

Art Muse from Gaithersburg High School

WHAT'S NEW in GHS Art ?

The **GHS Arts Festival** (previously the Art Show) will take place on **May 6th, 7th and 8th** in J Hall. Students will exhibit their talents through painting, drawing, photography and song. Stay tuned for further information.

The art department has planned the second all department **field trip** to the Smithsonian's **National Museum of the American Indian** in Washington. Over 100 students and chaperones will be attending. Thank you Mrs. Nilda Keres for making this happen! Check out www.nmai.si.edu for more info.

In collaboration with the **Academy of Arts and Communication**, **Mr. Michael Kramer**, a professional gilder and husband of GHS art teacher Anne Kramer, spoke to over 100 students in the academy on the 19th of February.

The **National Art Honor Society** debuted a **2009 calendar** containing photographs, artwork and quotes from GHS art students. The calendar was a huge success and is still available for a discounted price of \$5. The club is currently undergoing the task of creating **screen printed shirts** for the club, and a **mural** in Registrar Melissa Chase's office is also moving along with great progress.

Individual staff and notes:

Mrs. Nilda Keres and **Mrs. Teresa Lunceford** have both recently completed the **Skillful Teaching** course offered through MCPS.

Mrs. Nilda Keres recently visited **The Museum of Modern Art (MoMa)** in New York City. Among the artworks viewed were Vincent van Gogh's *Starry Night* and Andrew Wyeth's *Christina's World*. The **Sabor Latino Dance Team's** candy cane fundraiser under her direction was a huge success with profits of \$300. The group will be performing at the **National Children's Gala** which honors teacher of the year on April 21st.

Mr. Steve Walker is in the process of organizing the day-long **Photo Shoot** for March 27th. A recent trip to France allowed Walker to visit a **Jeff Koons** exhibit in Versailles.

Mrs. Anne Kramer is currently undertaking a **Virtual Fieldtrip** class.

Mrs. Teresa Lunceford and **Mr. James Rickard** have both begun classes toward a **Master's Degree** through **Penn State University**. The current is an online class called New Media Pedagogy.

Mr. James Rickard recently completed a **coaching** class through MCPS with hopes to continue assistant coaching Cross Country in the fall and helping with track in the spring.