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TWO NEW EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY AT HISTORIC SMITHVILLE PARK

Hand-hooked Rugs in the Worker's House and Gallery through Oct. 28

36th Annual Juried Art Show in the Smithville Annex Gallery through Nov. 1

The Historic Smithville Park will host original artwork by artists from the tri-state area and more than 70 colorful hand-hooked rugs this month. Both exhibits are sponsored by the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders and admission is free.

"Residents from around the area can visit the beautiful Smithville Mansion and enjoy a wealth of art and exhibits from local artists," said Burlington County Freeholder Mary Ann O'Brien. "Burlington County has so many talented people and it is wonderful to see their hard work displayed."

Hosted by the Pinelands Rug Hookers in the newly-restored 1865 Worker's House and Gallery at Smithville, "2012 Hooked Rug Exhibit" will remain on display through Oct. 28. A reception to meet the rug hookers will be held on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 1:30 pm to 3 pm.

The Hooked Rug exhibit showcases the work of talented fiber artists, including rugs, wall art, table runners, stools and other goods. A variety of styles are on display, such as geometrics, abstracts, primitive, traditional and modern. Visitors will find members of the Rug Hookers organization demonstrating this unique traditional craft during exhibit hours. Gallery hours are Wednesdays from noon to 3 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm (closed on legal holidays).

The 36th Annual Juried Art Exhibit showcasing the work of artists from throughout the tri-state area will remain on display in the Smithville Mansion Annex Art Gallery through Nov. 1.

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The Juried Art exhibit attracts the “best of the best” from Burlington County and was expanded several years ago to include the work of artists from throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. A total of 129 pieces by 68 artists are on display and a variety of mediums are showcased, including watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, graphite, charcoal, mixed media, clay, ceramic, and aluminum. Gallery hours are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm (closed on legal holidays).

The show was judged by portrait artist John Ennis and the winners include:

- Best in Show - Gregory Smith of Shamong for “Three Waves”
- First Place - Ellen LoCicero of Mullica Hill for “Acadian Creek”
- Second Place - Diane Emerson of Medford for “Garden Arch”
- Third Place - Al Barker of Bordentown for “Summer Afternoon”
- Additional awards winners - Alfred Titone of Burlington for “Parable of Blind;” Tracey Femiano of Medford for “Rem;” Martin Blender of Southampton for “Oil Figure 45,” Michael Budden of Chesterfield for “Evening in New Hope;” and Barbara March of Marlton for “Dress Rehearsal”

A nationally-known portrait artist, John Ennis will conduct a monochromatic portrait workshop for artists and aspiring artists on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Smithville Annex Art Gallery. The cost is \$20 per person and all materials are included.

Both galleries are located in Historic Smithville Park on Smithville Road in Eastampton, just three-quarters of a mile north of Route 38. For more information, please call the Burlington County Division of Parks at (609) 265-5858.

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