

Things are moving at a fast pace at the Sprinkler Factory even though we are in the midst of winter! We are now on Facebook which is very exciting! Check it out and see what is happening and let us know what you think. Don't forget open studios this month on March 6th from 12-4PM.

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Nshei Chabad women come to the Sprinkler Factory

On January 31st the Nshei Chabad women from congregation Tifereth came to the Sprinkler Factory to celebrate TuB' Shavet which is the day that marks the beginning of a “new year for trees”. This is the time in Israel when the earliest blooming trees begin to emerge and begin a new fruit bearing cycle. The women were treated to a demonstration of lampworking by Elisa Minisian from Something Phishy and were able to tour the other artist's studios.

Bassie Levin, Miriam Phillips of the the Nshei Chabod sent this letter:

We simply cannot thank you enough for the wonderful experience called “The Sprinkler Factory”! Thank you for all your effort to make this happen. We all had the most exciting time meeting the different artists who combine to make this probably Worcester's best kept secret! Truly a hidden treasure! We were all quite over whelmed from the beautiful cozy area for our meeting to the individual visits to the studios where each artist extended us the warmest welcomes and told us about their particular art or craft specialty. Need I tell you how much we all enjoyed the bead making! Everyone enjoyed the grape clusters and leaves. ...And then there was more...the generous raffle sponsored by the individual artists. To be sure we have been spreading the word and have been inundated with inquires about when you are open etc. etc. and would we be doing this again! I don't know if I have adequately expressed to you the high level of enthusiasm that this event engendered. We are so appreciative to you. Thank you for everything.

Symbiotic Relationships- Inspiration Drawn from the Sprinkler Factory Open show- a call for all artists!

The Sprinkler Factory's newly formed artist group is sponsoring its first open show. In addition to the residents of the Sprinkler Factory, the group would like to extend an invitation to all artists in the Worcester area. The show will run from may 14 to May 30, 2010, with the grand opening being on May 15th from 8to 10:30 PM. The deadline for entries is May 1, 2010 at 12 noon. Go to the Sprinkler Factory website for more information and entry forms. Don't

miss out on this event!

Artist profile Melissa J Kiefer- Hanji Artist

After interviewing Melissa at her studio I decided that it would be best to let her describe her experiences and her artwork:

Traveling throughout Europe and Asia for 8 years has given me the opportunity to experience the vast amount of beautiful art each culture represents. The craft of Hanji (Traditional Korean Paper Art) caught my interest while living in South Korea during 2004 to 2006.. The deep rooted heritage the art represents as well as it's ethnic look and feel has become a passion of mine. After studying Korean Folk Art and taking courses with Hanji Master Sunyook Om for this traditional craft, I am proud bring Hanji to the U.S. and present my work. I have participated in exhibitions in, Seoul, Osaka ,and Kuala Lumpur and taught Hanji for two years while living in Singapore

Hanji is handcrafted using traditional Mulberry (Hanji) paper, then lacquered for durability, and personally stamped on the bottom with a signature Korean chop. The use of natural materials, such as stones, wood and paper makes each piece unique and an absolute pleasure to make. Mulberry paper comes in a wide variety of colors and textures, but my personal preferences are the more natural hues that help to create a sense of well being and tranquility

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Talking with Melissa and seeing her work was a real treat! Be sure to visit her at The Sprinkler Factory and enjoy the art of Hanji!.

4. Classes, workshops, and open studios

Something Phishy Studios will present a flame worked bead workshop with Caitlin Hyde "Surface Pattern Intensive, taking the next step" on Saturday and Sunday March 27 & 28, 2010 from 10AM to 5 PM. Some bead making experience required.

For prices and class descriptions go to www.sprinklerfactory.com and click on artist/occupants and then click on Something Phishy studio or call Elisa Minisian at 508-854-4172 or email www.somethingphishy1@gmail.com.

On going beginner bead making classes are offered on Mondays and Thursdays, guest Instructor 10 week classes, Tuesday nights.

Open studio/torch time is also available. Weekend workshops, private lessons and group learn to classes are also available.

Carolyn Hebert at Pristine Pearls will be offering stringing workshops on Wednesdays from 1-3 PM or 6-9:30 PM throughout March. \$35.00 per student, plus cost of materials with a minimum of 4 students required to run the class. Students are required to pre register. Non refundable payment expected at time of registration. Call 508-753-7958 or email pristinepearldesign@hotmail.com RE; classes in subject line/

For other ongoing classes go to www.sprinklerfactory.com

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