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Artist's Talk: Fred Sklenar

Staten Island, Remember When? Artist discusses his current show at the Staten Island Museum

Event Date: Saturday, February 25, 2012

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Staten Island Museum's History Center, Building H, Snug Harbor Cultural Center
1000 Richmond Terrace, SI, NY 10301

Admission: FREE

(Staten Island, NY – February 2012) Join artist, Fred Sklenar as he takes you on a journey to the past through his exhibition, *Staten Island, Remember When?* Currently at the Staten Island Museum History Center, Building H at Snug Harbor, 1000 Richmond Terrace, SI, NY 10301.

"Fred's Staten Island images which include everyday neighborhoods, and some long gone locations—strike a note—especially those who visit our History Archive adjacent to the gallery," Diane Matyas, Director of Exhibitions explains. "People love recognizing the places; Fred's love of Staten Island's past is evident in his paintings."

This free exhibition has been a hit with locals and tourists alike. Take this opportunity to interact with a vibrant, experienced, working artist and view some of his stunning watercolor works. The exhibition runs through June 30, 2012.

About the Artist:

Fred J. Sklenar is a life-long Staten Islander who followed in the footsteps of his artist father, Fred A. Sklenar. The younger artist received his formal art training at Pratt Institute, and studied with watercolorist, Edgar Whitney, AWS. After interning with several professionals, Fred began his career as a designer for a publisher and newspapers syndicate, drawing and inking four nationally syndicated newspaper features, and became a professional illustrator for international publications and ad agencies. He specialized in editorial concepts and portraits of business and technology leaders, and national sports celebrities. Fred became art director for Sport Magazine, and publishers McGraw-Hill, and Penton, Look, and Venture Magazines. In addition, Fred directed his own marketing and advertising agency here on Staten Island.

Although active in the Manhattan's publishing world, family ties kept Fred on Staten Island. Sklenar's mother, Peggy McAloon-Sklenar, was an active business woman, who owned and operated the Sleepy Hollow Inn restaurant, was a Rotarian, lobbyist, and the first female chairman of that board of the S.I. Chamber of Commerce.

While successful in the commercial world of art, Fred's first love was painting and teaching. Mr. Sklenar currently teaches sketching, figure drawing, portraits, and classical painting in watercolors and

oils. He is a faculty member at the SMB Studio Arts, Inc., Staten Island; the Catskill Art Society in Livingston Manor, NY; and the Windsor Whip Works Fine Art Gallery in Windsor, NY, and formerly a faculty member of the Art Lab.

In addition to the landscapes, Sklenar continues to take on numerous commissioned portraits and specific subject paintings. His repertoire includes Native Americans, equine, children in everyday scenes, and numerous other subjects. He has maintained studios in both Staten Island and Roscoe, NY for over 30 years.

Image:

Fred Sklenar, photo courtesy of the artist.

Nate's Men's Shop, Port Richmond, c. 2001, Oil on panel by Fred Sklenar

About the Staten Island Museum

Founded in 1881, the Staten Island Museum, New York City's only general interest museum, engages visitors with interdisciplinary exhibitions and educational programs that explore the dynamic connections between natural science, art and history based on its diverse collections. The Museum is dedicated to making its current and future collections broadly accessible for educators, students, researchers and the general public by providing authentic experiences in the field and at the Museum. Located two blocks from the Ferry Terminal, visitors can embark on a voyage through time in the Staten Island Ferry exhibit; see rocks glow in the dark along with oddities in the Hall of Natural Sciences and experience the life of Staten Island's first inhabitants. For current exhibitions, visit www.StatenIslandMuseum.org.

Staten Island Museum (St. George)

75 Stuyvesant Pl.
Staten Island, NY 10301

Museum Hours:

Monday – Friday: 11am– 5pm
Saturday 10am–5pm
Sunday 12pm – 5pm

Main number: (718) 727-1135

The museum building is wheelchair accessible. Call (718) 727-1135 for assistance.

Admission

Adults \$3.
Students and Seniors: \$2.
FREE to members and children under 12.
FREE Lunchtime Break: Every Tuesday between 12–2pm

Staten Island History Center & Archives *New Location*

1000 Richmond Terrace
Snug Harbor Campus, Building H
Staten Island, NY 10301
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am – 4pm by appointment
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