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Third Annual

Lucky Draw



Mistress of Ceremonies,
Ellen Cleghorne, goes to work.



Sarah Wolf and Morgan Rutman
examine the artwork.

It's officially spring and that means one thing here at Hudson Guild – our annual Art Benefit, Lucky Draw. The event was held at Freight 410 in Chelsea Market, and was sponsored by Freight 410 and Newmark Realty and Company. As guests arrived, they were given a number and then strolled the club, viewing over 100 works of art donated by prominent artists including Kendall Shaw, Larry Schulte, Fran Beallor, Peter Harvey, Brookie Maxwell, Frank Metz, Ron Rocco, Stephanie Rauschenbusch, Kiki Smith and Erni Vales, as well as talented local artists whose works have been shown at the Guild's galleries. Guests made note of their favorites, hoping that their number would be drawn early in the evening. The good news is that everyone went home with an original work of art!

Councilmember Christine Quinn kicked off the evening by introducing comedienne Ellen Cleghorne, Mistress of Ceremonies. Ms. Cleghorne, best known as a former regular on *Saturday Night Live*, a writer for *Roseanne*, and an actress

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Major Renovation Set for Late Fall

The Guild's main site, at 441 West 26th Street, is about to be gut renovated, and not a moment too soon! After 38 years, without any major renovations, the site has deteriorated such that it is now inadequate for participants and staff. Program spaces are meager and lacking, the building has insufficient accessibility for those with special physical needs, the design is dated and worn-looking, and the staff have inefficient workspaces. With a complete overhaul, including a modest expansion, the main site will once again be a proud symbol of community building and gathering.

See the back cover for a full list of the future renovations.



Assemblyman Richard N. Gottfried assists Hudson Guild

Hudson Guild has a long history of working closely with our elected officials who recognize the importance of the Guild's work and have consistently supported our mission and programs. Recently, through the efforts of Assemblyman Richard N. Gottfried, Hudson Guild received a \$100,000 grant through the Community Capital Assistance Program to be used for the major renovation of our main site at 441 W. 26th Street (see accompanying article). Thank you Assemblyman Gottfried for your continued strong support. ■



Hudson Guild Brings the Country to the City



Hosts for CSA's Spring Vegetable Cocktail, Susan and Lucien Haricott.

Did you know that each week Hudson Guild's city dwellers experience a taste of the country? Chelsea Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) provides members with affordable, fresh, organic vegetables and herbs. Thanks to the efforts of the CSA's core group of volunteers including Kathleen Holtzman, Frances Tesser, Andy Lerer, Freyda Faivus, and Dore Nash, CSA hosted the first annual *Spring Vegetable Cocktail*, a gathering of past CSA members and newcomers to this popular program. Hosted by Susan and Lucien Harriot in their sprawling Chelsea loft,



Deborah Kavakos' farm supplies the Chelsea CSA. Seen here with daughter Carly.

participants were treated to homemade goodies and lively conversation. They were also introduced to farmer Deb Kavakos, accompanied by daughter Carly, who explained how the program works and the win/win scenario of CSA. Chelsea residents receive vast and varied amounts of fresh organic produce each week, while supporting a family owned and operated local farm – one of the goals of the program. Another goal is to make the CSA available to everyone in Chelsea. Therefore there are different payment levels. Members who pay for their shares at the standard level (\$425) help to subsidize the cost of shares for members with lower incomes. In addition, CSA members visit the farm each year, which enables all to participate in the harvests! CSA members are also asked to donate a minimum of six hours of their time each season to help distribute the produce (at Hudson Guild) or contribute to the newsletter. For more information or to register in CSA, contact Miriam Rabban, 212.760.9800 or <http://www.chelseacsa.org>. ■

The Dr. Elliott Society – New Member profile: Mrs. Vivienne Baum

We welcome Vivienne Baum, of Taos, New Mexico, as the newest member of the Dr. Elliott Society, a very special group of Hudson Guild supporters who have made a planned gift by including Hudson Guild as a beneficiary in their wills, trust funds or insurance policies, all of which help assure the future of the Guild.

Vivienne trained as a teacher at the Bank Street School in the mid-1940s. It was there she realized the importance of teaching in a community setting. She and her husband Joseph lived in Chelsea (actually, at 423 West 22nd Street, a converted brownstone!) and were very aware of the social structure of the neighborhood at the time. She quickly began to feel very “bonded” to the community, and has felt that way ever since, even though she and her husband later decided to settle in New Mexico. Vivienne is quite familiar with Hudson Guild and its vital role as a settlement house in the community. In 1946 Vivienne joined the Guild’s



Newest member of the Dr. Elliott Society, Vivienne Baum.

Children’s Center to teach 4 and 5-year olds. She well remembers how she and her co-workers often stayed at the Guild until 5 or 6 in the evening to look after children whose parents worked. For the Education Center “wasn’t just about curriculum, it was about caring for the children of working parents in the best possible way,” recalls Vivienne.

She took this philosophy with her to

Taos and it inspired her to open one of the first private pre-schools and, later, a Head Start facility, in New Mexico.

Through the years, Vivienne has generously supported Hudson Guild with annual fund gifts. She is satisfied in the knowledge that her personal vision for social change is being realized through the Guild’s important role in the community. Now, her bequest will allow her vision to become her legacy as it helps the Guild to fulfill its mission. Thank you, Vivienne, for helping to assure the future of Hudson Guild.

If you or someone you know is thinking of making a planned gift as a charitable donation, we hope you will consider Hudson Guild. If you would like information about the benefits of planned giving, we would be happy to mail you a brochure. Please complete the enclosed card and return it to us in the reply envelope provided for your convenience, or call our Director of Development, Joy Pereths, at 212.760.9812. ■

Hudson Guild Welcomes Michael Winter, COO

The Guild welcomes Michael Winter as it’s new Chief Operating Officer. Michael comes to the Guild with more than fifteen years of senior-level management experience in finance, facilities, information technology, operations, human resources, and administrative related activities for not-for-profit and government organizations. ■

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in numerous films and television shows, kept the guests on their toes and the evening moving with her quips and friendly jabs as she pulled the numbers.

This year we added a a silent auction with donated items that included dinners, spa trips and treatments, autographed sports paraphernalia and so much more. Many thanks to our donors, including Martha Stewart Living, Trustee Nat Bohrer, Chelsea Piers, The Cleaver Co., Barocco, Spirit Cruises, The Institute of Culinary Education, Chelsea Dance, Connie Hanna Jewels, Hermes and Bvlgari.

Proceeds from the event help Hudson Guild sustain and improve current programs, which in these times of government budget crises and economic downturns is even more critical. ■



Trustee Marc Beshar and Executive Director Janice McGuire share a laugh at Lucky Draw.



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The renovation will include:

Beautiful New Design

- Encourages positive interaction and experiences
- Gives participants a great sense of pride

Additional Public/Meeting Spaces

(various sizes and doubles the number from the five that currently exist)

- Allows for far greater access for community and program activities
- Increases the number of group therapy sessions offered by the mental health outpatient clinic

Full Handicapped Accessibility

(a new elevator and accessible bathrooms on all levels)

- Provides physically challenged, the elderly, and parents with strollers full access to services, increasing participation in numerous programs

A Youth Lounge

- An appropriate, inviting lounge will be a catalyst for an expanded and more cohesive youth program
- Promotes participation and retention as a transition opportunity between program activities

Better-sized and More Welcoming Outpatient Clinic Offices

- Allows for play therapy and family counseling
- Promotes greater client-base

Office Space for the Guild's Community Building Program Within the Building

- Connects community building, the backbone of the Guild, to other programs and services
- Provides Community Building Program with greater visibility

A More Inviting, Spacious, and Comfortable Lobby Entrance

- The first impression and the heart of the settlement house, setting the right tone for participants
- Increases impact of space as a "program" in and of itself as a source for community and city-wide news; information, referrals, and informal gathering

An Activity Room that Accommodates "Wet and Messy" Activities

- Increases programming for children, teens and adults alike

Improved Acoustical Separation

- Allows full use of all facilities – gym, theatre, community meeting/party space – simultaneously, greatly increasing the number of participants

Permanent Adult Services Office

- A critical component as the Guild expands its Adult Services program to include more participants from Elliott-Chelsea Houses, more programming outside of the Fulton Center, and more "non-traditional" activities for seniors

Stay tuned for updates, plans and renderings!



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