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*To download high-resolution images for the Spring Draw-A-Thon visit [www.tcva.org](http://www.tcva.org)*

## DATES ANNOUNCED FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SPRING DRAW-A-THON

Boone, NC— Appalachian State University's Department of Art & the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts are teaming up once again to present the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Draw-a-thon** on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This event is free and open to all campus and community.

### **About the Draw-A-Thon**

The *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Draw-A-Thon* is an event that celebrates and promotes drawing, creativity, spontaneity, and artistic collaboration. Students, professors, and local artists (of all levels and ages) are invited to gather at the Turchin Center to draw from life models during a two-day event with the goal of creating a casual, fun atmosphere that is open to the curious novice, the devoted expert and every level in between. The Draw-A-Thon experienced great success during its inaugural event. Lily Lane, a participant in last year's event, said that it "was amazing! A great connection with the community!"

Attendees will have the option of drawing from life models (who will pose in rotation throughout the event), collaborating on a wall mural, working on personal sketches or drawing projects of their own designs. This two-day event will include many special model sessions that will be "all audience friendly" and a Portrait Drawing Session on Saturday afternoon from 2-3pm with a special guest. In addition, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Draw-a-Thon will be opening in the Mayer Gallery this year that will be set up with models and multiple activities for children of all ages. Further details will be made available in March 2011.

Registration for this event is not required, but encouraged. **Please contact TCVA's Visitor & Member Services to register- 828-262-3017.** Additional information and an event schedule may be found at [www.tcva.org](http://www.tcva.org).

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## **Draw-A-Thon Committee**

The Draw-A-Thon Committee consists of: Jason Watson- Drawing Professor, Department of Art; Brook Bower- Assistant Curator, Turchin Center; Cassie McDowell- Project Coordinator, Turchin Center; Neil Coleman- Project Coordinator; Pegge Laine- Education Outreach Coordinator; Sara Jerome- Sponsor Coordinator, (Appalachian Art Student); and Katie Ericson- Project Coordinator, AMO (Appalachian's Art Management Student).

## **DRAW-A-THON'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

**MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

*Participants are invited to be involved in the entire event or drop in as their schedule allows.*

### **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

3 p.m. Ceremonial "Kick off"  
3-5 p.m. Model Session  
5-8 p.m. Children's Drawing Session (Mayer Gallery)  
5-7 p.m. Model Session  
7-9 p.m. Model Session & Dinner  
11 p.m. -1 a.m. Model Session  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> Day

### **Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

9 a.m. Complimentary Coffee & Bagels  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Children's Drawing Session (Mayer Gallery)  
9-11 a.m. "All Audience Friendly" (Costumed Models)  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Model Session  
1-2 p.m. Lunch break  
2-3 p.m. Celebrity Portrait Session "All Audience Friendly" with Special Guest  
3-3:30 p.m. Salon-style Layout in gallery  
3:30-5:30 p.m. Participants & Guests Reception

## **About the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts**

The Turchin Center is located at 423 West King St., in Boone, NC. Hours are 10 AM-6 PM, Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday, and Noon – 8 PM, Friday. The Center is closed Sunday and Monday and observes all university holidays. There is no admission charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. For additional details about the Turchin Center or the upcoming exhibition program, please call 828/262-3017 or visit [www.tcva.org](http://www.tcva.org).