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**‘SECOND WEDNESDAYS’ ART WALK AT STUDIOPLEX ON
AUGUST 12 INCLUDES ARTISTS, MUSIC AND LOCAL
ENTREPRENEURS**
HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE “LAYERS OF THOUGHT” BY DESIREE HARPER AND
JOHN TINDEL’S STUDIO SALE AT ART DEPARTMENT GALLERY; NEW
CLASSICAL DRAWINGS BY FOUR SCAD ARTISTS AND “ENCAUSTIC 13” AT
JACK ART GALLERY

ATLANTA – August 7, 2009 – Studioplex, the live/work community in Atlanta’s historic Old Fourth Ward, will host its next ‘Second Wednesdays’ monthly Art Walk (www.secondwednesdays.com) on Wednesday, August 12 from 6-8:30 p.m. These monthly Art Walks at Studioplex are free and open to the public.

Desiree Harper of **studio d atlanta** located at Studioplex (www.studiodatlanta.com) will present a selection of her work including “Layers of Thought”, poetry painted on panels as well as her collection of decorative finishes and a few paintings on canvas depicting various subject matters, most of which are still life studies. Desiree’s work will be exhibited in the Pavilion at Studioplex.



Decorative finish by Desiree Harper

Art Department Gallery at Studioplex will present GREENWORKS: A collection of new works by various artists. “Green’ is the new buzzword of the 21st century,” said Anke Schofield of Art Department. “Art Department’s new rotating exhibition Green Works explores various artists’ interpretations of what ‘green’ means to them – from the modern-day definition of eco-friendliness to the original concept of the color itself to everything in between.” Participating artists include Luis Garcia-Nerey, John Tindel, Anke Schofield, Michi, Dosa Kim, Nina Surel, Robert Mars, Melissa Sims, Shaun Thurston, Esteban Patino, Dan May, David Huff, Emmy Dudley, Elif Bridges and Jeff Lange.

Atlanta-based artist John Tindel (www.JohnTindel.com) is cleaning out his studio and giving ‘Second Wednesdays’ Art Walk attendees the chance to pick up some great pieces. The sale will be held in the Pavilion at Studioplex located next to the Art Department Gallery.

Four SCAD artists will exhibit drawings that expand the scope of what is called “classical rendering.” The multigenerational group touches on themes from the antique to graphic novels. Traditional media such as silverpoint, charcoal, ink, graphite and pastel are utilized by these artists: Larry Jens Anderson, Ben McGehee, Sarah Perez and Thomas Tanner. The exhibit will be presented at Studioplex, loft 143 (on the rear side of the building).

Jack Art Gallery (www.jackartgallery.com), which specializes in affordable, original art created by local and national emerging artists, will open its new show *Encaustic 13* featuring all encaustic art including new works, each under \$500, by Atlanta artist Jason McGrady and 12 local and national emerging encaustic artists: Jhina Alvarado; Lynn Bland; Barbara Brenner; Rae Broyles; Glenda Chamberlain; Melissa Hronkin; Judie Jacobs; Allison Miller; Edie Morton; Margo Mullen; Penny Treese; and Melody Trivisone. The exhibit will be open through September 4.

Furthermore, Janke Studios (www.jankestudios.com), Atlanta’s premier glassblowing studio, is hosting a guest artist on the glassblowing trailer. In addition, Janke Studio’s will have bead makers inside the gallery (Studio G-9) for the first time, so ‘Second

Wednesdays' visitors can try their hand at making a glass bead at \$5 per bead, a unique keepsake of their Art Walk at Studioplex.

A number of other galleries and lofts will be open during the 'Second Wednesdays' Art Walk at Studioplex, including:

- The Dale family – Phil, Lisa and their 11-year-old daughter Angelique – who will share their collection of paintings and handmade jewelry in their home studio, Loft 132;
- New Moon Skin Care, Loft 125, (www.newmoonskincare.com), owned by Amy Leavell Bransford, a licensed esthetician. Her focus is on organic sustainable beauty including skin care from Dr. Hauschka, Juice Beauty & Farmaesthetics;
- Angie Wehunt revels in improvisation and the exploration of color, frequently embracing reds for brightness (“like a neon sign”), happiness (“like a balloon”) and deliciousness (“like cherries”) they impart;
- Laura Sutton of EDOBA's Chameleon Classic products (www.edobashop.com) (as seen in Daily Candy) will be there with her unique versatile pieces that allow you to easily and affordably change the look of each piece every time you entertain or redecorate;
- HollyBeth Anderson will present her line of luscious body products, *HollyBeth's Natural Luxury* (www.hollybeth.net) that are made with organic ingredients to soothe, pamper and nourish you from head to toe;
- Matthew Mayes of Matthew Mayes Design, Loft 122, (www.matthewmayesdesign.com) will unveil new pieces in his current series titled “Layers of Meaning,” an “artistic expression of life’s journey and the layers we unfold, or not?”
- Jenn Green will present Drea James Jewelry, one of a kind, handmade jewelry designs (www.dreajames.com). The pieces have sterling silver, copper and gold filled chains and wire with vintage beads, semi-precious stones, Swarovski crystals, metal accents and glass beads. Beads and findings are purchased in small batches to keep all pieces unique....special and timeless;
- Arwen Fine of *a. fine shirt* and *afineline* will present her one of a kind apparel, jewelry and accessories (www.finewen.etsy.com);
- Kimberly Daniels of VerdePaperie (www.VerdePaperie.com) will present her line of Eco-friendly stationery, note cards and wedding invitations featuring eclectic

designs from artists throughout the country with an emphasis on creative design and the environment; and

- Gardner's Table, makers of homemade preserves and jams.

And again this month, dog owners are encouraged to bring their dogs to this month's Art Walk! Local entrepreneur Lauren Janis will be selling her All Natural Dog Biscuits that are made in East Atlanta (www.BigDaddyBiscuits.com).

Art lovers and collectors are invited to enjoy a complimentary glass of wine, discover exciting new artists in the heart of Atlanta and listen to a DJ spin his favorite tunes.

About Studioplex

Studioplex, located at 659 Auburn Avenue in Atlanta's historic Old Fourth Ward, features 130 live/work lofts as well as 9,100 sq. ft. retail space in the Pavilion at Studioplex. Sales Center hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 10-5; and Sunday: 1-5. Email: info@studioplexlofts.com. Studioplex is developed by three partners: The Historic District Development Corporation (HDDC); Columbia Residential and Orinda Corporation.

Studioplex website: www.studioplexlofts.com

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