Town of Penfield Supervisor’s Column

Week of May 19, 2014

The Penfield Art Association’s 50th Anniversary Spring Show Opens Monday, June 2 and runs through Sunday, June 8 at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road. This one-week event features more than 160 two-dimensional works in a variety of media by about 60 club members. The opening reception and awards ceremony is Tuesday, June 3, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday (June 2-June 5); 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday (June 6); 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday (June 7); and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Sunday (June 8). Club members will be on hand at all times to answer questions about the art, much of which will be available for purchase.

The judge for this year’s show is Sarah Morgan, assistant professor of Fine Arts at Finger Lakes Community College where she teaches drawing, painting and printmaking. She received a B.A. from Houghton College and M.F.A. from the New York Academy of Art, specializing in painting in both programs. Morgan prefers to work in oil paint, although with two young children, she’s been focusing more on drawing lately. She is a signature member of the Rochester Art Club and her work has been shown most recently at the Williams-Insalaco Gallery at FLCC and the Oxford Gallery in Rochester. Chair of this year’s show is Nancy Colsman and the co-chair is Thinh Nguyen. Formed in 1963, the Penfield Art Association today has more than 100 members throughout the Rochester area. The organization is open to artists of all skill levels. Those interested in the two-dimensional visual arts are encouraged to visit www.penfieldartassociation.com.

Jack Best of Penfield Rotary and the coordinator of the Penfield “Stop Hunger Now” (SHN) Project reports they had a great event on May 9. More than 120 volunteers and 80 individuals from CDS Monarch Center packed 33,000 meals. According to SHN representative Marc Vermouth, all the meals will go to elementary school children in Panama as they attend school to fight their way out of poverty. It was a tremendous team project, from its planning to its execution. SHN wants to thank their local sponsors who contributed about half of the $8,500 raised to pay for the meals, at $.25 per meal: Bill Gray’s, Frontier Communication/Pioneers, Bene-Care, Paychex, ReMax Realty Group/Mike Ruff, Family First of NY FCU, Tim Hortons, Five Mile & Ridge in Webster, Dawson Law Firm, Mark’s Pizzeria, and Wegmans. Congratulations and thank you to all who made this project so successful.

The 2014 amphitheater series kicks off with the second annual Music and Food Rodeo on Friday, May 30, 4:30 to 9:00 pm. This annual event and all scheduled programs are sure to be fun for the whole family! The Food Rodeo will feature seven area food trucks: Tuscan Wood Fired Pizza, Cheesed and Confused, The Meat Ball Truck Co., Stingray Sushi Fusion, The Dough Boys, Chowder Up Seafood, and Macarollin’. The trucks will have windows up at 4:30 pm. Food will be sold at the food trucks’ prices. Penfield High School music groups will perform on the Kiwanis Stage beginning at 5:00 pm. The students of these wonderful groups will play a variety of musical genres, something for everyone’s taste. The music program is free and open to the public. The Penfield Amphitheater and Kiwanis Stage is located in Veterans’ Memorial Park, behind Penfield Town Hall at 3100 Atlantic Avenue. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. For more information and a complete music schedule go to www.penfieldrec.org.

As we wrap up another school year and begin summer activities, please remember the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf. This group of volunteers work year-round to serve families. Please donate canned goods and other non-perishable items, fresh fruits, vegetables, breads and baked goods, or monetary contributions. If you are interested in donating, adopting a shelf, or assisting in some way, please contact them at 234-0799 or penfieldfoodshelf@gmail.com, you will be glad you did!

Until next week, be well and be safe!

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