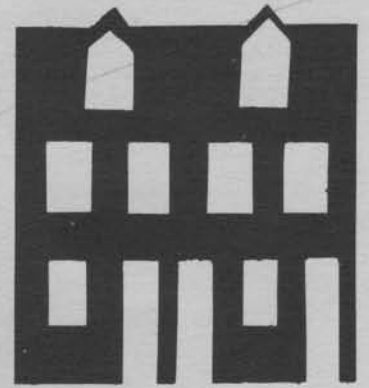


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NEWSLETTER OF THE DEMUTH FOUNDATION

SPRING 1983

## ANNUAL MEETING SET

The annual meeting of the Demuth Foundation, May 18 at 8 p.m., will bring recollections of Charles Demuth from several Lancastrians who knew the artist personally.

Also on the program will be the presentation of the illustrated talk on Demuth, compiled by members of

the Junior League of Lancaster, which has been shown to numerous local organizations. The three persons who have agreed to share their reminiscences of Charles with us are: Dorothea Demuth, Yetta Sachs Carpenter, and Harris C. Arnold.

Dorothea Demuth, an honorary board member, is the widow of Christopher Demuth, who was Charles' cousin. She owns and operates the Demuth Tobacco Shop, oldest tobacco shop in the U.S., next door to the Demuth home which the Foundation has purchased and which it will operate as a museum and memorial.

Yetta Sachs Carpenter was for many years the manager of the Mary Sachs Shop, noted fashion shop, which was located a few doors east of the home in which Charles lived.

Harris C. Arnold was attorney for Mrs. Augusta Demuth, Charles' mother, and has loaned the Foundation photos from the collection taken by Charles' father, Ferdinand, which we used in the newsletter.

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## HOMAGE TO DEMUTH

The 1983 Spring Show of the Echo Valley Art Group, will be shown at the Community Gallery of Lancaster, May 1-29.

This year's membership exhibit pays homage to Lancaster's most noted artist. Each artist has used his own unique style applied to subjects often seen in

Demuth's work. Rooftop scenes, florals, still lifes, acrobats and portraits of Demuth will be seen in a range of watercolor, oils, photography, collages, sculpture and pottery.

The poster depicting this event is available as shown and can be purchased at the Community Gallery, Barr-Hurst Book Store, Recent Works Gallery and from members of the Echo Valley Art Group. The poster was designed by Richard Whitson, and cost is \$5.00 unmounted and \$15.00 mounted (the latter must be ordered.)

The Echo Valley Art Group originated in Lancaster in 1945 with a few artists who enjoyed working together. Gradually and informally the organization evolved and grew to become an artistically diverse and professionally skilled group of artists, many of whom have exhibited and won awards and honors in national and state competitions. Each year, the group holds an exhibit focusing on new work from each member.



## FLOWER SHOW

The Demuth Foundation, in conjunction with the Lancaster Summer Arts Festival, is holding a creative flower exhibit entitled "A Portrait of Charles Demuth through the Interpretive Use of Flowers" as part of the 1983 Arts Festival.

In an attempt to have Charles Demuth and his contribution to the arts better known and appreciated in his native Lancaster this show will use Demuth's works as inspiration for the arrangements.

The show, July 9-10, 11:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M., will be held at the Tremellen Galleries, 127 East King Street, Lancaster and is free and open to the public.

The public is also invited to submit an entry for the show. This is not a competition; it is a way the Foundation sees to honor Charles Demuth in an innovative, creative

manner while making Lancaster more familiar with the artist. Your entry must relate to Demuth in some way, not be a copy of a painted arrangement.

Additional information on becoming a participant is available from Mrs. J. A. Miller (569-0792). Information on Demuth can be found at the Lancaster County Library, libraries at F & M and Millersville, and the Historical Society.

## ANNUAL MEETING

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The second block of East King Street, with which these three well known local persons are closely associated, was the center of Charles' domain in Lancaster.

The Junior League slide show has drawn praise from many who have seen it, and can serve as a "mini-course" for those who know

something of Charles Demuth's life and career, and who wish to learn more.

The meeting will be held at the headquarters of the Lancaster County Historical Society, 230 North President Avenue. A board meeting will precede it at 7 p.m. This is annual election time for board and officers. An update on progress will be given.

## MORE MEMBERS

We regret that a number of members were omitted from the list published in the Winter Newsletter. The following is a list of additional members.

### Contributing

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lloyd Groff  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Mueller, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. O'Brien

### Members

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*Peonies*, a typical Demuth flower painting in the Honolulu Academy of Arts, Hawaii.

## CHARLES CONRAD DONATES DEMUTH ORIGINAL

Charles S. Conrad, Jr., retired chief architect of Armstrong World Industries and long active in many civic roles, has donated a Charles Demuth painting to the Foundation.

Titled "Lancaster County Scene", the painting was done at Peach Bottom, according to the **Lancaster New Era** account of the sale at which Mr. Conrad bought the painting in 1961.

Provenance of the painting is clear. It was the property of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Everts, close friends of Demuth who received it and seven others from him. Everts was a well known Lancaster architect, and died before his wife. After her death, the eight paintings were placed on auction at Parke-Bernet Galleries in New York.

At the time of the sale, Parke-Bernet's director of paintings commented that prices for Demuth works had "skyrocketed". It can be added now that prices have continued to rise steadily as the fame of Demuth has spread.

Mr. Conrad's generous gift brings the number of Demuth originals owned by the Foundation to three, all appraised by Henry M. Libhart, head of the art department of Elizabethtown College. All are insured and kept in a Fulton Bank safety deposit container for eventual exhibition at the home. The prior gifts were made by Col. Henry Demuth, and Mr. and Mrs. Eberhard Gromoll.

A large print of Demuth's calla lilies has been presented by Mrs. Yetta Sachs Carpenter.

We deeply appreciate the gifts and the promised donations, and will gladly meet with other owners who would like to discuss gift possibilities.

## ECHO VALLEY

As a special feature in conjunction with the Echo Valley Exhibit, selected members will open their studios, homes and gardens for tour.

The tour, to be held Sunday, May 15, will include the studios of Hugh Fitzgerald, Grace Steinmetz, Joanne Hensel, Constantine Kermes, the barn studio of Rich Morgan, the home studio and garden of Margaret Lestz and the garden of Ken Hoak.

Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from members of the Echo Valley Art Group and at the Community Gallery.

## BUILDING RENOVATION

The first phase of construction on the Demuth house has been completed - wiring, insulation, mechanical work, the small basement, security system and window restoration have been finished. Three rooms of the house will be usable, if not totally painted, and can be opened in July. Work is continuing on the proposed garden shop.

## FALL EVENTS

Be sure to mark the weekend of September 30 - October 2 on your calendar for special events relating to the Demuth Foundation.

An art show entitled **Pennsylvania Moderns: Charles Demuth and Lancaster** will open at the Heritage Center of Lancaster County in Penn Square on Saturday, October 1st. Organized by the Philadelphia Museum of Art in anticipation of Demuth's 100th birthday, this show will be shown in Lancaster from October 1st to November 13th.

The Demuth Foundation will sponsor a pre-show gala on Friday, September 30th and participate in Art Sunday on October 2nd.

## BOOK & POSTER

The Demuth Tobacco Shop, 114 East King Street, Lancaster, has copies of Demuth books and posters available for sale. The book, **Charles Demuth** by Alvord Eiseman, which covers the life and work of Demuth and includes many full-color illustrations, is \$27.00. The poster shows a Demuth watercolor, **Lilies and Butterflies**, from the Salander-O'Reilly Galleries of New York and may be purchased for \$10.60.



*Lancaster County Scene* painting donated by Charles Conrad.

# EXPLANATION OF MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

This is a follow-up to our listing of Demuth Foundation members in our most recent newsletter.

At the time we set up our membership rolls last year, the board decided to list all original donors as members, with membership rights and privileges to stay in effect for one year.

Charter member status was given to all who were campaign donors prior to May 1982.

Now the first year of membership has expired, for all who were on the original list, and we are hopeful that

all will renew so that we can continue and expand the work of the Demuth Foundation.

The board decided that membership should run a full year from time of first registration. Thus, if your membership became effective in May, it expires in May. This was seen as preferable to lumping all memberships made within one calendar year, as memberships for that year whether they were signed in January or December.

Our last newsletter, unfortunately, did not list all members. The names

which were not shown at that time are listed herewith. If you have any question, please get in touch with Nancy L. Neff, membership chairman. Nancy is also looking for volunteers to assist in the maintenance of membership records.

Please look at the membership coupon on this newsletter. We have added several categories in the hope that those who are devoted to the purposes and performance of the Demuth Foundation will see fit to raise the level of their participation.

*Thank you!*

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## ARE YOU A MEMBER? IF NOT, PLEASE JOIN US!

Memberships are 12 months from enrollment.

I wish to volunteer

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Please mail to DEMUTH FOUNDATION, PO Box 328, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Membership contributions are tax-deductible!

### Categories of Membership

- Active \$15
- Household/Associate \$25
- Student \$5
- Contributing \$100
- Supporting \$250
- Sustaining \$500
- Sponsor \$1,000

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