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Biggs Museum Bus Trip to Arden, Delaware

The Biggs Museum is offering a bus trip to the Arden Craft Shop Museum in Arden, Delaware on Thursday, February 21. Arden was founded in 1900 by sculptor Frank Stephens and architect Will Price based on the Single Tax philosophy of Henry George, a political economist whose ideas were popular in America in the late 1800s. The land was and still is owned in common. Residents do not pay taxes on the houses they own but rather on the land they rent. In 1922, Ardentown was founded along similar lines, as was Ardencroft in 1950, when it also encouraged a racially-mixed community. Together, the three municipalities are called "The Ardens" but most residents think of their community as a single entity, "Arden." The name "Arden" comes from the wooded retreat described in Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and the community has been a retreat since it was founded. Theatre is and has been a mainstay, as have the arts, crafts and concerts. Arden is one of the artist communities that is featured in the Biggs Museum current exhibition Greetings from Delaware.

The Arden Craft Shop Museum curator, Sadie Summerville, will be leading the group through the museum. The bus will depart at 12 noon from the Biggs Museum parking lot at 406 Federal Street in Dover, Delaware and will return at 4:15 p.m. The cost for this trip is \$17 per person and includes transportation and museum entrance fees. Spaces are limited so please call Rebecca Cooper at 674-2111 ext. 101 to reserve your space today.

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The Biggs Museum is currently showcasing *Greetings from Delaware and Other Artist Communities* from November 7, 2007 through February 25, 2008. This exhibition features hand-made greeting cards by some of the most important Delaware and American artists of the first half of the twentieth century. Always on the first Saturday of each month, children ages 5-10 can participate in Biggs Kids. Biggs Museum of American Art, 406 Federal Street, Dover, DE, (302) 674-2111, www.biggsmuseum.org new hours: M-S 9-4:30 p.m., Sun. 1:30-4:30 p.m