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Lewiston Opera Hall Opening

by Cheryl Gorski

Start your Christmas shopping and find unique handmade items by regional artists for even the hardest-to-buy-for-person on your list. Join Lewiston Council on the Arts for the Grand Opening of the new Opera Hall (OH!) Gallery at 732 Center St. during the Lewiston Christmas Walk December 4th & 5th from 11am to 5pm. Located in one of the most historic buildings in Lewiston, the gallery will feature the work of more than 25 artists in all media (photography, painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood and more).

Lewiston native and author, Catherine Gildiner, will be there (in person!) autographing and selling copies of her new book, "After the Falls". Many will remember her book about growing up in Lewiston, "Too Close to the Falls". Her new release recounts her remarkable coming-of-age in the 1960s with the same wit, candor and exhilarating storytelling that made Too Close to the Falls a modern classic.

Nationally recognized fashion and fine art photographer Cheryl Gorski will debut "Life After Burning", a solo photography exhibit that will be on

display in the hallway at the Gallery. The collection consists of 37 'edgy' black and white images and will be on display during the month of December.

To launch this Gallery store, the Art Council has rented a suite of rooms in the Lewiston Opera Hall which is owned by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), Sacarrissa Bell-Rose Lodge #307. Artists in turn "rent" a section of wall space and contribute 4 hours per month working the Gallery providing an inexpensive way for them to market their work. Artists featured are as follows: Jim Andrews, Thomas Paul Asklar, Tina Bonifacio, Sharon Fisher, Katie Foley, Tom Hanna, Kathleen Hunt, Ed Kennedy, John Martin Lent, Judy Liberante, Artisan's Edge, Shelley McGuire, Michael McMahon, Penny Mt. Pleasant, Mikael Nicklas, Paul Norwich, Catherine O'Connor, Billie Pascoe, Mark Placek, Sherrill Primo, Len Russin, Rachel Schiff, Diana Storm, Paul Thomas, Delores Tittle, Suzanne Todaro and Dave Young.

Be sure to drop by and see what the buzz is all about! For more information - Lewiston Council on the Arts: (716) 754-0166.



Photo by Cheryl Gorski, "The Party is Over"



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