Students

of Distinction

GCC Art Student Susan Valentine Recognized in National Competition
By Mary McCollott, '92

Three years ago, Susan Valentine’s experience with paint illustrates painting skills in her house. Today, Susan is a Greenfield Community College student whose work has been recognized in a national contest. Her oil painting, ‘77 Woven,’ recently placed second in the Jester Magazine’s 2012 Art Competition for Student Art Life/Field is featured in the January 2013 issue of the magazine.

How did Susan become an award-winning painter in just two years?

Ask Susan and she’ll say it was an opportunity to make a lifelong interest in art and looking closely at the world around her.

Ask GCC Art Department Chair Paul Lindale and he’ll say, “Susan is a prime example of someone who embraced the opportunities offered to students at GCC and applies hard work and dedication to her art.”

Susan’s interest in graphic design was sparked by creating brochures and a website for her yoga studio. Susan studied graphic design at GCC from 2007 until 2013 and works as a graphic designer. A website client, artist Robin Keller, bartered as a graphic designer. A website

http://art.gcc.mass.edu/ or call Paul Lindale at (413) 775-1241.

For more information, contact Regina Curtis at artdept@gcc.mass.edu or (413) 775-1426.

Nominations Open for the 2013 GCC Distinguished Alumni Award

Each spring one Greenfield Community College Alumni is honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award. “We know that GCC changes the lives of its students forever,” says Regina E. Curtis, ’86, President of the GCC Alumni Association. “But what we also know is that GCC students go on to change the lives of their communities, and we’re looking for those alums now to recognize their achievements.”

Three consider nominating an alum who has:

• Earned 15 credit hours at Greenfield Community College or earned a degree or certificate and earned the respect and trust of his/her associates in his/her chosen field, and/or

• Served as a motivational force for others in a positive manner.

Nominations are due by March 1. Forms can be found online at www.gcc.mass.edu/alumaward or contact Regina Curtis at artdept@gcc.mass.edu or (413) 775-1426.

ATTENTION: FORMER GCC GRADUATES Did you graduate but were unable to march/attend Commencement? As the 50th Anniversary celebration comes to a close, the GCC Alumni Association cordially invites you to march with the Class of 2013 on Commencement June 2. Please note: if you missed the diploma or certificate but never marched in a previous ceremony. Checks for gown rental will be returned to students who do not march.

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February 25, 12 Noon – 2:30 p.m.

East Building, Room 128 on the Main Campus.

Certified Personal Trainer Orientation

February 11, 2013, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Max Campus, East Building E11 & A448

Free as a part of the GCC personal Fitness Development class, W.I.T.S. Personal Trainer Certification. This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to become a personal trainer and sign up for the winter class that begins February 25.

Contact Ali Shokouh, (413) 775-1807 or Email: alishokouh@ccf.com

Harry Potter and the Misanthropic Myth of the Mixed-Race Messiah

Friday, October 12, 11:00 a.m.

Susan Mazer, Univeristy of Kentucky

Controversial within Harry Potter are popular notions about Mixed-Race both appealing and toxic. This research explores how positive and negative popular American notions about race and mixedness inform our thinking. Not what we say, but what we say.

Sponsored by the Humanities Lecture Series.

Contact Lu Duong, (413) 775-1005 or Email: lduong@ccf.com

GCC Faculty, Staff and Students

Join Global Movement One Billion Rising

Thursday, February 14, 2013, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Max Campus, Dining Commons

For information, please call 413-775-8569 or go to our website: OneBillionRising.org

Cultural Center 3rd floor, GCC Main Campus

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