

The NJMC hosts Charlie Churchill in the Flyway Gallery for the Month of April.



Churchill employs a contemporary sense of realism and romantic sense of character in his landscapes, still-lives, and narrative figure compositions. The artist's works bear the distinction of his use of the meticulous, indirect oil-on-canvas technique of the Old-World masters in the style of the Northern European renaissance.

A Secaucus resident, Churchill has participated in numerous group shows in New York City and New Jersey over the past decade and his works hang in private and corporate collections throughout the United States and Europe. His seaside-themed murals adorn the walls of the landmark Blue Mill Tavern in New York's Greenwich Village. Churchill is currently a finalist for a mural commission for NJ Transit's Bayonne 22nd Street Station.

The artist is an adjunct professor at Lehigh University teaching figure drawing and painting and has studied with Steven Assael, Nancy Chunn, Vince Desiderio, Ted Schmidt, and Wade Schuman. He is a National Arts Club Edwin Gould Award winner and received the Ridgewood Art Institute Award from the Salmagundi Art Club. A reception for the artist is scheduled from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. April 5.

For more information, call (201) 460-8300 or log on to www.njmeadowlands.gov

Greetings from Chairman Doria

NJMC Ushers in New Era with the opening of the NJMC Center for Environmental and Scientific Education and William D. McDowell Observatory



All ends of the educational spectrum will be served by the Observatory, from grade-school students taking in the wonders of the universe through a telescope for the first time to students working on graduate theses and professors conducting research for publication.

The Observatory will also serve as a catalyst for sparking general public interest in astronomy and science. Public viewing sessions, coordination with local astronomy clubs, and a mentorship program are planned.

This spectacular facility will certainly inspire the next generation and serve as yet another important investment the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission is making in the continued resurgence of the Meadowlands.

Thank you.
Joseph V. Doria, Jr.

Commissioner,
New Jersey Department of
Community Affairs

Chairman, New Jersey
Meadowlands Commission

It brings me great pleasure to announce the official opening of the NJMC Center for Environmental and Scientific Education and William D. McDowell Observatory. This is quite an achievement for the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission. The new Center and Observatory will provide increased educational opportunities and experiences for the more than 40,000 people who visit the Meadowlands Environment Center annually.

The Observatory is named for the NJMC's first Executive Director, William D. McDowell, who devoted much of his life to improving the public good. Bill passed away in April of 2007 at the age of 80. Naming the Observatory after him is a fitting tribute for a man whose legacy of public service will long be remembered.

The Center shows first-hand the NJMC's proactive movement in addressing Governor Corzine's call to combat Global Warming and increase renewable energy sources.

The 10,000 square-foot facility, an expansion of the Meadowlands Environment Center (MEC), was built to the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. The Center's LEED features include rooftop solar panels, ceiling solar tubes, recycled building material and energy efficient heating, lighting and ventilation systems.

The Center is operated and staffed by Ramapo College of New Jersey, which provides comprehensive environmental education programs for students in grades K-12 that

supplement core curriculum content standards taught in schools. The NJMC Center for Environmental and Scientific Education will enhance the teaching abilities of Ramapo educators and allow students to learn by example how this building operates to be energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

Sitting in one of the Center's classrooms, the children will learn the importance of recycling, as they touch a countertop made from recycled materials. Also, by seeing how their classroom is lit by the natural light coming into the room through a solar tube in the ceiling or through the vast array of windows, the children will come to understand the concept of energy efficiency and alternatives to traditional power sources.

"Your Meadowlands" Show Two: Municipal Services

We hope you've had the chance to watch the latest endeavor the NJMC has taken on, producing our very own cable television show, Your Meadowlands.

The first show ran throughout the month of March. It focused on the NJMC – how the agency came to be and its role in the dramatic transformation of the Meadowlands Region.

This month's program focuses on services the NJMC provides to our District Municipalities. One service is GIS, or Geographic Information System. This service enables police, firefighters and other emergency services units to access a wide array of data as they respond to emergencies, giving crews a critical head-start. The mapping applications, created by the NJMC's Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute's GIS Group, include digital maps which contain multiple layers of data on everything from the contents of

industrial buildings and the location of fire hydrants to tax records and property boundaries.

Also in show two, we'll give you a tour of the new NJMC Center for Environmental and Scientific Education. We'll show you how this new facility is really a "Green" School and an important teaching model for Ramapo educators who run the educational programming component.

Finally, our second show will give viewers an in-depth look at the 15 mile-long Secaucus Greenway. NJMC Program Specialists and Landscape Architects will show how this project is helping people to get an up-close look at a recovering urban wetlands environment in action.

We look to "Your Meadowlands" as a tool to help increase public awareness about the NJMC. So sit back, turn up the volume and enjoy this next installment of "Your Meadowlands."



Time Warner	Channel 10	Mondays	7:00 pm
Comcast	Channel 190	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.
Union	Channel 190	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.
Jersey City	Channel 190	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.
Meadowlands			
Cablevision	Channel 78	Thursdays	7:30 p.m.
Oakland	Channel 118	Thursdays	7:30 p.m.
Bergen	Channel 18	Thursdays	8:00 p.m.
Hudson	Channel 18	Thursdays	8:00 p.m.
Bayonne			

Throughout the year on upcoming shows, we'll feature specific Meadowlands Municipalities and what the NJMC is doing to help improve the quality of life for people. So, stay tuned and please join us as we bring Your Meadowlands to your television.