

Donors Making a Difference

Guitar Donated in Memory of Scott Robinson

Recently the Art House received a donation from the Robinson family, in memory of Scott. In their words, he wanted as many people as possible to have access to music. They



are grateful to supply the Art House with a brand new acoustic/electric guitar and continue Scott's dream of exposing everyone to music.

Youth Garden Grant



supplies. The garden towers were assembled with the help of Ann Quinn, and Sr. Pat's garden students at the Art House.

Ann Quinn and Sr. Pat Lupo joined forces in applying for the 2022 Youth Garden Grant, and the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House was selected as a winner! The Art House is one of five Garden Tower Specialty Winners. This package includes two garden towers, cash prize, seeds, and additional gardening

Erie African-American Affinity Network: Art Supply Drive Held In Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Many thanks to our friends in the Erie African-American Affinity Network, who organized an art supply drive in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day! Working with local groups that deal with diversity and inclusion is something the Art House always strives to do.



We are excited to announce that Jim Toohey will be the Honorary Chair of Taste of the Arts this year! Jim has graciously accepted this role in memory of his late wife, Mary Ann Toohey, who was a founding member of the Neighborhood Art House. Be sure to mark your calendar for September 13th at 5pm!

MEMORIAL

A special thank you to the families of Thomas Teets and Captain Dan Geary for designating a memorial to the Neighborhood Art House in their memory.

WISH LIST

- Gift cards to stores that sell art supplies, healthy snacks, personal care items or general office supplies
- An old blender
- Poly fill
- Individually packaged healthy snacks
- Sunflower seeds
- Potting Soil
- Heat press vinyl



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What's New



Rita Bagnoni

New Bookkeeper

Rita spent 22 years serving our country in the U.S. Navy. Upon retirement in 1998, she worked in a variety of roles and organizations. In 2017, she retired from the Erie Veterans Affairs Medical Center, where she worked for the Office of Performance and Quality. Rita worked at the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House as a part-time housekeeper in 2018, and has had a heart for the work being done here ever since. When offered the part-time bookkeeping position, she eagerly accepted the opportunity to work again with the staff and support the families and youth we serve.

Executive Director

Kelly Stolar, CFRE

Program Director

Lourdes Jasso

Community Art Director

Sarah Everett, MFA

Administrative Assistant

Alexis Snedeker



New Teacher

Alex grew up in Erie performing, taking private vocal lessons, and participated in many theatrical programs at the Erie Playhouse. At Howard University she pursued a Theatre Arts Minor while taking choral and ensemble courses. Alex's unique theatrical experiences include working in the costume shop, producing a Cabaret to raise funds for the Autism Society-NWPA, and taking a professional training course at Signature Theatre in Arlington, VA. Alex is currently teaching a Musical Theatre class and is excited to have joined the Art House staff!



Alexandria Coles

DATES OF NOTE

- April 9 Second Saturday, 10am
- May 11 Open House, 5:30pm
- May 14 Art & Sole 5K Run/Walk, 9am;
1k Youth Run, 9:45am/Second Saturday, 10am
- June 20 - July 22 Summer Term
- September 13 Taste of the Arts: Passport to the Arts, 5pm

Spring 2022

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR



benefit for the Neighborhood Art House

Join us as we bring back our annual Art & Sole 5k Run/Walk as an in-person event this year!

This year's annual race benefitting the Neighborhood Art House will be held May 14th, starting at 9am, here at the Neighborhood Art House. There will be a youth race to follow, starting at 9:45am!



Registration is now live at: getmeregistered.com/ArtSole5k and will remain open until May 13th, at 9am. Register early to secure your race shirt created by one of our very own student artists.

We can't wait to see everyone! There will be new activities, new artwork prizes, and lots of fun. Be sure to bring your family and friends, and help us to inspire a better future through the arts!



Kids Corner

New Classes for Winter/Spring:

Dance Movement with Alexis Snedeker:

Students are learning basic dance movements that translate to almost all dance genres.



Aubree, 10, James, 11, Myracle, 11

Musical Theatre with Alexandria Coles:

The students are learning about theatre repertoires, a few dance moves and are working on ensemble building activities both in groups and pairs.

Visiting Artist: Amanda Browder, Brooklyn, NY

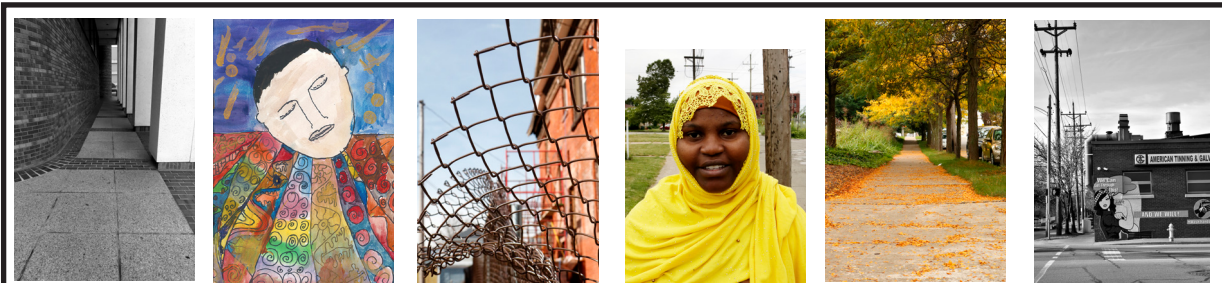


The students were proud of their finished project!

Students painted large pieces of fabric, listened to Amanda's artist talk and helped sew their painted fabric pieces into a large fabric installation which we hung on the outside of the building. So many thanks go to Amanda Browder for bringing her energy and vision to the Art House!



Congratulations to our student winners in the Women's Club of Erie Art Show!



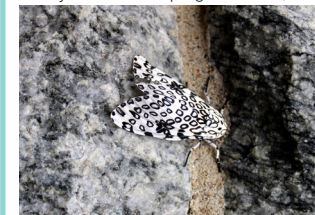
Lydia, 8



Yeslian, 15, Espoir, 12, Aubree, 10



"Wire you were sleeping" - Yeslian, 15



"Camo moth" - Celeste, 14

Two of our photography students, Celeste, and Yeslian, won first place in their category for the Erie County Public Library's Teen Winter Photo Contest!

Amanda Browder's projects are large-scale fabric installations that are draped over large-scale buildings or structures. They are a celebration of location, community, sustainability and the self-beautification of a town.

Out in the Community

Family Fun Night

The Art House hosted its first Valentine's Day themed Family Fun night in February which was open to students and families. Families decorated tote bags or made embossed hearts and played board games together. Special thanks to Tim Hortons and Little Caesars for sponsoring this event!



Community Art Director, Sarah Everett, helps students Liana and Zarina with their craft.



NAH Teacher, Chris Bowler made a beautiful necklace!

Jewelry Making Workshop

In February we hosted a jewelry making workshop to thank volunteers, teachers and board members for their service to the Art House. Participants chose their own beads, and had the opportunity to make a necklace and a pair of earrings! Due to the positive response, we will be offering jewelry classes for community members in the near future.



March Adult Classes

March was the pilot program for community class offerings, with a series of Tuesday Feeling Fit Classes, as well as Thursday workshops featuring different Art House teachers sharing their art forms. We can't wait to continue offering these classes, and keep the community involved!



Events to Look Forward to...

New initiatives to look out for include a series called "Second Saturday's". These will take place on the second Saturday of the month, from April through November. Weekday art lessons and open studio time will become available to adults each month, as well as occasional evening and weekend programs. To learn about upcoming classes, be sure to check the Art House's Instagram or Facebook accounts and our website at neighborhoodarthouse.org

Teachers and Volunteers

Lynne Elia: Front Desk Receptionist

I have been involved with the Art House for over a decade. Initially serving on their Advisory Board. The past six years I have also taken on an additional role as a part-time receptionist. A much more "hands-on" experience that I thoroughly enjoy! I get to observe first hand the dedication of the staff and their genuine desire to help the youth. I cannot imagine a more supportive environment in which youth feel confident and safe to express themselves. The Art House provides a superior enrichment experience where they learn, grow, and thrive. For me, the Art House is like a steadfast friend... one who has their heart and doors always open.

Looking for a way to get involved with the Art House? We are always looking for more volunteers! There are many volunteer opportunities including: assisting in classes, participating in our Hooked on Books for Kids Program, teaching a workshop or class, and many more opportunities. To learn more, email Lourdes Jasso at ljasso@neighborhoodarthouse.org or give us a call to get started!



Rhonda Berlin: Music Coordinator

Rhonda is a life-long musician and educator. She works as a ballet pianist at Mercyhurst University and a Music Director at Summit Methodist Church. She teaches piano, voice and Little Flutes and prides herself on designing customized lessons for every student. In addition to working as Music Director for Erie Playhouse Youth theatre shows, she appears frequently in the Orchestra pit.



From Kelly's Desk

I stand and applaud the many women before me who have so tirelessly laid the foundation for a well-planned and executed arts program for the inner-city youth of Erie. I have great respect for every person that has helped over the past 26 plus years to make the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House what it is today. The Art House has a long history of culture not only within its walls but one that extends far beyond. Its impact is evident. I look forward to our new ideas for additional youth programming and for our adult community. The Neighborhood Art House culture exemplifies the realities of people working together every day inspiring a better, happier, and healthier Erie through the arts. We hope you will try something new with us in 2022!



Coming Soon...

- April 7**
Introduction to Relief Printmaking
- April 9**
Second Saturday:
Paper cranes & crafting
- April 30**
Re-Leaf Arbor Day Event
- May 14**
Second Saturday:
Chalk art, face painting & rock painting