



Erie Art Museum
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**Erie Art Museum to host workshop for educators
Cabin Fever Teacher Getaway
Thursday, March 16 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. (registration opens at 3:30)
\$20 per person, includes dinner, please register in advance**

February 22, 2017, The Erie Art Museum welcomes all PreK – 12 teachers to an evening of hands-on workshops connecting art and culture to their curriculum. Teachers will explore vibrant art quilts from the exhibit *Earth Stories*, delve into Erie's unique duck decoys, a 100-year old tradition, and learn how Erie's folk artists are sustaining their folk art today. Each teacher will receive 3-1/2 Act 48 hours.

Special guest will be exhibiting artist Susan Shie, a quilter and illustrator from Wooster, OH. She has been awarded fellowships from the NEA and the OH Arts Council, exhibited internationally, and was awarded the 2008 Teacher of the Year from Professional Quilter Magazine. Shie will offer a special workshop, *Sassy Drawing 101* during Cabin Fever. She writes, "Learning to draw is like learning to float in water: You have to learn to trust, and then you find out you could have done it all along, had you let go. Most of us think we can't draw, so we don't try, but you drew as a child, and you can pick up where you left off. I teach by example and by taking away all the rules. I hope that the skills and confidence you gain in this class will help you in expressing yourself, as well as in enjoying drawing for its own sake. We are all brilliant artists, AND art heals us. We can't lose!"

Teachers can choose Shie's workshop or other activities that explore Erie duck decoys, the art quilt exhibit, Kids as Curators, and Sergei Isupov's stunning ceramics. Everyone will gather for an African fashion show and a lively lecture by Shie about her influences and artist processes.

Teachers can register through erieartmuseum.org or by calling 814-459-5477.

Images for this event are available at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B2nq5n1995zEb3hJb1RBSnFUbkU>

About the Erie Art Museum

The Erie Art Museum anchors downtown Erie's cultural and economic revitalization, occupying a group of restored mid-19th century commercial buildings and a modern, 'Green,' 10,500 square foot expansion. The newly expanded Museum marks the first LEED-certified building in the region, soon to be complete with a planted rooftop.

The Museum maintains an ambitious program of changing exhibitions annually, embracing a wide range of subjects, both historical and contemporary and including folk art, contemporary craft, multi-disciplinary installations, community-based work, as well as traditional media.

The Erie Art Museum also holds a collection of over 8,000 objects, which includes significant works in American ceramics, Tibetan painting, Indian bronzes, contemporary baskets, and a variety of other categories.

The Museum offers a wide range of education programs and artists' services including interdisciplinary and interactive school tours and a wide variety of classes for the community. Performing arts are showcased in the popular summer program, Mid Day Art Break, which represents national and international performers of serious music with an emphasis on composer/performers, and a popular annual two-day Blues & Jazz Festival.

The Erie Art Museum and gift shop is open Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Winter hours for the café are 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Tuesday – Friday. For additional visitor information, visit online at www.erieartmuseum.org or call 814-459-5477.

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