



The Wrightsville Beach Museum of History

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Henry Jay MacMillan: Exhibits at Wrightsville Beach Museum, Cameron Art Museum, and Cape Fear Museum

Event: **An Afternoon with Henry Jay MacMillan**

Date: **Sunday, October 2, 2011**

Time: **2-6 PM**

Place: **Wrightsville Beach Museum, 303 West Salisbury Street, Wrightsville Beach**

Exhibit Description:

The Wrightsville Beach Museum invites you to an intimate afternoon as we view seldom-seen works by Henry Jay MacMillan from private collections. Visit the Wrightsville Beach Museum as art experts, family, and local friends of Henry Jay MacMillan share observations on his work and reminiscences of his life. Pieces from private, local collections will be shared during this afternoon event. Light refreshments on the porch. For more information call Wrightsville Beach Museum at 256-2569.

Henry Jay MacMillan was born in 1908 in Wilmington and spent most of his life here. Growing up downtown in a family that held art in high regard, Henry and his sister took art lessons from Elisabeth Chant. MacMillan studied art in New York City and Colorado and worked as an interior designer in New York and Washington, D.C. After serving in WWII as a combat artist and creating some of his most interesting art, MacMillan moved to New York where he taught at the Parsons School of Design. In 1956, he returned to Wilmington and his childhood home at 118 South Fourth Street. He painted landscapes and portraits from his studios in town and on Wrightsville Beach. He helped found and taught at Wilmington Museum of Art School, which is undergoing a revival at Cameron Art Museum as The Museum School. Henry Jay MacMillan died in 1991 at his family home.

Works in Wrightsville Beach Museum's exhibit are from private collections. The Macmillan family has worked with the museum to secure pieces, and a request for works for the event has been in the Star-News. Collaboration with Cameron Art Museum and Cape Fear Museum has added to the breadth of the event. On September 8, Cameron Art Museum will open their exhibit on Henry Jay MacMillan that will include pieces on loan from the Cape Fear Museum collection. This exhibit opening coincides with the start of the Fall session of The Museum School at Cameron Art Museum, of which Henry Jay MacMillan was a founder. Ann Brennan, Acting Director of Cameron Art Museum, will speak at the Wrightsville Beach Museum's An Afternoon with Henry Jay MacMillan. Cape Fear Museum plans a Henry Jay McMillan exhibit in 2012 or 2013.

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An afternoon with...

HENRY JAY MACMILLAN

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invites you to an afternoon with Henry Jay MacMillan,
sharing memories and seldom seen artworks.

October 2, 2011 ■ 2 pm to 6 pm ■ The Wrightsville Beach Museum of History, 303 W. Salisbury St.

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