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DELAWARE VALLEY ARTS ALLIANCE

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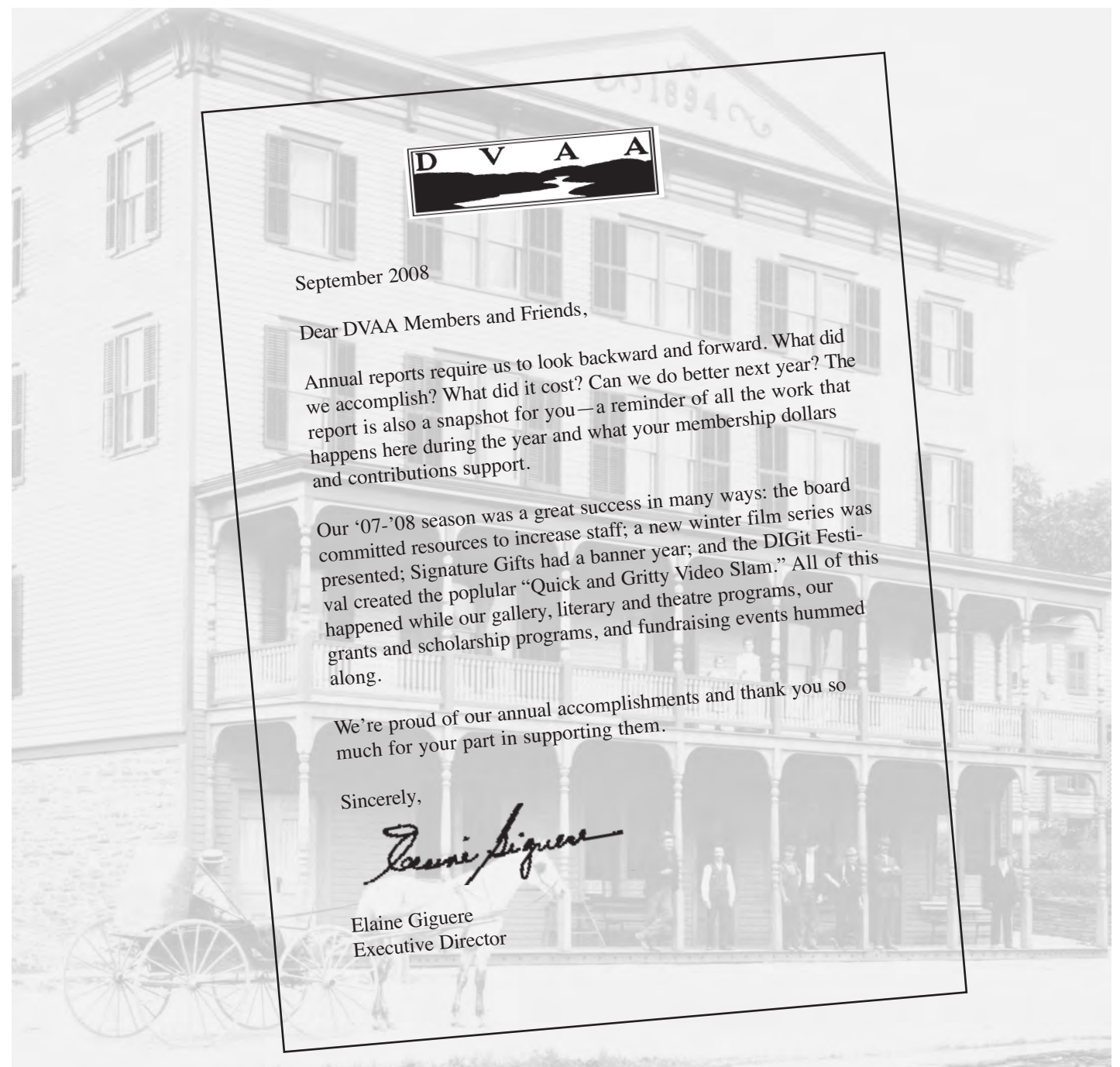
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Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, was founded in 1976. Its purpose is to build collaborations that advance the arts in Sullivan County and Upper Delaware Valley, to support high quality arts and cultural programs and to provide services to individual artists, arts organizations and the area's arts industry. Membership is open to all who are interested in supporting cultural development, and is vital to DVAA's ability to present programs and services.



September 2008

Dear DVAA Members and Friends,

Annual reports require us to look backward and forward. What did we accomplish? What did it cost? Can we do better next year? The report is also a snapshot for you—a reminder of all the work that happens here during the year and what your membership dollars and contributions support.

Our '07-'08 season was a great success in many ways: the board committed resources to increase staff; a new winter film series was presented; Signature Gifts had a banner year; and the DIGit Festival created the popular "Quick and Gritty Video Slam." All of this happened while our gallery, literary and theatre programs, our grants and scholarship programs, and fundraising events hummed along.

We're proud of our annual accomplishments and thank you so much for your part in supporting them.

Sincerely,

Elaine Giguere  
Executive Director

## 2007/2008 NEW INITIATIVES

### This year's DVAA highlights include two DIGIT festivals, a new film and discussion series, and a new office manager.

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance had a productive 2007/2008 year.

- Our Gallery and Communications Directors' time on the job was increased and we hired a new office manager.
- Two DIGIT Festivals fell into this fiscal year, one in September and one in June. The very popular "Quick and Gritty Video Slam," a new program encouraging video artists to create a 3-minute film during the festival, resulted in some very funny, poignant and audience-pleasing videos. DIGital music, with themes centered on the Delaware River, was also a highlight.
- Signature Gifts doubled its earnings this year, and now features the work of over fifty artists and artisans.
- A series of films and talks about "Love and the New World Order" offered a bright spot during the winter.



The Delaware Arts Center in Narrowsburg is home base for all Delaware Valley Arts Alliance activities.

## DVAA GRANTS \$60,000 TO ARTISTS

### Decentralization (DEC), a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)

\$19,900 in grants were awarded to 14 Sullivan County non-profit cultural organizations for programming throughout the county during 2008. Delaware Valley Arts Alliance regranted these funds through the Decentralization Program (DEC) of the New York State Council on the Arts. Assemblymember Aileen Gunther presented the awards at a reception held on February 2, 2008 at the Arts Center in Narrowsburg, NY for the following organizations: **Callicoon Center Band of Callicoon Center, NY** for summer band concerts; **Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum of Livingston Manor, NY** for the workshop component of an evolving exhibit; **Delaware Youth Center of Callicoon, NY** for multi-discipline youth workshops; **Ethelbert B. Crawford Library of Monticello, NY** for sixteen free performances for children; **Friends of Sunshine Hall of Eldred, NY** for a winter cultural program; **Icehouse Arts of Narrowsburg, NY** for two youth video workshops; **Ill Winds Chamber Ensemble of Narrowsburg, NY** for a Sullivan County Composers Festival concert; **Liberty Free Theatre of Liberty, NY** for production costs of "Kinfolks and Mountain Music;" **Roscoe Free Library of Roscoe, NY** for an intergenerational fine arts workshops; **Sullivan County Community Chorus of Monticello, NY** for choral concerts; **Town of Fallsburg** (as a conduit for St. Andrew's Mission) for artists' fees for two chamber music concerts; **Town of Lumberland Cultural Series** for three concerts; **Triad Dance Ensemble of Yulan, NY** for development of a new series of dances; and **Tusten Historical Society of Narrowsburg** for a colonial folk art weekend series.



Assemblymember Aileen Gunther presents Ron Litke a grant.



Tina Spangler's documentary Lucky Lake received a NYSCA grant for production of the film that traces the history of a local community.

### Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grants (SCAHG)

In July 2007, DVAA distributed \$15,000 in Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grants (SCAHG) to Sullivan County non-profit cultural organizations for programming throughout 2007. Granted organizations included **Callicoon Business Association** for three arts and heritage events; **Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum** for development and execution of an exhibit, "The Women in Fly Fishing;" **Delaware Valley Opera** for 2007 Opera Festival; **Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library** for a lecture series with five artists; **Ill Winds Chamber Ensemble** for a Fall County Composers' Festival; **Liberty Community Development Corporation** for production of "Shakespeare in Liberty 2007;" **Liberty Museum & Arts Center** for support for mounting an exhibit; **North American Cultural Laboratory, Inc.** for support for a series of five "Salon Sessions;" **St. Andrew's Mission** for artist's fees for a free classical concert; **Triad Dance Ensemble** for assistance with an Isadora Duncan review; and **Weekend of Chamber Music** for artists' fees for "Masterworks 1700-2007."

### NYSCA Individual Artist Grant

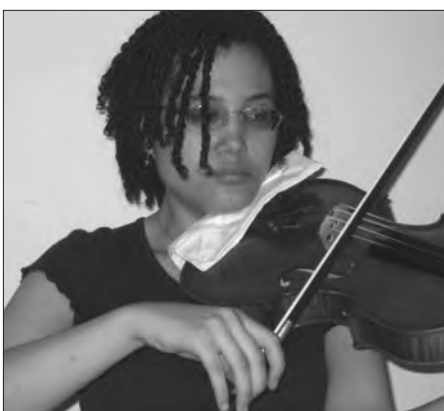
**Tina Spangler** of Narrowsburg, NY received a \$10,000 individual artist grant (conducted by DVAA to the New York State Council on the Arts) for "Lucky Lake," her documentary film about a Catskills lake that was a vacation spot for black New Yorkers in the 1950s and 60s, but was mysteriously drained. The film traces the history of the area, and documents the activities of today's residents as they try to rebuild the community.

### Artists in the Community

**Erica Hart** of Mileses, NY received a \$2,500 grant for the creation of a triptych depicting local heroes. The grant is funded through the Sullivan County Decentralization (DEC) Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

### Bodenstein Music Scholarships 2007 and 2008

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance presented 2007 Dr. Barry and Jane Bodenstein Music Scholarships to violinist Laura Berger of Youngsville (\$500), pianist Noah Barker of Jeffersonville (\$300), flutist and Jessica Armstrong of Livingston Manor (\$300). In 2008, the recipients were violist Hannah Ross of Narrowsburg (\$500) and violinist Julia Berger of Youngsville (\$100).



Composer Carolyn Steinberg will create "Songs of Sullivan County" with her 2006 Artists in the Community grant.

## FILM AND DIGITAL PROGRAMS

### CineArt Film Series

CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art movies. The 2007/2008 CineArt series included the following films:

#### 2007

September 14–17 La Vie En Rose (*Olivier Dahan*)  
 October 19–21 Becoming Jane (*Julian Jarrold*)  
 November 9–12 Across the Universe (*Julie Taymor*)

#### 2008

January 11–14 Into the Wild (*Sean Penn*)  
 February 22–26 Atonement (*Joe Wright*)  
 April 11–14 There Will Be Blood (*Paul Thomas Anderson*)  
 May 9–12 In Bruges (*Martin McDonagh*)



Oscar-winner *There Will Be Blood* screened as part of CineArt in April 2008.



### DIGIT: Digital Media Exposition

DIGIT is an annual media festival that encourages creative and technical excellence and experimentation among individual artists and small groups working with digital tools. The 5th Annual expo took place June 13–15, 2008 throughout Narrowsburg featuring screenings, discussions, music, and the “Quick and Gritty” video slam. The 2007 expo was held September 14–16, 2007 and featured a concert on the Narrowsburg Bridge and introduced the video slam.

DIGit was conceived in spring of 2003 after a group of artists working in digital media expressed interest in meeting each other and creating a format in which they could present their work in exhibition, panel discussion or in collaboration. Led by Patrick Carullo, the group developed a forum and the DIGIT Media Exposition became a pilot project launched by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance in April of 2004.



*The Girl in the Café* was screened as part of the *Love and the New World Order* film series.

### Love and the New World Order Film Series

In March and April 2008, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance presented a Tuesday evening film series on the theme of Love and the New World Order. Curated and organized by Jack and Jan Hirschfeld, the series featured three recent films: *The Girl in the Café*, *The Secret Life of Words*, and *The Half Life of Timofey Berezin*.



Author Mary Greene (left) and literary series curator Janet Noble (right).

## LITERARY SERIES

### 2008 Writers Among Us

In February and March, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance hosted the winter literary series Writers Among Us featuring local authors or local subjects. Writers included **Mary Greene**, **John Marchese**, **Bruce Stutz**, and **KL Going**. The series was curated by playwright **Janet Noble**.

### DVAA Fundraisers and Special Events

March 8 “The Raw Materials of Artists,” with Thomas Bosket  
 April 5 “Twist and Shout for the Arts,” a 1960s-themed dance benefit  
 April 12 Home is Where the Art Is: Workshop on Collecting  
 June 21 *Seeds in the Heart* book sales at River Gallery benefited the DVAA

### Riverfest 2007

The 17th annual festival took place Sunday, July 22, 2007 on Narrowsburg’s Main Street and featured newly designed banners dispersed around town as well as perennial favorites including the poster auction of original works and the crowd-pleasing River Dogs on Parade.

### Valley Artists Holiday Sale

The annual Valley Artists Holiday Sale featured handmade, local gifts at Signature Gifts and the LOFT Gallery from November 17–December 22, 2007.



Painter and educator Tom Bosket led a workshop on raw materials at Delaware Valley Arts Center in March, 2008

## OTHER EVENTS

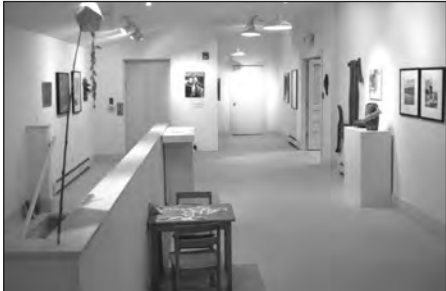
## VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMS

## Alliance and LOFT Galleries

Alliance Gallery (and the upstairs LOFT Gallery), features a year-round exhibition program of works by contemporary artists, many with a connection to the Upper Delaware Valley. The gallery hosts twelve one- and two-person exhibitions per year, plus a holiday group show. Shows are selected by a changing panel of jurors who meet every January following a call for entries. Gallery Director is Rocky Pinciotti.



Artists discuss work at the "Art in Sixes" exhibit in December 2007.



The "Go Fish" exhibit in the Loft Gallery showcased local artists' visions of the underwater animals through sculpture, photography, painting, and more.

### Alliance Gallery Exhibits 2007–2008

July 6–27	James Barth "Perceptual Doubt" photographic constructions
August 3–24	Joan Giordano "Diptychs and Triptychs" encaustic paintings
August 31–September 21	Stehelin Burke oil paintings
September 28–October 19	Bobbie Oliver paintings
October 26–November 16	Kit Jones "On Old Danzer Road" photographs
November 24–December 22	"Art in Sixes" & Valley Artists Holiday Sale
January 19	John DiGiorgio "Native" photographs
January 26–February 15	Mauro Giuffrida painting
February 23–March 22	Nancy Lew Lee sculpture
March 28–April 19	Edith Gould "The Archaeology of Memory" photographs
April 25–May 17	Magaly Perez painting
May 23–June 14	David Greenbaum pottery and Charles Blanchard weaving
June 20–July 12	Naomi Teppich "Ancient Morphons" sculpture

### Loft Gallery Exhibits 2007–2008

July 6–27, 2007	Allan Rubin "Unseen Fetishes" painted sculptures
March 29, 2008	Sullivan Arc "Expressions"
June 20–July 12, 2008	Go Fish group exhibit

## PERFORMING ARTS AT THE TUSTEN THEATRE

## Tusten Theatre 2007/2008

The Tusten Theatre's fall 2007 and spring 2008 seasons showcased regional talent with diverse dance, music, and drama.

October 20	Triad Dance Ensemble
November 4	Basket Landing
November 10	Bill Mays and Inventions Trio
November 17	"Music of Our Time," local composers concert
April 12	Lumiri Tubo "A Tribute to Nat King Cole"
April 25	Peterson Toscano "Doin' Time in the HomoNoMo Halfway House"
April 26	Peterson Toscano "The Re-Education of George W. Bush"
May 3	Jay Ungar and Molly Mason



Jay Ungar and Molly Mason performed their roots music at Tusten Theatre.

## DVAA SERVICES

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance services relate directly to our cultural growth and development through support of artists, arts groups, and the general public. Services include:

- The *Artsletter* is a bi-monthly, four-color tabloid size publication that serves the arts community.
- Grants and scholarships to creative artists (including composers, playwrights, choreographers, painters, sculptors), to students, and to groups that produce or present the arts
- Facilities for artists and community organizations to present cultural programming and workshops
- Information services including the bi-monthly *Artsletter*, weekly event listing emails, and comprehensive website
- Arts management assistance for emerging cultural organizations
- Advocacy for artists and the arts on the local, county, state, and national levels, and providing a link to schools, businesses, and the tourism industry



DVAA publishes the bi-monthly *Artsletter*.