



February 5, 2009

Beginning in February, the Education Division is offering new programs for adults and families centered on art and the collections of the MoTTU. These programs, **Art on Thursday** and **Art on Saturday**, are offered every month throughout the year. **Dr. Jill Hoffman**, Helen DeVitt Jones Curator of Education, teaches the classes. The fee is \$5 per person, per class for supplies. Each session will be unique, so all are stand-alone and do not require previous attendance. A more detailed description of these new offerings follows:

Art on Thursday – Second Thursday of each month at 6:30-8pm, in the “Old” Assembly Room on the ground floor of the Museum, across from the Moody Planetarium.

- These are hands-on art classes for ADULTS (18 years and older). No skill, previous experience, or “talent” is required, just an interest in exploring creativity. The classes will feature various materials and processes and will examine ideas, themes, and processes reflected within the collections of the MoTTU. Limited to 20 participants; call for reservations (806)742-2432.

Art on Saturday – Second Saturday of each month, 1-2:30pm, in the Old Assembly room on the ground floor of the Museum, across from the Moody Planetarium.

- These FAMILY art workshops will offer parents and children, guardians and grandparents, aunts and uncles a time to enjoy exploring various art materials and processes. Emphasis will be on creating projects that can be recreated at home using basic materials. Limited to 20 participants per class; call for reservations (806)742-2432.

In other Museum news, curator of art **Dr. Peter Briggs** was named as a Fulbright Scholar in the Fulbright Program of the US Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. He will be teaching classes in Bratislava, Slovakia, at the Academy of Fine Art and Design during the spring of 2009.

Curator of ethnology and textiles **Mei Campbell** will return to Fu Jen Catholic University in Taiwan in March and April this year to teach museum classes as part of an ongoing relationship between the Taiwanese university and Texas Tech.

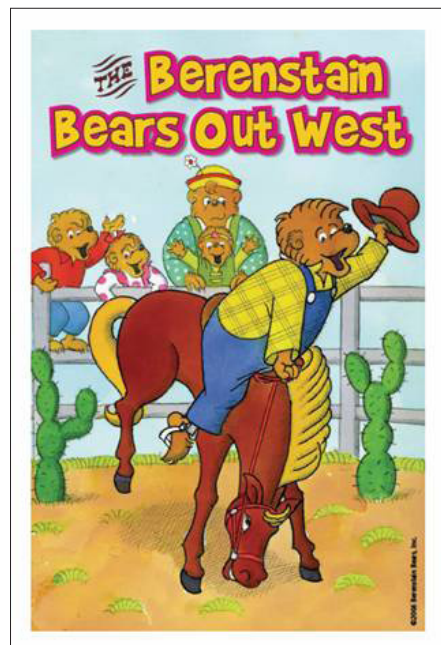
FEBRUARY EVENTS...

- 12 **Art on Thursday:** Valentine Workshop; 6:30-8pm
- 14 **Art on Saturday:** Valentine Family Art Workshop, 1-2:30pm
- 20 **Star Party@Tech Terrace Park**

CHANGING EXHIBITIONS ON VIEW...

through March 22
The Berenstain Bears Out West
Galleries 2 & 3

This exhibit walks visitors through the entire 15-step bookmaking process and discovers how the story of *The Berenstain Bears Out West* was developed, written, illustrated, and printed. The exhibition includes 50 framed pieces including original drafts of story ideas, manuscripts, sketches, dummy spreads, printing drafts, finished illustrations, and many other materials relating to the process of creating this book. Circulated by the National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature (NCCIL), Abilene, TX.



Watch for announcements about the exciting major exhibition, **A Doubled-edged Weapon: The Sword as Icon and Artifact from the Higgins Armory Collection**, coming in May. Also, be sure to visit the permanent galleries of the MoTTU. If you haven’t experienced the dinosaurs in the Changing World Gallery or the exquisite ceramics in the Pre-Columbian and Southwest Indian galleries, you need to make a special visit!

Many exciting temporary exhibitions and public programs are planned for 2009 at your Museum, so stay informed about the MoTTU's activities by web at www.museum.ttu.edu.

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