



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

at **THE AMERICAN VISIONARY ART MUSEUM!!**

MAY!



AVAM's INSTITUTE FOR VISIONARY EXPLORERS CONTINUES

**A series of FREE After School Workshops at the Enoch Pratt Free Library
Wednesdays in March, April & May for 2nd-6th grades • 3:30pm-5pm • FREE!**

The American Visionary Art Museum in partnership with the Enoch Pratt Free Library is pleased to announce: THE INSTITUTE FOR VISIONARY EXPLORERS, a series of free After School Workshops for students to explore creative new territory inspired by our most beloved visionaries, their unusual materials, their unforgettable stories and amazing artwork! These free workshops will be offered for students 2nd-6th grade at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Pennsylvania Avenue Branch (1531 W. North Avenue Baltimore, MD 21217), and will be modeled after AVAM's current After School workshops. Weekly projects will be led by veteran Visionary Explorers who will share the adventures of AVAM's most beloved artists, facilitate digs through the treasure trove of "random fun" and create artwork that surprises and amazes. All Visionary Explorers must come prepared with imagination, creativity and curiosity!!

MORE INFO: For more info & schedule, visit: <http://avam.org/for-educators-and-educatees/visionary-explorers.shtml>
For more information on the Enoch Pratt Free Library, visit: <http://www.prattlibrary.org/locations/pennave/>



14th ANNUAL KINETIC SCULPTURE RACE!

Saturday, May 5, 2012 • All Day, Race kicks off at 10am! FREE for Spectators!

From the American Visionary Art Museum – A race of wacky, imaginative, totally human-powered works of art designed to travel on land, through mud, and over deep Harbor waters constructed out of used bicycles, gears, and parts, created by a lunatic genius who tinkers around in the garage or backyard (Do you know this person?) The machines can be simple, small crafts, piloted by only one brave soul, or they can be over 50 feet long, extremely well-engineered, sophisticated vehicles powered by a team of pilots. Pilots (Kinetinauts) compete for the most coveted Mediocre Award (finishes right in the middle) and the highly prized Next-to-the-Last Award (finishes, well, next to last) and serious prizes including Art and Engineering. Race starts at 10am at the American Visionary Art Museum (get there early to take part in Opening Ceremony, including the Blessing of De Feet!). Other great spots to see the vehicles are the first Checkpoint, atop Federal Hill; the Water Entry at the Korean War Memorial Park in Canton; the uphill mud-pit in Patterson Park; the not-so-quick-sand pit in Patterson Park; and, of course, anywhere along the 15-mile route through Baltimore. For more information – including past race photos and a handy Spectator's Guide – just check out the website www.KineticBaltimore.com.

MORE INFO: <http://www.avam.org/kinetic-sculpture-race/>, <http://www.kineticbaltimore.com>



PEEP SHOW (not that kind!) WORKSHOP with NANA PROJECTS!

Saturday, May 19, 2012 • 11am – 2pm • Cost: \$50, \$35 Members

Spend a Saturday at AVAM with some of our favorite people from the famed local institution, Nana Projects. They will lead you down the rabbit hole and into the magical and miniature world of peep shows. Inspired by Victorian toys such as magic lanterns and play theaters.

Create your own tiny world using silhouettes, scratch art, colorful gels and fanciful doodads. Special magnifying lenses will give you an illuminating glance into this peep show. Be prepared to work on a tiny scale but with BIG results!! (Recommended for age 8 and up).

REGISTRATION: Advance registration & payment required, please call (410) 244-1900 to register for this workshop. Don't delay, space is limited!

MORE INFO: <http://avam.org/news-and-events/events/peep-show-workshop.shtml>

JUNE!



SIDESHOW'S FLEA MARKET & SIDEWALK SALE!

Saturday, June 2, 2012 • 9am – 3pm • FREE!

The bargains are hitting the streets once again for SIDESHOW's Super-Duper Flea Market & Sidewalk Sale! This year the street will be packed with vendors selling original art, books, toys, antiques, vintage clothing, collectibles...and of course food! It will be a ton of fun, so bring the whole family for an amazing time and endless bargains. Admission to the Flea Market is

FREE! And don't forget to stop in the museum and take a round-trip through our current exhibition, ALL THINGS ROUND: Galaxies, Eyeballs & Karma (regular museum admission applies).

MORE INFO: If you need additional info, check out <http://sideshowbaltimore.com> or call 443-872-4926.



MOSAICS with RICK SHELLEY

Saturday, June 9, 2012 • 10am – 4pm • Cost: \$100, \$75 Members

A One-Day MOSAIC WORKSHOP with Rick Shelley! Come and learn the ancient art of mosaic. You will get a chance to learn about a variety of techniques and walk away with your own finished piece of art. Schedule for One-Day MOSAIC Workshop: 10:00 – 11:00:

Learn tools, cut mirror and stained glass, then watch Rick do a quick demo on making a small mosaic with glue on wood; 11:00 – 1:00: Make a small mosaic or two; 1:00 – 2:30: Bring a brown bag lunch and watch a fabulous slide show (fresh mosaics are drying in the sun or under a fan as we munch) then a quick walk to examine The Visionary's own mosaic treasures; 2:30 – 4:00: Grout the mosaics, clean up, a few brief demos, questions, trouble shooting for projects, etc. Supplies will be provided, and participants are welcome to bring some of their own (shells, buttons, glass, beads, pebbles, etc. are welcome), but please be sure to PACK A LUNCH.

REGISTRATION: Advance registration & payment required, please call (410) 244-1900 to register for this workshop. Don't delay, space is limited!

MORE INFO: <http://avam.org/news-and-events/events/mosaics.shtml>



PATRIOTIC PARTY HATS Workshop

Saturday, June 16, 2012 • 11am – 2pm • FREE with Museum Admission

Get ready to celebrate Baltimore's Star-Spangled Sailabration in style by creating your very own red, white and blue party hat. We have visionary materials and ideas by the boatful! Think Uncle Sam, Lady Liberty and American Pie! Make your very own hat and then spend the day exploring the American Visionary Art Museum and learning about our favorite visionaries.

This workshop is free with Museum Admission and all ages are welcome as long as they come ready to celebrate!

REGISTRATION: No advance registration required. FREE all-ages workshop while supplies last.

MORE INFO: <http://www.avam.org/news-and-events/events/patriotic-party-hats.shtml>

JULY! AND AUGUST!



JULY 4th: VISIONARY PETS ON PARADE!

Wednesday, July 4, 2012 • 10am (9:30am Pet Registration) • FREE!

Dress your pet & strut your stuff. Animal fun! Animal prizes! Trophies awarded for Best Costume, Most Patriotic, Most Visionary Pet, Owner & Pet look-a-likes, Least likely to succeed as a Pet, Visionary Pet Tricks and more! Pets of ALL kinds are welcome. The best dog-gone parade in town! Followed by the Pet Talent (Or Not) Show! And Sit, Stay for a rousing game of

pet musical chairs! Pets must be leashed or carried. H2O and baggies provided.

REGISTRATION: Pet Registration begins at 9:30am, Parade kicks off at 10am. This event is FREE & OPEN to the public, no advanced registration required.

MORE INFO: <http://avam.org/news-and-events/events/july4-pet-parade.shtml>



VISIONARY EXPERIENCE SUMMER CAMP!

**4 One-Week Sessions for Middle & High School Students: July 10 – August 3
Tues–Fri, 10am daily • Contact us for Cost**

This summer at the American Visionary Art Museum, we will be hosting our 5th annual Visionary Experience SUMMER CAMP! July through August, our doors will be open to students who want to spend some quality time at AVAM. There will be encounters with Visionary Artists,

fascinating artwork, tons of hands-on creating and collaborating. We will be thinking about ALL THINGS ROUND and continually pushing boundaries with new projects, events and ideas. Students will need to pack their own lunch.

Week 1: July 10–13, Grades 9–12: Whimsical Widgets + Mechanical Marvels

Week 2: July 17–20, Middle School: Dream it! Build it! Film it!

Week 3: July 24–27, Middle School: Costume Lab + Photo Fab

Week 4: July 31–August 3, Middle School: Magic Lantern Workshop

Saturday August 4: Summer Camp SALON! Final reception & celebration for all sessions

REGISTRATION: Contact Beka Bridges: 410-244-1900 x216, or beka@avam.org for more information, to sign-up or for information about need-based scholarships.

MORE INFO: <http://avam.org/for-educators-and-educatees/summer-camp.shtml>



FLICKS FROM THE HILL

AVAM's FREE Outdoor Movie Series!

Thursdays: July 12 – August 23 • Films start at 9pm on Federal Hill, Museum OPEN & FREE 5pm – 9pm before the FLICK •FREE!!!

Grab a blanket, picnic under the stars, and watch a great film selection inspired by AVAM's current exhibition *ALL THINGS ROUND: Galaxies, Eyeballs & Karma!* The Hughes Family

Outdoor Theater features seating for more than a thousand on the natural amphitheater formed by Federal Hill; a 30-foot wide screen held from above by a Giant Golden Hand; a twinkling view of the city; and an amazing community experience that is FREE. Museum is Open & Free between 5pm and 9pm on Flick nights! Movie rain location: inside AVAM. American Visionary Art Museum is located at 800 Key Highway, Baltimore Inner Harbor, MD 21230, phone: 410.244.1900.

2012 FLICKS SCHEDULE:

- July 12: SPACE BALLS (1987)
- July 19: BREAKING AWAY (1979)
- July 26: VERTIGO (1958)
- Aug 2: HIGH ANXIETY (1977)
- Aug 9: TRIPLETS OF BELLEVILLE (2003)
- Aug 16: BLUE HAWAII (1962)
- Aug 23: CITIZEN KANE (1941)

MORE INFO: <http://avam.org/news-and-events/events/flicks-from-the-hill.shtml>



SHINY HAPPY THINGS with BOB BENSON

*SPECIAL EVENING *BLING-TASTIC* WORKSHOP!*

Thursday August 16, 2012 • 5pm – 9pm • Cost: \$50, \$35 Members

Join the creator of the Blinged-Out Universal Tree of Life (outside of AVAM's Main Entrance) in making your own FLASHIES: dynamic, sparkling decorations made from mirrors and marbles and such. Each participant will receive instruction on cutting and assemblage and will leave

this workshop with at least two finished decorations to keep and dangle. For beginning and continuing students. Check out <http://shinyhappythings.com> to see more of Bob's work. Join us for this SPECIAL EVENING workshop!

REGISTRATION: Advance registration & payment required, please call (410) 244-1900 to register for this workshop. Don't delay, space is limited!

MORE INFO: <http://www.avam.org/news-and-events/events/shiny-happy-things-evening.shtml>

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AMERICAN VISIONARY ART MUSEUM (AVAM) is America's official national museum and education center for self-taught, intuitive artistry. Since its opening in 1995, the museum has sought to promote the recognition of intuitive, self-reliant, creative contribution as both an important historic and essential living piece of treasured human legacy. The one-of-a-kind American Visionary Art Museum is located on a 1.1 acre wonderland campus at 800 Key Highway, Baltimore Inner Harbor. Three renovated, historic, industrial buildings house wonders created by farmers, housewives, mechanics, retired folk, the disabled, the homeless, as well as the occasional neurosurgeon – all inspired by the fire within. From carved roots to embroidered rags, tattoos to toothpicks, the visionary transforms dreams, loss, hopes, and ideals into powerful works of art.

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Current Thematic Mega-Exhibition:



ALL THINGS ROUND: Galaxies, Eyeballs & Karma **OCT 7, 2011 – SEPT 2, 2012 • 1st & 2nd Floor Galleries, Main Building**

The American Visionary Art Museum's seventeenth annual, thematic mega-exhibition ALL THINGS ROUND: Galaxies, Eyeballs & Karma is a celebration and call to awareness of the circular and voluptuous nature of life. From the micro-atomic spin of electrons encircling a nucleus, to the macro orbit of planets rounding our sun, ALL THINGS ROUND delights in the curves, spirals, orbs, and bubbles of full-bodied beauty that playfully manifest throughout art, science, and beyond. This wholly original art exhibition features the exuberant works of 70+ inspired, intuitive artists including: Scott Weaver's 100,000 toothpick wonder, "Rolling Through The Bay;" Adolf Wölfli's intricate mandala-like works; spherical sculptures of artists who are sight-impaired; and the micro dot sock-thread embroideries of Ray Materson. Don't miss Frank Warren's all-time best true karmic "PostSecrets;" the 3-D sacred yarn paintings of the Huichol Indians; and a cosmic tribute to cyclical notions of time – including an exploration into the fast-approaching 2012 Winter Solstice "end" of the Mayan Calendar! Co-curated by Museum Founder & Director Rebecca Hoffberger and Mary Ellen 'Dolly' Vehlow – award-winning graphic designer & founder/sponsor of Washington, D.C.'s H Street Festival, ALL THINGS ROUND: Galaxies, Eyeballs & Karma is a lively circle dance with its visitors of all ages at its center!

MORE INFO: <http://avam.org/exhibitions/all-things-round.shtml>

Single Gallery Exhibitions:



GRETCHEN FELDMAN: Love Letter To Earth (1934-2008) **Opens APRIL 2012 • 3rd Floor Gallery, Main Building**

The American Visionary Art Museum is pleased to present, Gretchen Feldman: Love Letter to Earth (1934-2008). This luminous retrospective of 40+ vivid paintings exalt the exquisite, eternal themes of "Perfect Unions:" where land meets sea, day embraces night, sky kisses earth – opposites inherent to life's sacred cycle of union and touch. Among Feldman's bright, abstract works are vibrant, colorful landscapes and scenes depicting idyllic country life, contrasted with an artful examination of cancer cells which cut short the artist's most loving and happy life.

This spring, an intimate collection of Feldman's vibrant watercolor, acrylic and mixed media works light up the third floor gallery walls of AVAM's Zanvyl A. Krieger Main Building for a limited, special engagement exhibit. These radiant works, accompanied by personal photographs, essays, and quotes, celebrate the life and artistry of one unusually loving and sensitive soul.

MORE INFO: <http://avam.org/exhibitions/gretchen-feldman-love-letter-to-earth.shtml>

Ongoing Exhibitions:



PERMANENT COLLECTION GALLERY

Ongoing – 1st Floor Gallery, Main Building

Selections from the museum's permanent collection featuring visitor favorites Wayne Kusy's "Lusitania"; Anonymous "Applewood Figure;" and James Franklin Snodgrass' "Untitled (Seven Panels)," and including works by Mary Proctor, Howard Finster, Paul Darmafall (The Baltimore Glassman) & more.



JIM ROUSE VISIONARY CENTER

Ongoing – Jim Rouse Visionary Center

Cabaret Mechanical Theatre; Baltimore Painted Screens; Kinetic Sculptures; DeVon Smith's "World's First Robot Family;" Andrew Logan's "Divine;" Leonard Knight's "God is Love Balloon;" David Best's Community ArtCar Project & more.



TALL SCULPTURE BARN & WILDFLOWER GARDEN

Ongoing – Tall Sculpture Barn & Wildflower Garden

SCULPTURE BARN: Formerly the Four Roses whiskey warehouse, the 45-foot ceilings can accommodate towering sculptural works. The Tall Sculpture Barn features a life-size, interactive chess set of sculpted metal angels and aliens made exclusively from found objects by North Carolina artist Lyle Estill and the 1300 square-feet of painted panels called "The Seven Days of Creation" by visionary William Thomas Thompson. The Barn also functions as a host site for

lectures, private receptions and celebrations. **WILDFLOWER GARDEN:** Wildflowers provide the ideal visual metaphor for the Museum's visionary artists. Wildflowers, aromatics, and climbing vines surround the museum's wooden "Meditation Chapel / Wedding Altar" built by visionary artist Ben Wilson, "2 Giraffes" by Clyde Jones and the "Five-Head River Rock Fountain" by Ted Ludwiczak. Barn & Garden are FREE to visit during museum hours.



EXTERIOR PLAZAS

Ongoing – Throughout Museum Grounds

A three-ton, four-story "Whirligig" by Vollis Simpson; Andrew Logan's "Cosmic Egg;" Adam Kurtzman's giant "Golden Hand;" David Hess' "Bird's Nest Balcony;" Dr. Evermor's "Phoenix;" Dick Brown's "Bluebird of Happiness;" the glittering Community Mosaic Wall; and more.

VISITOR INFORMATION

The American Visionary Art Museum (AVAM) is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Museum is CLOSED on Mondays,* Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day. AVAM is located next to historic Federal Hill Park at 800 Key Highway, Baltimore Inner Harbor, 21230. Admission prices, general museum info, current exhibitions, directions, and parking info can be found online at www.avam.org or by calling (410) 244-1900.

*OPEN Monday Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as AVAM's celebration of all of life's possibilities! Free admission & special programming & a special invitation to educators of all kinds!

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