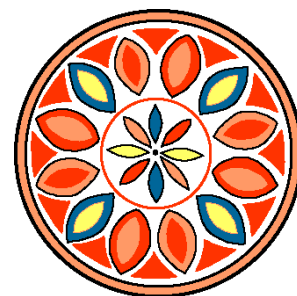




Hamburg Area Art Alliance May Arts Fest Hex Sign Contest and Show



What is it?

A themed art contest open to artists, young and old, who wish to celebrate our Pennsylvania German Heritage. There will be two age groups: Adults (over 18) and Students (under 18). Work will be judged on originality and authenticity.

What can I use?

Anything goes! You may use any medium: draw, paint, sculpt or build! (Sorry, no photos of barns, please!) The only rules are: 1) You must include a hex sign in your project; and 2) You must be able to bring it to the Gallery of Hamburg no later than May 9th, 2012. Judging will take place during the May Arts Fest in Hamburg on Saturday, May 12 at 2:00pm.

There are prizes?

There will be a small cash prize awarded to the winner of each age group. Runners up will receive "Hamburg Bucks"!

What about the show?

The show will be in the Gallery of Hamburg (335 State Street, Hamburg, PA 19526; 610-562-3106) from May 12 until June 16. All pieces will remain in the gallery during this time. All submitted pieces will be grouped together in a designated area. It is preferred that all pieces are priced for sale. If you are unwilling to sell your work, please offer it at a highly inflated price!

Please note: if your piece is sold between May 12 and June 16, the Hamburg Area Arts Alliance will take a 25% commission off of the sale; please price your piece accordingly. Artists may pick up any unsold artwork at the Gallery of Hamburg on Saturday, June 16, 2012.

Is there a fee?

The fee for participating is \$20.00 for HAAA members and \$25.00 for non-members.

What is the deadline?

There is no deadline to enter but all artwork must be submitted no later than May 9th, 2012.

Who is judging the artwork?

Eric Claypoole is a renowned local artist specializing in preserving our Pennsylvania German Heritage by continuing the tradition of creating hex signs. He follows in the footsteps of his late father, Johnny Claypoole and his mentor, Johnny Ott, the self-proclaimed "Dr. of Hexology".

Patrick J. Donmoyer, a Kutztown folklorist, paints hex signs on wooden panels. He is a researcher at the Pennsylvania Cultural Heritage Center. He has documented original hex signs on barns throughout Berks County.

One last note: In the event that your artwork contains objectionable or offensive content, the HAAA Committee reserves the right to refuse acceptance into the show. If this were to occur, you would receive a refund of the participation fee. If you have questions regarding this possibility, please contact the Gallery of Hamburg at 610-562-3106.

Where do I sign up?

Just fill in the information below and turn it in to the Gallery of Hamburg along with your participation fee.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I have fully read and understand the content listed above and agree to the aforementioned regulations regarding participation in the art show and contest.

Signature _____

Return form and payment to Our Town Foundation, 335 State Street, Hamburg, PA 19526.