

Hickory Museum of Art

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collection, some of which have not been on exhibit for going on twenty years. These works have been chosen to celebrate this community's commitment to building a world class museum ever since the Museum's founding 75 years ago. "This exhibition is such a fitting tribute to our Founding Director Paul Whitener's vision for bringing the best in American Art to Hickory" said Carfagno.

A series of events will surround and enhance the exhibit, including:

On Jan. 12 - "DAINGERFIELD + DANGERFIELD NIGHT" featuring a tour of the exhibit at 6pm and then at 7pm a film screening. (Free for HMA Members or \$10 Non-Members) This will be a unique pairing of everybody's favorite Da(i)ngerfields - Elliott Daingerfield [1859-1932] & Rodney Dangerfield [1921-2004]. First, join Jon Carfagno, HMA Executive Director, in the galleries for a tour of *A GRAND VISION*. Then at 7pm, walk down the hall to the Drendel Auditorium for a screening of *Back to School* starring Rodney Dangerfield.

On Mar. 9, from 10am-noon - DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE EVENT. HMA's Director's Circle Members (\$1,000 and up) will be invited to a special Daingerfield program and brunch. (Invitations will be mailed.)

On Mar. 26, at 10:30am - WHO CARES SERIES: ELLIOTT DAINGERFIELD. (Free for HMA Members or \$5 Non-Members). HMA's March Who Cares series highlights why anyone should care about the life and work of Elliott Daingerfield. This event is taking place on what would have been Daingerfield's 160th birthday, so there will of course be cake.

On Apr. 20 - MEMBERS-ONLY TRIP: FOOTSTEPS OF ELLIOTT DAINGERFIELD BLOWING ROCK TOUR. (Call Molly Blanchard at 828/327-8576, ext. 201 for more info). A special trip that follows the footsteps of Elliott Daingerfield during his summers spent in Blowing Rock. See the vistas and architectural features depicted in his artwork, and tour Daingerfield's



Daingerfield, "Infinities", c. 1913, oil on canvas
The Johnson Collection, Spartanburg, SC

former residences. The day will end with "Glow Time," a reception on the west lawn of Westglow, the mansion Daingerfield built that is now home to Westglow Resort and Spa.

The Hickory Museum of Art was founded by Paul Whitener in 1944 to collect, foster, and preserve American art. Faced with the challenge of bringing art to Hickory, Paul connected with artists in their various forms. Eight works were collected that year. Today, almost 75 years later, the museum has evolved into an arts center featuring an extensive permanent collection of art objects across all mediums as well as a variety of education classes and events for all ages. Hickory Museum of Art brings people together from all walks of life and inspires creativity in a way that launches the Unifour region (Catawba, Caldwell, Burke, and Alexander Counties) forward as a leader in innovation and culture. The museum represents and promotes our community as a center of innovative creativity and inclusivity through its commitment to visual arts, education, and collaboration. Hickory Museum of Art is located on the SALT Block, on 3rd Avenue NE in Hickory.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Museum at 828/327-8576, or visit (www.HickoryArt.org).

Blue Moon Gallery in Brevard, NC, Features Works by Olga Dorenko

Blue Moon Gallery in Brevard, NC, is featuring selected works from Asheville, NC, artist Olga Dorenko in an exhibit titled *A New Life of Feelings*, on view through Feb. 28, 2019.

Dorenko, who now lives in the Asheville area, is originally from Uzbekistan in the former Soviet Union. She spent her childhood living in different regions including Siberia and the Ukraine. She also traveled extensively throughout the regions with her family during school breaks. These travels and the natural beauty she experienced shaped her art and is evident in her work.

After completing her education at the Krivoy Rog Art Institute and working as a poster and mural painter for the Russian National Theater, Dorenko moved to the United States. She has lived in North Carolina since 1998, becoming an American citizen in 2008. Her gallery, the Olga Dorenko Fine Art Gallery, opened in 2006 and is in the River Arts District in Asheville. She also has a fine art studio in Leicester, NC.

Rob Travis is a photographer and owner of Blue Moon Gallery. He often seeks out local artists for exhibits who complement the variety of photography, jewelry and three-dimensional art at the gallery. "I was introduced to Olga through another talented Blue Moon Gallery artist and I was immediately drawn to her work. We have a great synergy of artists here and we're delighted that Olga is exhibiting her work in



Work by Olga Dorenko

Brevard. Her colorful palette and expressive paintings communicate joy. Visitors to the gallery often remark on the playful and joyful attitude that comes across when they see her paintings."

Among the works in the exhibit are *Mad River Canoe and Lake*, a serene mountain lake. Most of her paintings in the exhibit are oil on canvas that are presented as embellished giclée's. Dorenko's book, *The Art of Olga Dorenko*, a colorful rendition with many examples of her painting is available at the gallery.

Blue Moon Gallery specializes in nature and landscape photography and offers paintings and three-dimensional art and jewelry.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 828/290-5492 or visit (www.BlueMoonGalleryNC.com).

Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, Offers Group Show First in 2019

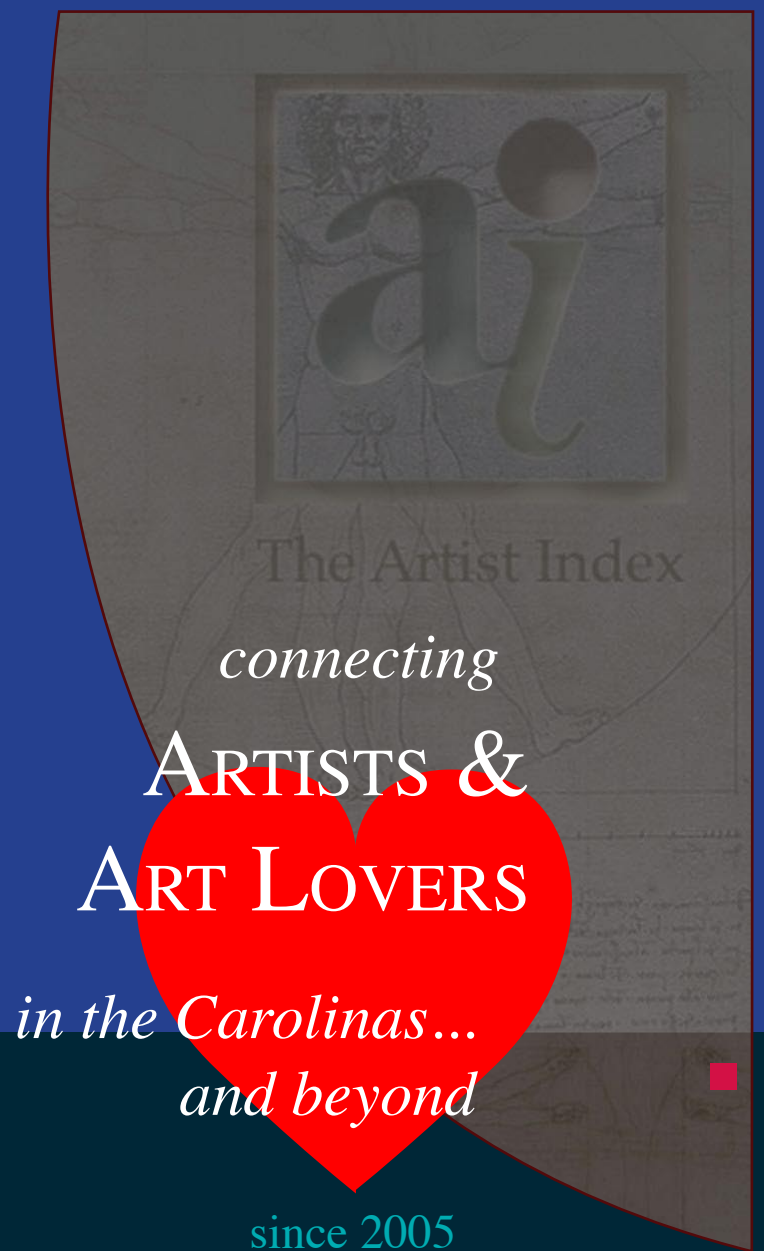
The Asheville Gallery of Art in Asheville, NC, will present *A Colorful Beginning*, which ushers in the year with an expressive interpretation of color by more than 20 member artists, on view from Jan. 2 - 31,

2019. A reception will be held on Jan. 4, from 5-8pm.

After the holiday decorations come down, and before life settles once again into

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