



OASIS Fine Art & Craft Newsletter

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Quench Your Thirst for Beauty **December 2011**

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What's Happening? Events and Music

OASIS Events

Saturday, December 3, 3-5pm
Free reception for Janet Marshman's one-woman exhibit of original masks and the December Artist-in-Residence program by lapidary artist Stuart Mercer. Music, refreshments and meet/greet with artists.



Dec 1-24, 10am-6pm **Artist-in-residence** Stuart Mercer gives award-winning lapidary demonstrations daily. The artist will be on site and at work, available to the public, on the mezzanine at OASIS Fine Art & Craft. He also exhibits rare items from his collection, and offers for purchase his entire inventory of jewelry--Virginia gemstones which he has mined, cut, polished and set.

Friday, December 16 "Shop Til You Drop" til 10pm with artisan demonstrations all day and

Greetings!

Hello everyone! The holidays have finally arrived, and we're ready for it at OASIS. The weather is slowly getting colder, especially the evenings. The leaves are gone from the trees. Now we're ready for the snow! I think. Time for hot chocolate and warm fires. Not allowed to have fires at OASIS, but might occasionally find hot chocolate.

I love the holiday lights that are beginning to spring up around the neighborhoods. Linda and I are not quite ready to put up the lights.



Happy Holidays!

OASIS participates in the ibogo™ fundraising/ discount program. It is a unique local program that lets card-holders save and allows card sales to benefit non-profits. The gallery is making a new added-value offer each month thanks to donated artwork from its members. To encourage more local artists to join the cooperative, it also offers card-holders \$60 off member dues for their first year if they join by July 31, 2012. ibogo™ cards may be purchased at OASIS for \$12 each.

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Best wishes,
OASIS Gallery Members

evening.

Through December 30. **Deck the Halls**, a members' exhibit of holiday-themed work continues at OASIS Fine Art & Craft.

Monday, December 5, 5pm. OASIS Fine Art & Craft application deadline for local artisans to begin exhibiting in January 2012. www.oasisartgallery.org.

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Music@theGallery



Friday, December 9, 6-8pm **Countryside Garage Band** in Concert. Local singers and instrumentalists perform an eclectic acoustic repertoire.

OASIS Fine Art & Craft, 103 S. Main St., Harrisonburg, 540-442-8188.

Classes

Judy Ligon (540-435-1787):

Polymer Clay-The Skinner Blend and more; Paper making using dryer lint, plant materials, old papers, cotton linters, etc.; Collage-creating images with various papers and fibers, etc.; Beginning Watercolor and Copper Enameling-enamel a small tray and enamel something to wear.

Mike Reisenberg

(540-867-5124):

Digital photography and classes

Deb Booth: (540) 943-0945:

Gems and Masks Shine at OASIS

Artisans have a chance to shine right along with the holiday lights this month.

Indeed, every day in December until Christmas, the public can catch artist-geologist **Stuart Mercer** at OASIS Fine Art & Craft, 10am-6pm, at work cutting and polishing Virginia gemstones. As OASIS' December



Artist-in-Residence, Mercer provides an award-winning lapidary demonstration. On the mezzanine, he offers an extensive exhibit of his jewelry, along with samples of the rocks he has mined to yield each type of gem. Mercer is outgoing and informative in his demos. He says that if a visitor smiles at him, he is likely to invite them to work on a cabochon at the lapidary grinder. He and OASIS welcome school groups, clubs, college classes, and other groups to take advantage of this opportunity to "dig into" the subject. Visitors to the first program in 2010 lingered to give the exhibit in-depth attention, and enjoyed the chance to buy gifts directly from the artist. Mercer has made special additions to the exhibit for 2011.



Another artist shining at OASIS in December is mask designer **Janet Marshman**, the month's featured artist. As a mask designer, Marshman focuses on design and transformation. She explains, "Masks are an ancient form of disguise and revelation."

Marshman creates masks which can be worn or exhibited as standalone art forms. Although she has never had any formal art training, she says "my inner creativity takes hold and a magical transformation occurs" as she designs each dramatic creation. Her exhibit continues through the end of January.

OASIS invites the public to enjoy music and refreshments at a free opening reception for both the lapidary and mask exhibits, on Saturday, December 3, at 3-5pm. Both Stuart Mercer and Janet Marshman will greet visitors and share their excitement about the work they do. OASIS will not hold its usual Friday opening this month.

OASIS Art

Do you really have any idea of the vast array of art at OASIS? Below are links to the different types of art by our members. Take a look:

[Painting](#)

[Drawing](#)

Her book, Floral Fables ~ How Flowers Came to Be, has been published, and is for sale at OASIS.

She is available for one-on-one digital editing classes, and for Creative Vision work. Call for information.

Please contact the artist for days, times and fees. Some classes are \$20 per person, per session, some are \$15 per person, per session, some are packages with a price break if signing up for a series, some classes are under \$10 per person, per session. Sessions can run an hour or two hours, depending on the class, etc. Individual tutoring prices vary by artist. Call artist for details and prices.

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