hassett

James Ischer

Alissa Koch

Joseph Kuefler

Forrest Kvistad

Katie McMurray

Nicole Monjeau

Jaclyn Nelson

Meghan O'Hare

Cynthia Oconer

Philip Olmstead

Lindsey Paczkowski

Katherine Parr

Daniel Proudfoot

Brandon Regner

Steven Rohricht

Jamie Sandhurst

Emily Schroeder

Andrew Weaver

Teresa West

Vanessa Windschitl

2009 ALUMNI EXHIBITION SCHEDULED

Save-the-date for the 2009 Alumni Exhibition and Reunion scheduled to run June 12 to July 11. The reception and reunion will be on Friday, June 12, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Look for more details by e-mail and snail mail.

Alumni Column

The CVA Alumni Association is up and running! We are in the planning stages for alumni related activities and events that center around how alumni can work with each other, the college, and current students (e.g. reunions, exhibitions, collaborations, newsletter design, mentorships, and peer support, etc.). We would like to have everyone who has attended CVA to participate in some way. Please contact Ed Charbonneau at ed.charbonneau@gmail.com. We look forward to working with you!



Alumna Deborah Getsug '06 at the 2008 Holiday Art Sale and Auction.

Photo by Bill Kelley

CVA Advisory Committee

The college has established a collective of art and design professionals and scholars to share their professional perspectives regarding their disciplines with CVA's academic leadership team. This exceptional network within the professional art and design community will guide CVA's professional practice programming and provide the appropriate support and direction for CVA graduates as they transition into the professional world.

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Susan Bradley Designs

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Regional Exhibition Roundtable panelists Tim Peterson, Alexa Horochowski, and Justin Newhall. Photo by Bill Kelley

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September 23 through October 17, 2009. Mark your 2009 calendar now!

I'M HOLDING ON FOR THAT TEENAGE FEELING

This regional exhibition featured new and recent works by Alexa Horochowski, Justin Newhall, David Rathman, Scott Stulen, and tectonic industries. The artists addressed the murkier, experimental aspects of adolescence with works including installation, sculpture, painting, photography, and video. The exhibition was curated by Tim Peterson, Director and Curator of Franklin Art Works, a nationally recognized alternative space located in Minneapolis.

HOLIDAY ART SALE AND AUCTION

The third annual *Holiday Art Sale and Auction* was a huge success!

Thank you to alumni, students, faculty, and staff who participated. An unprecedented amount of art was submitted and significant scholarship funds were raised by the generous support of the college through your work.

Mark your calendars for next year's *Holiday Art Sale and Auction* on Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Don't forget the \$25 per person Preview Fundraiser on Friday, December 4 from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

ACADEMIC EXHIBITIONS

This spring, the academic exhibition calendar is filled with opportunities for CVA students to exhibit their work.

The *Juried Student Exhibition* will be held

January 22 through February 14. An outside panel of jurors will select the works for this show.

Juniors will have a new opportunity with the *Junior Year Spotlight: Saint Paul Mayor's Exhibition* held at the Mayor's office Wednesday, March 4 through Friday, May 1.

The Scholarship Exhibition, installed in the Summit building March 26 through April 25, recognizes CVA's top students each year. All exhibition participants are awarded a scholarship for the following year.

The first-year student *Foundation Exhibition* held April 9 through April 18 highlights CVA's curriculum and gives students an opportunity to participate in their first formal exhibition within the gallery.

April 30 through May 9, the *Graduate Exhibition* celebrates a mature body of studio work for all graduating seniors.

CVA Perspectives in Fine Art Series

The 2009 *CVA Perspectives in Fine Art Series* will host the second annual exhibition *A National Exhibition of Selected Photographs and Sculptures from the Collections of Gary and JoAnn Fink and the Museum Louvre It Or Leave It*. The exhibition features extraordinary work by Deborah Butterfield, Doug and Mark Starn, Alec Soth, Annie Liebovitz, Sebastiao Salgado, and more. Please join us for the opening reception on Thursday, March 5, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

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News From the Admissions Office

SPRING ADMISSIONS EVENTS

*Portfolio Building
Workshop for Art School
Admissions, January 24
and 31*

*Information Session Prior
to the Student Juried
Show, January 22*

*Winter Open House for
Prospective Students,
February 16*

*New Student Scholarship
Application Deadline,
March 1*

*Drawing Workshop for
Prospective Students and
Financial Aid Session,
March 7*

*Spring Open House for
Accepted Students,
April 18*

*Minnesota State Visual
Arts Exhibition for High
School Students, Recep-
tion, CVA Gallery,
May 16*



2008 Fall Orientation Blow-up Team Challenge.

Photo by Pat Benincasa

FALL OPEN HOUSE

The Admissions Office held our Fall Open House for Prospective Students in the Western building on October 16. Over 150 attendants heard from cva faculty, alumni, and current students, making it our largest on-campus event ever. Thank you to alumni Gordon Lee '03, Evan Baden '07, and Cassandra Monson '03

for making this a great success!

Please contact us if you know anyone interested in learning more about the college, the admissions process, and on-campus events.

Admissions
651.757.4040



2008 Portfolio Building Workshop for High School Students.

Photo by Elyan Paz