

Art exhibit inspired by acclaimed still-life painter C.P. Ream

He was born in Sugar Grove in 1838 and given a most classical name, Cadurcis Plantagenet Ream. He found his greatest success in Chicago, and his still-life paintings were displayed in shows and galleries throughout the world. Before he died in 1917, one art journal called him "The King of Fruit Painters."

C.P. Ream and his work are the subject of the Fairfield Heritage Association's art show fundraiser, *Ream Revisited*, July 15-29 at the Georgian Museum. Curator Charles Shaw has brought together 11 paintings and prints by Ream and his talented brother Morston as well as paintings by 10 artists from the Sharon Weiss Gallery of Columbus.

Ten percent of sales during the show will go to the Fairfield Heritage, which owns and operates the Sherman House and Georgian museums; champions preservation and revitalization; and provides educational programming as part of its mission is to connect all people to the rich history of Fairfield County.

The artists are:

- * Amy Adams
- * Rick Akers
- * Amanda Cook
- * Anita Dawson
- * Rusty Fletcher
- * Fred Fochtman
- * Ruth Gless
- * David Jewell
- * Rachel Stern
- * and Steven Walker.

The show will include a C.P. Ream painting of a watermelon that has just been acquired by the Fairfield Heritage Association, thanks to the help of several donors.

The show opens at 6 p.m., Saturday, July 15, with a wine and cheese reception sponsored by Walker's Shoe Center. Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance.

A champagne brunch will be held at 11 a.m., Sunday, July 23, at the Georgian, with David Stark, chief curator of the Columbus Museum of Art, talking about "The Relevance of Ream." Tickets are \$35 per person and must be purchased in advance.

Tickets for both events are available online at www.fairfieldheritage.org and by phone at 740-654-9923.

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Photos below.



This painting by C.P. Ream was recently acquired by the Fairfield Heritage Association and is one of the paintings featured in the exhibit *Ream Revisited* at the Georgian Museum, July 15-29. Ten artists from the Sharon Weiss Gallery in Columbus have created paintings for the show.



This Ream painting of concord grapes is being offered for sale at the show.



Rick Akers' floral still-life painting will be in *Ream Revisited* at the Georgian Museum.