Black artists at Walters

Hundreds braved sub-zero weather to attend the invitational opening of "Sharing Traditions: Five Black Artists in Nineteenth Century America" at the Walters Art Gallery, January 29 - March 2.

The exhibit, originally compiled by the Smithsonian Institution, is representative of popular black artists from the 1800's who received public acclaim.

Joshua Johnson was a respected self taught 19th Century Artist whose work is well known to Black Baltimoreans.

Other works in the exhibit include those of Henry Tanner, Robert Duncanson, Edward Bannister and the magnificent sculpture of Edmonia Lewis. The exhibit also includes photos by Carl Van Vechten.

The representative crowd included The Pierians, Philomathions, Baltimore Links, Gamma Boule, Morgan State Art Dept., Coppin State College;

Delta Sigma Theta, AKA, churches, businesses and friends and members of the Walters.

Robert Bergman, Director of the Walters, introduced Gov. and Mrs. Hughes, Council President Clarence DuBurns, Ben Whitten, Director of Baltimore Urban League and Dr. Calvin Burnette.

Mrs. Enolia McMillan - President NAACP received a plaque from Gov. Hughes.

The Advisory Committee which included: Mrs. Margaret Armstrong, Mrs. Dorothy Brunson, G. Cheston Carey, Jr., Ms. Anna Curry;

William R. Johnson, Mrs. Pamela Kelly, James E. Lewis, Mrs. Enolia McMillan, Elise Jude Mason, Esq., Mrs. Margaret Obrecht, John H. Murphy, III;

Ronald Rooks, Patricia Schmoke, M.D. and Mrs. Lynn Shapiro, were introduced by the Chairman Dr. Calvin Burnette at the reception. The evening was further enhanced by the background music of jazz guitarist Christopher Brooks.

The exhibit will be on view through March 2nd, 1986.

Robert Bergman, director of the Walters Art Gallery, greets guests at the opening of 'Sharing Traditions': Five Black Artists in Nineteenth Century America. Left is Dr. Calvin W. Burnett, chairman of the advisory committee, and Gov. Harry Hughes.

Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president of the local and national NAACP, receives a plaque from Gov. Harry Hughes which recognizes her effort in bringing the civil rights organization's national headquarters to Baltimore. Bernard Manekin, president of the Board of Trustees of the Walters Art Gallery, applauds the presentation.

Joshua Johnson, a native of Baltimore, painted portraits of many well-to-do families in the early 1800's. Ms. Carolyn Starks and Bernard Caesar view his 'Catherine Anne Bowen.'

Gov. Harry Hughes and his wife pause to study marble statue at Walters Art Gallery exhibit commemorating Black History Month in Maryland. They view a work by Edmonia Lewis, daughter of a black father and a Chippewa mother, and one of five artists of black heritage whose art is included in newly opened exhibit at The Walters.

Mrs. Lottie Cole and Frances Lockwood view 'The Newsboys' by one of the Five Black Artists on exhibition at the Walters Art Gallery.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Schmoke admire the marble 'Hagar' by Edmonia Lewis. Hagar was the Egyptian servant of Abraham and the mother of his son Ishmael.

Girl Scouts 'Camp-In' at Maryland Academy of Science

More than 2,800 Girl Scouts from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware will roll out their sleeping bags at the Maryland Science Center each weekend through March 15 while taking part in a unique "CAMP-IN" program.

Sponsored by the Maryland Science Center, the girl scouts are deserting snow-laden trails outdoors to come to the Science Center to explore computers, optics, energy, the Chesapeake Bay, and Halley's Comet.

The "Camp-Ins" provide the girls with an opportunity to get together, have fun while learning about science, and earn credits toward merit badges in the process.

Coordinated by the Science Center's Education Department as a pilot program last year, the "Camp-Ins" have met with an overwhelming response.

Attendance for the 1986 "Camp-Ins" has doubled from 1400 to 2800 participants for this year's program. "Reservations opened on October 1 and by October 10, several sessions were filled," according to Jeannine Holdiman supervisor for school programming and Camp-In Director.

Ms. Holdiman cites the program's allure as "a combination of the unique setting at the Science Center coupled with a fun, non-traditional method of earning credits towards merit badges."

Dates for the Maryland Science Center's "Camp-Ins" have been set for February 7, 8, 14, 15, 28; March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15. Snow dates are February 21, 22, and March 21, and 22.

The Science Center will close at 8:00 p.m. on the above dates and regular hours of operation will resume after March 15.

For additional information, call the Science Center at (301) 685-2370.

Benjamin Franklin was one of the first people to manufacture playing cards in America.

Help available for state income tax

"The next two weekends are a good time to work on your Maryland income tax return," Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein said. "Most taxpayers now have the W-2 statements and other information they need to complete their returns."

All 15 Maryland income tax offices will offer extra hours of free taxpayer assistance on Saturday, February 1, and Saturday, February 8, 1986. Free assistance will be provided from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

State tax experts at all 15 locations will answer any questions, provide the necessary forms and even complete Maryland tax returns free of charge. "Just be sure to bring along a completed copy of your federal return and all W-2 statements," Goldstein said.

The addresses and telephone numbers of all Maryland income tax offices are listed on the back of the state tax packet and in local telephone directories.

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