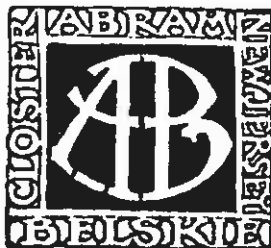


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PRESS RELEASE
NUMISMATICS: THE ART OF COINS & MEDALS
(SEPTEMBER 13- NOVEMBER 15, 2009)

The Martin Hicks Gallery at The Belskie Museum of Art & Science, Closter, N.J., proudly presents an exhibit of medallic art featuring the work of the late Abram Belskie from the museum's collection. The exhibition will include his drawings, working models and his cast medals and medallions. His numismatic work has been fully catalogued by the numismatic expert and writer, D. Wayne Johnson. Mr. Johnson is a member of American Medallic Sculpture Association, Medal Collectors of America and the Token and Medal Society. This exhibit and an accompanying brochure on Belskie's numismatic work compiled by Mr. Johnson, has been made possible by grants from The Bergen County Department of Parks- Division of Cultural Affairs, Capital One Bank and Van Pelt Foundation.

Abram Belskie (1907-1988) was an artist able to combine two disparate disciplines---art and medicine in which he won acclaim in both worlds. As a numismatic sculptor he has been praised and honored for his fifty medal series "Great Men of Medicine" issued by Presidential Art Medals, Inc. From 1952 to 1984 he designed over 130 medals and medallions. This Closter artist best describes his work as follows:

*"I like it because it combines both art & science. I don't think, really, there's any barrier between them.
If the combination was good enough for Leonardo Da Vinci, it's good enough for me."*

We are honored to also exhibit contemporary numismatics artists from the members of USA FIDEM (Federation Internationale de la Medaille d'Art) curated by Mishiko, delegate of USA FIDEM. FIDEM was established in 1937 to promote and diffuse the art of medals on an international level; to make the art known by increasing awareness of the art, history and technology of medals through its publications, exhibitions and international events.

Additional events including lectures and workshops are planned from October 4 thru November 15th which will be announced and publicized shortly. Please contact the museum and our website (www.belskiemuseum.com) for additional information.

Artist's Reception: Sunday, September 13 1-5pm
Free Admission
Museum Hours- Saturdays & Sundays- 1-5 PM
(Hours by appointment can be arranged)

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