

Biggs Museum of American Art

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Picturing WWI: The American Illustration Collection of the Delaware National Guard

Dover, DE – The Biggs Museum is pleased to announce, *Picturing WWI: The American Illustration Collection of the Delaware National Guard*, featuring the work of professional Delaware illustrators, Frank E. Schoonover (1877-1972) and Gayle Porter Hoskins (1887-1962). *Picturing WWI* will open Friday, May 4 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in conjunction with Dover's *First Friday* festivities at the Biggs Museum of American Art. The exhibition is a rare opportunity to see this exceptional collection owned by the Delaware National Guard.

Frank E. Schoonover and Gayle Porter Hoskins are among Delaware's most famous illustrators of the early 20th century. In a time before televisions or even the widespread use of radio, Americans received their news and entertainment from popular magazines and illustrations. Both Schoonover and Hoskins were commissioned by one of America's most popular magazines, *The Ladies Home Journal*, to illustrate key events and scenes from WWI for thousands of readers.

Picturing WWI will be on display through June 24 at the Biggs Museum located at 406 Federal Street in Dover, Delaware. This exhibition is free to the public and all ages are welcome. For Museum hours please visit www.biggsmuseum.org.

About the Museum

The Biggs Museum seeks to serve a diverse public as a regional museum of fine and decorative arts, made from 1700 to present, representing the State of Delaware and the surrounding Mid-Atlantic region. The Biggs Museum engages audiences through a compelling program of temporary exhibitions and programming. The Biggs Museum encourages the development of creativity and an appreciation for art by offering a comprehensive slate of educational programming for all ages. The Biggs Museum of American Art is a private, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Saturday; 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Sunday; 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Admission: Biggs Museum is free to the public year-round. Fees may apply to certain programs and special events.

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