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2009 Downtown Event Schedule

Downtown Canton's streetscape comes alive with fun festivals!



First Friday of every month



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Cultural Center for the Arts and the Canton Museum of Art undergo renovations

KIMONO PURPLE ABOUNDS AS THE EXHIBIT DRAWS NEAR

While we were all decking our halls with boughs of holly, ArtsinStark, the County Arts Council, has been busy decking the 330,000 square foot Cultural Center halls with "Kimono purple." The Cultural Center, owned by ArtsinStark, is currently receiving more than \$500,000 in renovations to prepare for the KIMONO exhibit coming in February.

"This is the first time in 40 years that we are doing things that aren't structural. We are investing in the aesthetics. KIMONO has given us a hard deadline to work toward," said Robb Hankins, president & CEO of ArtsinStark. "It's been a catalyst to these incredible, modern changes."

Modern indeed! The multi-tiered renovation project has been centered on infusing 21st century appeal into the Cultural Center for the Arts building, first opened in 1970. The design concepts for the renovations came from Robert Maschke Architects, based in Cleveland. The firm is highly conceptual and very creative – in fact, their offices are even located above an art gallery!

"The synergy between the firm, ArtsinStark and the Museum during the design process was fantastic," said Hankins.

Because of the substantial glass that adorns the Great Court, events held there are at the mercy of the sun as it sets in the west, ultimately blinding guests through the west windows. Thus the first major renovation project was to add an ultra-violet coating to the

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First Friday "Tidbits"

First Friday warms up downtown through the winter months with lots of activities and a great line up of events! Always something new to see, this FREE event brings downtown to life every first Friday of the month. Celebrate art, music, entertainment and more downtown – and bring your scarf and mittens!

January 2: Ice-O-Rama

A spectacular event with world-class ice carving demonstrations, open-skating at the ice rink, and all the fun of wintertime activities. Join us for live entertainment, delicious foods and of course, incredible local art!

February 6: Kimono as Art Kick-Off

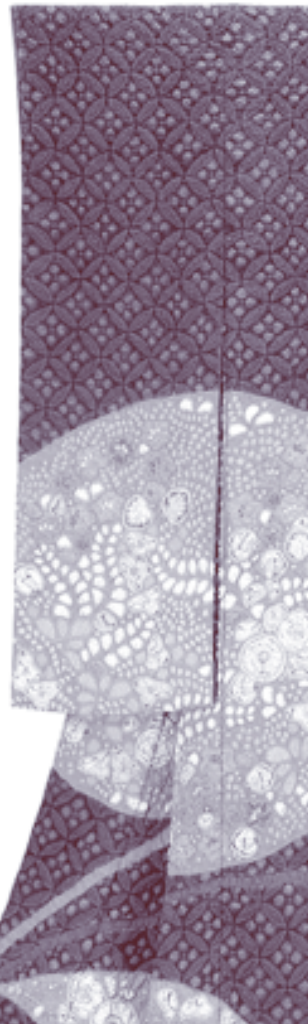
To herald in the coming of the spectacular international exhibit, First Friday will be a Kimono as Art themed event with celebration of the incredible international exhibit in Canton.

March 6: Do you Believe?

Art is a growing part of the downtown flavor! Come celebrate the creativity and dedication of local artists working in Stark County.

April 3: Art is Alive

The Art is Alive event is a hallmark of Canton creation (continued on page seven)



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by Michael P. Gill,
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Collaborative effort reaches milestone

CANTON BREAKS GROUND ON NEW FEDERAL CENTER

This year has been a year of collaboration for downtown Canton, with many individuals working toward the growth and strength of our community. The most recent and powerful example of this movement is the groundbreaking for the new Canton Federal Center, an initiative driven by many individuals and entities – including three mayoral administrations, Mayor Watkins, Mayor Creighton and most recently, Mayor William J. Healy II, the City of Canton, U.S. Congressman Ralph Regula, the U.S. General Services Administration, which at the inception of the project was driven by Steve Perry, current president and executive director of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, along with the future tenants of the Federal Center.

The 4.5-acre Federal Center site is bound by 3rd Street SW, McKinley Ave., 5th Street SW and High Ave. SW. The two, two-story buildings will be joined by a 30-ft.-high glass enclosed lobby and will host almost 45,000 sq. feet of rentable space, dedicated to the Bankruptcy Court, U.S. Trustee Program, U.S. Marshals Service, Social Security Administration and the Internal Revenue Service.

The twenty-year lease to the City of Canton will generate an annual rent of more than \$2 million dollars in city revenue. Developed by Fedcar Company LTD., a subsidiary of Carnegie Development and Management

Corporation, the materials and design of the facility will provide a modern workplace that emphasizes the utmost efficiency and will incorporate the new federal security requirements.

We are seeing a new era in the growth of our downtown area through this investment in a modern, state-of-the-art facility for our city. This investment is a testament to the genuine revitalization happening downtown. I believe that the new Federal Center is a beacon of economic and business growth for Canton/Stark County, and will undoubtedly usher in further business expansion and relocation to our area. ●

Partnership Report

space available

Downtown Canton renovation opportunity! 401 Market Avenue N. Prime office location with excellent access to downtown assets, this building is close to the Arts District.

8,000 square feet of office space



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business spotlight

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Dear Grandchild, I am so pleased you are staying in Canton!

By Lois DiGiacomo

Matt Bailey is no stranger to the Granger Building – as a matter of fact, his mom worked there back when it was a J.C. Penney's department store. Bailey has just relocated his website marketing firm, SiteLogic Marketing, to the building from Beach City, Ohio.

Founded in 2006, SiteLogic Marketing is a website marketing company focused primarily on consulting and training. Through in-depth training seminars, Bailey enables organizations to take control of their websites and online marketing strategies. From teaching basic search engine optimization to more complicated analytics strategies, SiteLogic helps companies ensure that their websites are easy to find and easy to use—ultimately increasing sales and leads.

In addition to providing guidance, SiteLogic can also assist clients in a more hands-on way, providing services including SEO, analytics, and web marketing campaign implementation. Bailey is currently in the process of acquiring another web marketing business, thereby growing his staff forces, his reach and his capabilities.

In the industry for over a decade, Bailey oversees The Direct Marketing Association's SEO Certification Program and is the DMA's web marketing instructor. He has provided training seminars around the globe and has consulted with hundreds of companies including Goodyear, Hilton International, Eaton Corporation, Gradall, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, American Greetings, and the States of Pennsylvania and South Dakota.

WHY DOWNTOWN CANTON?

"I grew up here. I have traveled around the country but I love this area and I love seeing what's going on downtown, the revitalization!" said Bailey. "The best way for me to contribute to Canton was to bring my business here."

SiteLogic opened their fifth floor location in September, but Bailey is abroad almost as often as he is in his office, looking out over Central Plaza. He travels around the country and beyond to lead intense training sessions, imparting his online prowess to the in-house marketing teams of clients large and small. His goal is to teach his clients how to manage relationships online – how to bolster a reputation, not simply ascend to the top of search engine rankings, though it's not a bad side effect.

"Canton has a big city feel, except it's comfortable. You can walk downtown and there's a strong sense

of community. You don't have that in bigger cities or in a retail area like Belden Village."

KEEPING UP WITH THE EVER-EVOLVING DIGITAL WORLD

"The principles of marketing persuasion stay the same, the rules of engagement stay the same; it's just the application that changes, the 'aha!' moments," said Bailey.

While he professes to subscribe to more than 300 RSS feeds and 20 online newsletters a day, he admits to reading only three or so on average. For those who are trying to stay on the cutting edge online but find the information to be an overwhelming groundswell, he advises seeking "quality over quantity." Luckily for the rest of us, Bailey spends as much time writing for his industry as he does reading, and a great deal of information can be found on his website and blog at www.sitelogicmarketing.com.

AN INDUSTRY OF KILLER COMPETITION?

"To be honest, there is more competition in our industry for talented staff than there is competition for clients," said Bailey. "There's enough business for everyone, but competition for employees is fierce!"

SiteLogic has more clients in New York City than he does in the entire state of Ohio, and has several international clients. He could truly locate his business anywhere, but chooses Canton as SiteLogic's home for the community climate, not the clientele. Bailey is working together with a group of like-minded web marketing businesses throughout Northeast Ohio to host a recruitment blog.

"We look for people across the nation who grew up here and want to come back to raise their families in Northeast Ohio. They can come back to us with open arms," said Bailey.

As for Bailey's hiring practices, he identifies talented people locally that he wants to work with and pursues them. He looks for the best, and often he turns to the young professional population, ripe in Stark County thanks to the ystark! initiative. Bailey believes that ystark! is growing a sense of community for talented young people in Canton. Ultimately, Bailey's goal in that regard is the same as ystark! – he's looking to attract and retain talented young people to Stark County.

Bailey claims that there is only one simple thing missing from the downtown Canton landscape – a Chinese restaurant! ●

I can't wait to say this to my grandchildren when they begin their careers and families right here in Canton/Stark County! Why am I so confident today that they will choose to stay here in the future? How can I know that they're destined for this community? My belief stems from the growth initiatives happening right here in our corner of the world, and the incredible work being done by organizations such as ArtsinStark, Downtown Canton Special Improvement District, Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors' Bureau, ystark!, Canton Tomorrow Inc. and other local, community-minded foundations. Need I go on?

My own initiative, Canton Cabaret Dinner Theatre, a non-profit production arm of the Rainbow Repertory Company, is likewise focused on growing the profile and economy for Canton. We provide a professional dinner theatre with a full orchestra, a resident company of professional singers and dancers, and a repertoire of original musicals written by company members. We can even produce specialized entertainment for events large and small. All of this incredible entertainment is local – and our initiative was born out of a need.

Canton is evolving. It is discovering ways to entice residents and visitors alike to enjoy the assets the community has to offer. The arts and community organizations that flourish around the county are a testament to Canton's future. I'm certain that when my grandchildren consider where to put down roots, they'll select Canton/Stark County in order to thrive.

Lois DiGiacomo
Canton Cabaret Dinner Theatre
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Kimono mania hits Canton ...



KIMONO AS ART: the life-long passion of Itchiku Kubota

Itchiku Kubota was born in Kanda, Tokyo, Japan in 1917. He was apprenticed at the age of 14, learn-

ing the art and craft of Japanese kimono at the studio of a master of the yuzen dyeing technique, Kiyoshi Kobayashi. During these early years, he studied a variety of traditional forms & techniques and eventually entered art school. In 1937, during a visit to the Tokyo National Museum, Kubota first became intrigued with the mysterious, centuries-old technique known as Tsujigahana.

Kimono as Art: The Landscapes of Itchiku Kubota features forty oversized kimono created by Master Kubota. Kimono will tour the United States for six months with only two stops: San Diego, California and Canton, Ohio.

The centerpiece of the display is his 30-piece landscape kimono panorama, "Symphony of Light." An homage to nature and the passing of seasons, "Symphony of Light" consists of fifteen kimono depicting autumn and fifteen depicting winter. The ten additional kimono in the exhibit celebrate Kubota's reverence for the natural world of Japan.

Get a sneak peak of the exhibit, view the reaction to the exhibit as it opened in at the San Diego Museum of Art: www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuZjbPh2vDc

Visit www.KimonoExhibit.com for full details of Itchiku Kubota's life and his beautiful creations

Kimono Schedule of Events

Welcome the exhibit to Canton or participate in some of the incredible events planned for January through April of 2009!

JANUARY

- Jan. 16, 17, 18 Ohio Youth Ballet Japanese Choreographer Performance and film Memoirs of a Geisha** - Lions Lincoln Theatre, Massillon | Jan. 16-17 at 7 p.m. & Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.
- Jan. 24 Canton Symphony Orchestra Prism Rhapsody Japanese Concert** - Umstadt Hall, McKinley High School, Canton | 8p.m.
- Jan. 24 Club New Fukasuki, Japanese Nightclub** Massillon Museum, Massillon | 7-11 p.m.
- Jan. 31 Konichiwa Kimono- Celebration of Japanese culture with games, snacks, crafts, and entertainment for all ages!** - Stark County District Library | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 4 Noodles & One-Bowl Meals Cooking Class** Loretta Paganini School of Cooking Fisher Foods, North Canton | 6-8 p.m.
- Feb. 5-28 KSU Art Museum Collection of Japanese Kimono Exhibit** - Kent State University Stark Campus, Main Hall Gallery, Canton | M-F 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m.-noon
- Feb. 7 Unveiling...KIMONO AS ART Opening Gala** Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 6 p.m.-midnight
- Feb. 8 Japanese Tea Ceremonies** Canton Museum of Art, Canton | 1-3 p.m.
- Feb. 8 Canton Museum of Art Public Opening for KIMONO AS ART** - Canton Museum of Art, Canton | 2:30-5 p.m.
- Feb. 8 KIMONOfest Sho Jo Ji Dancers** Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 3 p.m.
- Feb. 9 Sake & Yakitori Cooking Class** - Loretta Paganini School of Cooking Fisher Foods, North Canton | 6-8 p.m.
- Feb. 12-27 Kimono: Shapes of Time exhibit by Faircrest Middle School & KSU Stark Faculty** - Kent State University Stark Fine Arts Gallery, Canton | M-F 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m.-Noon

Feb. 12 Palace Theatre Japanese Film Festival Opening Reception & Film (Film TBA) - Palace Theatre, Canton | 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 12 KIMONO Curator Dale Gluckman Lecture (Free with Exhibit Admission) - Canton Museum of Art, Canton | 7 p.m.

Feb. 13 Palace Theatre Japanese Film Festival (Film TBA) - Palace Theatre, Canton | 7:30 p.m. & midnight

Feb. 13 The Mikado - Kent State University Stark Theatre, Fine Arts Hall, Canton | 8 p.m.

Feb. 14 Palace Theatre Japanese Film Festival (Film TBA) - Palace Theatre, Canton | 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. & midnight

Feb. 14 Japanese Tea Ceremonies - Canton Museum of Art, Canton | 10 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m.

Feb. 14 KIMONOfest Suminagashi (Paper Marbling) Demonstration - Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 11 a.m.-noon

Feb. 14 Bob James & Keiko Matsui Tandem Piano Concert - Cable Hall, Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 8 p.m.

Feb. 14 The Mikado - Kent State University Stark Theatre, Fine Arts Hall, Canton | 8 p.m.

Feb. 15 Palace Theatre Japanese Film Festival Short Subjects, including Anime | 1:30p.m.

Feb. 15 Bob James & Keiko Matsui Tandem Piano Concert - Cable Hall, Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 3 p.m.

Feb. 15 The Mikado - Kent State University Stark Theatre, Fine Arts Hall, Canton | 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 15 Palace Theatre Japanese Film Festival (Closing Film TBA, tea & cookies) - Palace Theatre, Canton | 7:30p.m.

Feb. 20 Kagemusha Film Lions Lincoln Theatre, Massillon | TBA

Feb. 20 Japanese Steakhouse Cooking Class Loretta Paganini School of Cooking Fisher Foods, North Canton | 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 20 The Mikado - Kent State University Stark Campus Theatre, Fine Arts Hall, Canton | 8 p.m.

Feb. 21 Exploring Japanese Art Student Exhibit Opening Reception Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 2-4 p.m.

Feb. 21 KIMONOfest Japanese Storytelling with Harold & Jonathan Wright Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Feb. 21 Massillon Museum's Fashion Show & Tea Ceremony - Lions Lincoln Theatre, Massillon | TBA

Feb. 21 The Mikado - Kent State University Stark Campus Theatre, Fine Arts Hall, Canton | 8 p.m.

Feb. 22 - Mar. 1 Exploring Japanese Art Student Exhibit Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Feb. 22 Kagemusha Film - Lions Lincoln Theatre, Massillon | TBA

Feb. 22 The Mikado - Kent State University Stark Campus Theatre, Fine Arts Hall, Canton | 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 28 KIMONOfest Sumi-e (painting) & Shodo (calligraphy) Demonstration Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Feb. 28 KIMONOfest Anime and Manga Presentation by Sean McCartle Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 1-2 p.m.

MARCH

Mar. 7 Japanese Tea Ceremonies Canton Museum of Art, Canton | 10am-noon, 1-3p.m.

Mar. 7 KIMONOfest Sho Jo Ji Dancers Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 1-2 p.m.

Mar. 7 KIMONOfest Suminagashi (Paper Marbling) Demonstration Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 2-3 p.m.

Mar. 8 KIMONOfest Japanese Embroidery and Temari Balls - Demonstration by the Canton Chapter of the Embroidery Guild of America, Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 2-4 p.m.

Mar. 8 The Kulas Foundation Music and Dance of Japan Concert Guzzetta Hall, University of Akron, Akron | 3 p.m.

Mar. 8 VOCl Haiku Concert and Bonsai Display Cable Hall, Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | TBA

Mar. 11 Sushi Primer Cooking Class Loretta Paganini School of Cooking Fisher Foods, North Canton | 6-8 p.m.

Mar. 14 KIMONOfest Sumi-e (painting) & Shodo (calligraphy) Demonstration Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Mar. 14 KIMONOfest Ikebana (Flower) Exhibit by Ikebana International Chapter 54 North Canton Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Mar. 15 KIMONOfest Ikebana (Flower) Exhibit by Ikebana International Chapter 54 North Canton Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 1-5 p.m.

Mar. 15 KIMONOfest Origami Demonstration and Flower Give-away Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 1-3 p.m.

Mar. 20 Soroptimist International Dramatic Presentation on Itchiku Kubota Cable Hall, Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 7 p.m.

Mar. 21 Japanese Tea Ceremonies Canton Museum of Art, Canton | 10 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m.

Mar. 21 KIMONOfest Jujitsu & Samurai Demonstration Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 10-11 a.m.

Mar. 21 KIMONOfest Itcho Daiko, North East Ohio's Japanese Taiko Drumming Ensemble Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 3-4 p.m.

Mar. 22 Japanese Tea Ceremonies Canton Museum of Art, Canton | 1-3p.m.

Mar. 22 KIMONOfest Jujitsu & Samurai Demonstration Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 2-3 p.m.

Mar. 22 Sumo Wrestling Demonstrations Cultural Center for the Arts, Great Court | TBA

Mar. 31 Stark County District Library Little Theatre Troupe Presents Kimiko & the Nightingale Cable Hall, Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 6:30 p.m.

APRIL

Apr. 2 Stark County District Library Little Theatre Troupe Presents Kimiko & the Nightingale Location TBA | 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 3 Canton Ballet Japanese Choreographer Performance - Palace Theatre, Canton | 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 3 Art is Alive, Japanese Theme Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 5-10 p.m.

Apr. 4 Canton Ballet Japanese Choreographer Performance - Palace Theatre, Canton | 2 p.m.

Apr. 4 Stark County District Library Little Theatre Troupe Presents Kimiko & the Nightingale Location TBA | 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 4 Art is Alive, Japanese Theme Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Apr. 5 KIMONOfest Kumihimo (Japanese braiding) by The Lace Enclave Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 1-5 p.m.

Apr. 5 KIMONOfest Japanese Embroidery and Temari Balls - Demonstration by the Canton Chapter of the Embroidery Guild of America, Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 2-4 p.m.

Apr. 11 Japanese Tea Ceremonies - Canton Museum of Art, Canton | 10 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m.

Apr. 11 KIMONOfest Storigami (Japanese story and origami) - Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 11 a.m.

Apr. 12 Japanese Tea Ceremonies Canton Museum of Art, Canton | 1-3 p.m.

Apr. 18 Madama Butterfly Workshop with M.J. Albacete (Reservations Required) Canton Museum of Art, Canton | 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Apr. 18 KIMONOfest Sumi-e (painting) & Shodo (calligraphy) Demonstration Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Apr. 18 KIMONOfest Children's Kite Workshop (Free, Registration Required) Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 1-4 p.m.

Apr. 18 Asian Textile Workshop by Cleveland Museum of Art (Free, Registration Required) Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 1-4 p.m.

Apr. 25 KIMONOfest Bonsai Display by Akron Canton Bonsai Society - Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | All Day

Apr. 25 KIMONOfest Bonsai Demonstration by Akron Canton Bonsai Society Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | 1-2 p.m.

Apr. 25 Madama Butterfly by the Canton Symphony Orchestra - Umstadt Hall, McKinley High School, Canton | 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 26 KIMONOfest Bonsai display by Akron Canton Bonsai Society - Cultural Center for the Arts, Canton | All Day

Apr. 26 Come Fly a Kite! KIMONO Children's Closing Festival - Canton Country Day School, Canton | 1-3:30 p.m.

All event times and details were current as of publication - please be sure to visit www.KimonoExhibit.com for the most up-to-date details and for full information on registrations and tickets.

Key Kimono Events - A Deeper Look

CLUB NEW FUKASUKI

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009

The Massillon Museum lobby will be turned into a Japanese nightclub! Wear your interpretation of Japanese street fashion and enjoy cocktails and appetizers while dancing to live music by Canton band Bloodline.

JAPANESE TEA CEREMONIES

FEB. 8, 14 | MAR. 7, 21, 22 | APRIL 11, 12, 25

The KIMONO AS ART tea ceremonies will be held in a replica of a Japanese Tea House in the enclosed Wilkof Courtyard of the Canton Museum of Art. Ceremonies are held on the half hour during each two-hour block. Reservations will be taken by the Canton Museum of Art on a first come, first served basis. Reservations are \$20 for the formal participation ceremony inside the tea house for up to 10 guests, and \$5 for up to 18 guests to observe on benches outside of the tea house. All guests will receive tea and a sweet, the formal session participants will receive a ceramic tea bowl to take home. In keeping with Japanese tradition, formal ceremony participants must be physically able to sit on the floor for 20 to 30 minutes. Please contact Lynn at the Canton Museum of Art at 330-453-7666 ext. 104 or lynn@cantonart.com for reservations.

JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY THE PALACE THEATRE - FEBRUARY 12-15, 2009

Join us at the Palace Theatre for sub-titled films from Japan. Thursday there will be an opening reception, complete with origami demonstration at 6:30 pm and the film will begin at 7:30pm. On Friday and Saturday, the films will be shown at 7:30pm & midnight, with the addition of a 1:30 matinee on Saturday. Sunday afternoon will feature short subjects, including anime, at 1:30 at an off-site location to be announced. Sunday evening will feature the closing film at the Palace Theatre at 7:30, followed by tea and cookies. Admission price is \$5 per film. Film titles will be announced at a later date on the Palace Theatre website: www.cantonpalacetheatre.org.

JAPANESE COOKING CLASSES - FEB.- APRIL 2009

Fishers Foods' Loretta Paganini Cooking School in North Canton will hold classes exploring Japanese cooking, methods, traditions and specialty dishes. Feb. 4 offers Noodles & One Bowl Meals, explore Sake and Yakitori on Feb. 9, learn Japanese Steakhouse cuisine on Feb. 20 and a Sushi Primer will be held Mar. 11. For registration and further details, visit the Fishers Foods' Loretta Paganini Cooking School www.lpscinc.com/fishersclasses.asp

KIMONOFEST

Japanese inspired performers, artisans, entertainers, visual artists, displays and hands-on activities will take place during the 12 weekends that KIMONO is in Canton from February through April of 2009. Musicians, dancers, artists and teachers will be on hand to disperse the flavor of Japan throughout the Cultural Center. Events such as Ikabana (flower) and Bonsai displays, martial arts exhibitions and musical performances will highlight the Japanese culture. Japanese art demonstrations, experiences and workshops such as calligraphy, embroidery, painting, origami and kite making will be free and open to all.

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Kimono ... (continued from cover)

glass windows and skylight in the Great Court entrance. In addition, polymer-fabric curtain panels with an abstract Kimono purple design based upon the ArtsinStark logo are being added to bring some pizzazz to the area. The new curtains will add a sophisticated design element and will reduce heat gain for the building.

The most modern ingredient by far is the CMA entrance focal point, a security kiosk that is envisioned as a work of art in of itself, with contrasting horizontal slats painted in colors that shift ever so gradually from purple to white. Olivieri Construction, utilizing their cabinetry shop, is doing the construction work for the kiosk in addition to overseeing the balance of the renovation projects.

The ticket booth in the Great Court of the Cultural Center is also getting a face lift. Picking up on the color theme of purples and whites, it will be refaced with vertical slats that pick up on the same color scheme as is being done horizontally in the new security kiosk inside the lobby of the Canton Museum of Art.

"The designs are hard to put into words," said M. J. Albacete, executive director for the Museum. "The kiosks are beautiful, contemporary slatted cylinders, almost see-through."

The gift shop is also getting quite an update. It is being relocated behind the security kiosk and will be comprised of glass walls and cabinets - the entire shopping experience will be open and ethereal. The entry way to the museum will have four separate relaxation areas with lush, Kimono purple rugs and high-tech polymer furniture. All of the building's restrooms are receiving much-needed, modern face lifts and the lighting in the upper galleries where the Kimono will be exhibited has been replaced with a completely new system of suspended directional lights that will better highlight the exhibits.

The current renovations will be completed in time for the KIMONO opening gala on February 7, and ArtsinStark is estimating that all told, more than 100,000 people will be touched in some way by the exhibit and the more than 80 activities scheduled to date. The future for the arts in Canton/Stark County is expected to keep growing.



"KIMONO is making us believe in the power of the arts to transform lives," said Hankins. "It is demonstrating that we are capable of hosting blockbuster shows and doing great things. I believe KIMONO will change the way Stark County thinks about itself - forever."

For full details on the slate of events planned around the exhibit, reference the special Kimono centerfold in this issue of *Downtown Developments* or visit www.KimonoExhibit.com.●

Design rendering for new CMA lobby.



Simple, but powerful:

MEMORIAL HONORING CHUCK WEBSTER UNVEILED DOWNTOWN

A memorial in honor of developer Charles "Chuck" Webster was recently unveiled on the northwest corner of the Millennium Centre. The late president of REM Commercial was instrumental in many downtown Canton development projects.

"Chuck loved downtown – he was the downtown Canton guy. It was the best location for his memorial," said Cindy Webster, Chuck's wife. "We walked around downtown looking for just the right place. The Millennium Centre was a project of his and it seemed like the perfect place."

The memorial is just as she envisioned – simple, but powerful. A place where one can be comfortable sitting and reflecting but somewhere that is in the heart of downtown, where one can enjoy the energy of Canton.

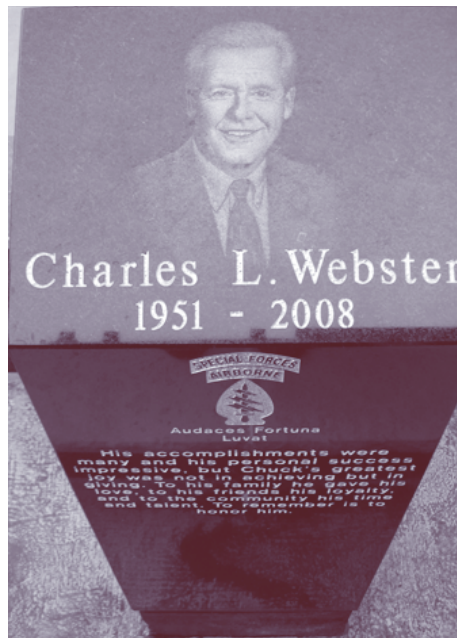
When it came to the inscription for the memorial, she had some brainstorming help from dear friends and together they arrived at:

His accomplishments were many and his personal success impressive, but Chuck's greatest joy was not in achieving, but in giving. To his family he gave his love, to his friends his loyalty and to the community his time and talent. To remember him is to honor him.

The project was funded by generous donations from friends, family and the community at large

and designed by Canterbury Enterprises with Cindy's input.

"If you didn't know him, you might think 'wow, what a great guy' and if you did know him, well, you'll likely think 'wow, what great memories I have'," she said. "I'm so proud, I just know that he's smiling, humbly, that someone thought enough to do it." ●



City working to improve downtown parking – By Mayor William J. Healy

Downtown businesses are an essential part of Canton's future. For these businesses to succeed, they must have a willing partner in the City of Canton to meet their needs.

In an effort to increase the amount of short-term customer parking available to downtown customers, the City has restructured the layout of several streets to create many new diagonal parking spaces.

Also, to improve the availability of existing spaces, the City has raised hourly parking rates at City meters (for the first time since 1984) from 20¢ per hour to 75¢ per hour. Raising hourly parking rates will drastically reduce the number of downtown employees who use metered spaces to fulfill their daily parking needs.

Because the City's parking meter rates were so low, some downtown employees had learned to "feed the meter" all day in order to pay far less than it would cost to park in a garage. This practice hurt downtown merchants, who rely on a plentiful and affordable stock of short-term parking to accommodate their customers.

The City has also increased the standard fine for parking violations from \$5 to \$10. Many local parking garages charge more than \$5 for all-day parking, and this had led some to risk getting a parking ticket rather than paying more to park legally. By removing this disincentive to parking in an appropriate location, the City hopes to further increase the amount of available spaces for downtown businesses.

These changes were made in consultation with the Chamber of Commerce and the Special Improvement District's Master Planning Committee. By creating additional diagonal parking spaces, raising short-term rates to deter all-day parkers, and creating a stronger penalty for parking violations, the City of Canton hopes to assist downtown merchants who are looking to increase their customer traffic.

For additional information about on-street and off-street parking in the City of Canton, visit www.cantonohio.gov and click "Parking" under the City Services menu. ●

Annual Arts Awards celebrates Stark's biggest art advocates

The 2nd Annual Arts Awards, hosted by ArtsinStark, shined accolades on three area businesses and two area leaders who have truly made a difference by supporting the arts and giving back to their communities.

Aultman Health Foundation; Day Ketterer, attorneys at law; and **Cyrus Custom Framing and Art Gallery** took home the top honors for being the outstanding large, medium and small business of the year, respectively.

Artist **Dana Muntean** was honored as an outstanding artist for her work with students and contributions to the downtown Canton arts district. The award for outstanding arts volunteer was given to **Deloris Angeli** for her work as an arts advocate, creator of Art is Alive and of Ice-O-Rama.

"We talk regularly about the 'arts explosion' taking place in Stark County. None of this would be happening without the kind of remarkable leadership that these 15 nominees have provided," said Susie Steiner, ArtsinStark vice chair. ●



SID board re-elected

Downtown Canton Special Improvement District has re-elected the following individuals to its board of directors for a two-year term:

Ronald D. Becker, CEO, Hilscher-Clarke Electric; **Steve Coon**, owner, Coon Restoration & Sealants; **Susan D. Flickinger**, CEO, Canton Police & Firemen's Credit Union; **Jon H. Jacob**, general manager, Bender's Tavern; **Dennis P. Saunier**, president & CEO, Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

Michael P. Gill is the president of the board.

The re-election was decided at the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District's annual meeting, held Thursday, Nov. 20. In addition to the board member re-election, the organization recognized **Scott and Jeff Welch**, Blue Olive Jazz Club; **Mike King**, The Wells Building; **Rick Hull**, Huntington National Bank; **Michele Evans-Gardell** and **Terry Garner**, Timken High School, for their ongoing commitment and investment in downtown Canton. ●

Census Bureau selects downtown headquarters

The U.S. Census Bureau's Detroit Regional Census Center has announced that it will be recruiting managers for a local census office in downtown Canton. The Canton Local Census Office (LCO) will be the hub of local census activity for the upcoming 2010 Census and is located in the Stern and Mann Building. Currently, the Census offices are in a temporary space on the second floor as they conduct testing, seek staffing and train management. Ultimately, Census offices will be relocated to the first floor during the first week of January. The first floor has been completely remodeled to create ample office space and training centers.

The Canton office, one of the first 150 Local Census Offices opening now across the nation and Puerto Rico, will conduct address canvassing in early 2009 to update and verify the Census

Bureau's address list. With a staff of about 800 employees, LCO managers will oversee activities such as recruiting and training, updating address lists, collecting data from area residents and working with local officials to ensure an accurate count.

"We plan to hire qualified and skilled managers who are familiar with the local culture in Canton," said Regional Director Dwight Dean, director of the Census Bureau's Detroit Regional Census Center. "These positions offer competitive wages and the opportunity to help your community obtain an accurate count in 2010."

The Stern and Mann building is located at 101 Cleveland Avenue NW and has room for additional office space on the 2nd and 3rd floors and as well as some retail.

The 2010 Census is the largest peacetime operation conducted by the federal government and is the basis for the reapportionment of congressional seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census is also used to help distribute more than \$300 billion in federal funding to tribal, state and local governments every year. To learn more about the 2010 Census or the employment opportunities available, please visit www.census.gov/detroit.

Canton's first downtown campus offers students access to success

STARK STATE COLLEGE OFFERS CONVENIENT, AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION IN DOWNTOWN CANTON

Ohio's eighth-largest city, Canton was the only large city in Ohio without a downtown college campus. This motivated Stark State College to begin offering classes downtown and the college expanded its offerings in January 2006 with the opening of the **Downtown Canton Satellite Center at the Timken Campus**. Classes at the Satellite Center lead to full degree programs offered on the main campus in North Canton.

The Downtown Canton Satellite provides access to higher education for downtown Canton employees, Canton residents and residents of other communities who find it more convenient to attend classes at that site. It also provides access to Timken and McKinley High School students enrolled in Early College High School (ECHS) and dual-enrollment programs.

"The first class will graduate from Early College High School in May, 2009," said Stark State president, John O'Donnell. "Approximately 40 students will graduate with an associate degree from Stark State, along with their high school diploma. The remaining 24 seniors will have earned a significant number of college credits, some as many as 59 credits, that will enable them to transfer to Stark State or another public college or university where they will continue their college education."

According to O'Donnell, ECHS provides access to higher education for students who otherwise would not attend college, mostly because of cost. ECHS students graduate with college credit and the confidence that they can succeed in college, which is equally important to their academic and career success, according to O'Donnell.

Adult students, many who live and work in downtown Canton, benefit from the Satellite Center through affordable, convenient college courses that lead to associate degrees and one-year certificates in high-growth, high-demand fields. Stark State is one of the most affordable colleges in the region with tuition of \$127 per credit hour.

The Satellite Center has grown substantially since its inception. Fall 2008 enrollment figures indicate 520 students at the site, nearly double the enrollment of Fall 2007. College officials expect enrollment to continue to grow with 40 courses planned for spring semester.

For additional information about the Downtown Canton Satellite Center, call (330) 494-6170 or visit www.starkstate.edu/satellites.



STARK STATE COLLEGE

First Friday ...

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ativity! The entertaining two-day art event has been an artistic staple since 1992! Cruise around the Arts District on the trolley and check out this Cultural Center event as part of First Friday.

First Friday is presented by ArtsinStark, the County Arts Council, and the Downtown Special Improvement District. For the most up-to-date First Friday information, visit www.CantonDevelopmentPartnership.com and click on the First Friday logo or call Kelly Blandford Bah at (330) 458-2063 or email kellyb@cantonchamber.org.

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- 2 **First Friday – Ice-O-Rama**
Downtown Canton Arts District
www.CantonFirstFriday.com
- 8 **Aullman Cameo Concert:**
Cable Recital Hall, Cultural Center
for the Arts
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- 10 **All-Star Cheerleading**
Canton Memorial Civic Center
www.CantonCivicCenter.com
- 16 **Pizza Party with KIRK the Robot!**
\$10 per person, pre-paid reservations
required - Wm McKinley Presidential Library
& Museum www.McKinleyMuseum.org
- 19 **Kid's Movie Special**
1 p.m., \$1 per person
Canton Palace Theatre
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- 22 **Soup at Six: "The McKinley Years"**
\$10 per person, pre-paid reservations
required - Wm McKinley Presidential Library
& Museum www.McKinleyMuseum.org
- 23-25 **2009 Canton Hot Rod &
Custom Bike Show**
Canton Memorial Civic Center
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- 24 **Looking Through a Prism**
Umstaad Hall
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Canton Palace Theatre
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Call 330.454.8172 for tickets
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Exhibit Opening: The Masons in Ohio
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Museum www.McKinleyMuseum.org
- 31 **Harlem Globetrotters**
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- 1 **Mendelssohn's 200th Birthday**
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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- 6 **First Friday – Kimono as Art Kick-Off**
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- 6 **Larry the Cable Guy**
Canton Memorial Civic Center
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- 7 **Repository Battle of the Bands**
Canton Palace Theatre
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- 9 **Tea with Curator: "Sweet Stuff -
The Story of Chocolate"**
\$10 per person, pre-paid reservations
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Library & Museum
www.McKinleyMuseum.org
- 12-15 **Art Film Club Japanese Film Festival**
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