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## Shine Gratitude on the Neighborhood Art House

### Our Mission:

*The mission of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie's Inner-City Neighborhood Art House is to empower youth through creative experiences, to engage in positive self-expression, and to develop into confident and caring members of the community.*

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**The Inner-City  
Neighborhood Art House  
Welcomes you to:**

**TASTE OF THE ARTS 2025**  
*A Garden Party  
in Celebration  
of 30 Years*



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>  
BEGINNING AT 5PM**

**INNER-CITY NEIGHBORHOOD ART HOUSE  
201 EAST 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
ERIE, PA 16503**



# Program

5:00 ————— Cocktails and Food Stations, Student Art Sales

5:00 - 6:15 ————— Interactive Demonstrations

Art of Hair, Digital Animation, Embroidery Environment, Printmaking  
*Ruth, Christophe, Rohan, Kateryna, Maya, Savana, MacKenzie, Gemariah*

*Homeschool Table*

*Clara, Amy, Clementine*

5:00 - 7:00 ————— Silent Auction (note closing time)

6:35 Stage Program - Emcee - Sean Lafferty, WJET

**Welcome - Kelly Stolar, Executive Director**

**Student Performances**

**Drums & Violins Ensemble: Ms. Liz & Ms. Mary**

**Come Together by The Beatles**

*Dre, Nikolas, Leon, Marco, Romain, Brilynn, Jackson, Christophe, Monta'na, Elias, Rohan, Miya,  
Zayda, Ariane*

**Ballet: Ms. Hannah**

**Power by Vitamin String Quartet**

*Eve, Alleyah, Jackson, Jazielly, Melodi, Ramona*

**Ukulele: Miss Lucy**

**You Are My Sunshine by Christina Perri**

*Luke, Jaskson, Matthew, MacKenzie, Maryonna, Adrienne, Gemariah*

**Pom Dance 2: Miss Ari**

**Boom Boom Pow by Black Eyed Peas**

*Patricia, Brilynn, Ramona, Maliyah, MacKenzie, Kira*

**Pom Dance 1: Miss Ari**

**I Like It Like That by Pete Rodriguez**

*Amina, Jazielly, Yisabel, Kateryna*

**Sing: Miss Lucy**

**Just the Way You Are by Bruno Mars**

*Marco, Brilynn, Jackson, Elias, Maliyah, Ramona, Kira, Gemariah*

**Musical: Ms. Julie**

**Seize the Day" from Newsies Jr.**

*Ellie, Odric, Brilynn, Elias, Finnegan, Ramona, Gemariah*

**Instrumental Jam: Mr. Anthony**

**Piano/wooden tongue drum: " The Perfect Pair" by Beabadoobee, accompanied by visuals  
from this past summer's Animation Classes taught by Mr. Anthony**

*Marco, Kira*

**Step: Ms. Latisha**

**Nipsey Hussle - "Grinding All My Life" (Clean), Beyoncé, Shatta Wale, Major Lazer –**

**ALREADY**

*Nivyauna, Patricia, Ellie, Amina, Brilynn, Jackson, Aaliyah, Marielys, Ramona, Amelia, Maliyah,  
Ariane, Gemariah*

**Raffle, Silent Auction Winners & Benefit Drawing  
Closing - Thank you for attending!**

# Gallery Level

Teresa M. Brugger

Chinsky Family

Atty. Mark & Amy Denlinger

Mary Alice & Tom Doolin

John & Nancy Hilbert

Martha Hilbert

Larese Floral Design

Mercyhurst Preparatory School

Paula Michalegko & Chuck Guagliardi

Morris Coupling Company

Potratz Floral Shop & Greenhouse

RBC Wealth Management -

WatersEdge Wealth Advisors

Sharon & Shawn Rooney

Tim & Annalynn Shuttleworth

# Studio Level

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania

Birkmire Trucking/Big Box Rentals

Tom & Kathy Burik

Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Kathy & Jim Dammeyer

Loesel-Schaaf Insurance Agency, Inc.

Thomas J. Loftus Family

Lynn & Dale McBrier

WJET-TV

## Stage Level



Becky & Bill Hilbert

Mary Lincoln

Marco & Betsy Monsalve

Barbara Pollock

Stephen & Lalida Raj

The Erie Community Foundation

## Silent Auction Artists

### Douglas Bailey

**Medium – Mixed Media on Canvas**

**Name of Artwork – The Stream to Lake Erie**

**Retail Value - \$125**

**Starting Bid – \$75**

Raised on the shoreline on Lake Erie, Douglas is a self-taught artist heavily inspired by skateboarding street art and nature. [www.bailey814.com](http://www.bailey814.com)

### Christine Palotas Bowler

**Medium – Acrylic on Wood**

**Name of Artwork – Home Tweet Home**

**Retail Value - \$100**

**Starting Bid – \$50**

Chris has been an art teacher for over 30 years, most recently at Mercyhurst Prep for 17 years. Chris, her mother and sister all attended St. Benedict Academy and has been teaching at the Neighborhood Art House for 8 years for our Afterschool, Homeschool, Community Art, and Summer Programs. She was also part of the winning Art House Spelling Bee team this past year which also took 1st place for Best Costumes for a second year in a row. Chris says she looks to nature, especially the sky and landscape, for inspiration when painting.

### Kristen Daily

**Medium – Acrylic on Canvas**

**Name of Artwork – Barks, Brews, and Bubbles**

**Retail Value - \$300**

**Starting Bid – \$150**

Kristen Daily, Erie based artist, explores the human experience through multi-media art. The themes in her works shift over time reflecting her different life chapters. She paints to explore emotion, her views on the world, and finds a deeper appreciation of the things she loves. This piece was painted in Charlotte, NC at a brewery on a summer afternoon. It reflects the joys found in brewery culture that bring people together, sparking bubbles of joy. Barks, Brews, and Bubbles is 24" x 36". Dust with microfiber (lightly damp if needed), no solvents.

### Ben Davis

**Medium – Steel and Powder Coat**

**Name of Artwork – "Greetings from Erie, Pennsylvania" Fire Pit**

**Retail Value - \$500**

**Starting Bid – \$250**

Ben Davis of Gene Davis Sales & Service is a proponent of public art and has been involved in several public art projects throughout our community. "Greetings from Erie, Pennsylvania" Fire Pit is 14ga CRS CONSTRUCTION- LASER CUT / FORMED; Welded and Powder Coated w/ PPG HI TEMP POWDER COAT just waiting for you to take home for some great backyard campfires.

**Tom Edmunds**

**Medium – Oil on Mylar**

**Name of Artwork – City Harbor VI**

**Retail Value - \$250**

**Starting Bid – \$125**

**Medium – Oil on Mylar**

**Name of Artwork – Factory Town III**

**Retail Value - \$250**

**Starting Bid – \$125**

Tom Edmunds earned a BFA from Ohio State University, an MA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and pursued post-graduate studies in museum studies at New York University. He spent 35 years as a museum professional on the East Coast. Since moving to Meadville two years ago, he has been lecturing on global art and architectural history at Gannon University in Erie, PA. His artwork is in private collections in NY, MA, ME, FL, and PA. It has been exhibited in art galleries and cultural centers in and around NYC, Boston, Maine, Fort Lauderdale, and most recently in Pittsburgh. Both City Harbor VI and Factory Town III are 16" x 20" framed.

**Evan Everhart**

**Medium – Steel**

**Name of Artwork – Great Lakes**

**Retail Value - \$500**

**Starting Bid – \$250**

Evan Everhart is a self-taught metal sculptor, creating art full-time for over 20 years. He gained experience with metal working at a local steel company for 10 years. Passion for the arts and nature led him to create art from steel, challenging himself to transform scrap metal into a strong and attractive art form. His artwork ranges from both figurative and abstract, to small and large-scale sculptures that convey the beauty of nature using unattractive, discarded materials. Great Lakes is 20" x 20" for indoor only – wall piece.

**Joey Grego donated by Anne Poux**

**Medium – Acrylic Reproduction taken from Original Painting**

**Name of Artwork – Over Miami Beach**

**Retail Value - \$150**

**Starting Bid - \$75**

Joey Grego leaves behind many dear family and friends here in Erie and beyond. His family and friends refer to Joey's current address as "God's Painting Gallery." The acrylic replica is just one of many beautiful pieces Joey created in his lifetime. "Over Miami Beach" measures 5" X 7" and 1" thick. It can be displayed vertically or horizontally. Please care for this piece by wiping it clean with a microfiber cloth.

## Museum Level



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## Museum Level



### Susan Leri

Medium – Photography

Name of Artwork – The Butterfly

Retail Value - \$75

Starting Bid - \$50

Medium – Photography

Name of Artwork – The Creek

Retail Value - \$75

Starting Bid - \$50

Medium – Photography

Name of Artwork – Shades Beach

Retail Value - \$75

Starting Bid - \$50

Medium – Photography

Name of Artwork – The Kiss

Retail Value - \$75

Starting Bid - \$50

Since retiring, Sue has had the pleasure of actively pursuing her interests; photography, painting, and gardening. What she loves most is giving what she creates and grows away. Volunteering at the Art House has brought Sue great joy.

### Geoff McCreary

Medium – Wood and Repurposed Farming/Industrial Items

Name of Artwork – Odd Bird

Retail Value - \$300

Starting Bid - \$150

Geoff McCreary's background includes a college degree and four years of military service. He spent his working career as a commercial roofer. Through the years, Geoff took courses in woodcarving, jewelry, and ceramics. All his creations now make use of stone, wood, beach glass, and metal. His work usually begins with one found object, usually hidden under layers of rust, grease, paint, etc. In this case, Odd Bird started with two cart wheels. Everything gets a couple coats of Danish oil, tung oil, or polyurethane. Care for Odd Bird mentions that if left outside it will deteriorate over time.



**Penelope Miller****Medium – Pastel****Name of Artwork – Trout Fishing****Retail Value - \$350****Starting Bid - \$175****Medium – Mixed****Name of Artwork – Matthew 7:24,25****Retail Value - \$125****Starting Bid - \$75****Medium – Pastel****Name of Artwork – Conch****Retail Value - \$115****Starting Bid - \$75****Medium – Mixed****Name of Artwork – Life is a Road****Retail Value - \$110****Starting Bid - \$75****Medium – Mixed****Name of Artwork – Follow the Path****Retail Value - \$100****Starting Bid - \$50**

Penelope "Penny" Miller lived in Erie and taught summer workshops at the Neighborhood Art House when Sister Anne Wambach was the Program Director. Perhaps someone will remember the giant paper mâché giraffe or the first time the children used the folding wooden easels? Penny frequently sold artwork at Kada Gallery and has since moved to Columbus, OH and wanted to share her works for Taste of the Arts to benefit the programs she still cares deeply about.

**Robert Isenberg donated by Karen & Jim Strub****Medium – Pottery****Name of Artwork – Angel****Retail Value – \$500****Starting Bid – \$250**

This 33-inches tall by 14.5 inches wide ceramic vessel has been donated from the art collection of Karen and Jim Strub. It is a one-of-a-kind creation by artist and potter, Bob Isenberg, formerly of Grove City who passed into his next life in January. We are blessed to have received one of Bob's pieces which are in collections all over the world. We have chosen the title of "Angel" for all the reasons above.

**Santa's Helpers****Medium – Woodworking****Name of Artwork – 8 Assorted Hand-Crafted Oak Toys****Retail Value - \$250****Starting Bid – \$125**

Santa's Helpers is a volunteer group who are makers of fine wooden toys that dedicate their time year-round to creating beautiful and functional works of art for local children and charities. Much tender loving care goes into each piece to be played with and enjoyed for many years to come!

**Amelia & NAH Summer Crochet Class****Medium – Arm Knitting & Finger Crocheting****Name of Artwork – Fireside Throw & Teddy Bear Blanket****Retail Value - \$250****Starting Bid – \$125**

The Fireside Throw Arm Knit Blanket made w/Eddie Bauer Big Yarn, was made in a week's time by Neighborhood Art House student, Amelia, specially for Taste of the Arts. And while Amelia made her blanket on her own, Ms. Hannah's summer crochet class spent parts of their class time finger crocheting this Teddy Bear Blanket. Both blankets are sure to keep you warm and cozy which will also be accompanied home by their wooden blanket stand for you to keep your winning pieces ready to use and beautifully displayed.

**Caelin McDaniel & NAH Clay Class****Medium – Pottery****Name of Artwork – Abstract****Retail Value- \$100****Starting Bid - \$50****Medium – Pottery****Name of Artwork – Texture****Retail Value- \$100****Starting Bid - \$50****Medium – Pottery****Name of Artwork – Scenery****Retail Value- \$100****Starting Bid - \$50**

Each of the three clay vessels seen on display are double sided with a different design feature depending on your mood. Ms. Caelin's clay class spent parts of their class time first creating each vase, firing them in the kiln and then painting and glazing to finish with a final firing. Each item is unique and able to be bid on individually or as you can see – they make a beautiful set for display in your home. Don't forget to check out the other side in which they all coordinate beautifully together.

**Experience #1:****Marquette Savings Bank****Medium – MLB Guardian Baseball Game****Name of Artwork – 4 Tickets to 2026 Guardians Game in Cleveland, OH****Retail Value- \$300****Starting Bid - \$150**

The winner of the Cleveland Guardians Baseball Game will receive a certificate and details to contact the host, Marquette Savings Bank, to arrange for (4) tickets to a 2026 home game.

**Thank you to everyone who  
contributed to the Silent Auction!**