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# Taste of the Arts 2021 was a Huge Success!

Congratulations to everyone who helped to make this year's Taste of the Arts 2021 proceeds higher than any since 2010! We could not do this alone and the adage "It takes a village... could not be truer. From our sponsors to our silent auction artists, from our donors to our students, from our committee

members to our faculty and staff. our success is purely a reflection of you and your affinity for the Art House. Our thanks and admiration



go out to each of you, and we hope you will come back again next year for what we believe will be a culmination of Taste of the Arts past and present. Cheers to you!

# Our Wishes

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- Individually packaged healthy snacks (no peanuts please)
- Gift cards to stores that sell art supplies. healthy snacks, personal care or general office supplies
- Sunflower seeds

# for 2022

- Fiber fill

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# Joining the Team

#### New Art Liaison/Coordinator



Jen hails originally from Hawaii, though more recently from MA. Jen holds an undergraduate degree in art, and graduate degrees in Theology and Divinity. An enthusiastic am-

ateur musician, she plays trumpet and French horn. She joined the Erie Benedictines in 2019, taking first vows in 2021.

Through the Benedictines, Jen was a frequent presence at the Art House, an occasional teacher and is excited to be joining the staff.

#### New Teacher



to Video students

learned the technique of sampling from existing videos to create a new video while using the editing program iMovie on an Apple

#### New Administrative Assistant

Roland

new class

"Intro-



Alexis Snedeker

Erie to attend Mercyhurst University Alexis is excited to be joining the Art House as a full-time staff member. She hopes to help continue to expose children to the arts in a safe and welcoming environment.

**Beauty** 

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Alexis is an Erie

native, where she

danced at Lake

Erie Ballet and Erie

Dance Conserva-

tory, which allowed

her to arow up in-

volved in the arts.

She remained in

#### As 2021 comes to a close, we wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.



Winter 2021

# **NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR**







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# **Giving Thanks**

Dreams are the seeds of change. Nothing ever grows without a seed, and nothing ever changes without a dream. Debby Boone



### Sr. Annette Marshall, OSB, Retires as Executive Director



Sr. Annette is surprised at her retirement party

The Art House bid farewell to Executive Director Sr. Annette Marshall. OSB on October 15th, after eleven years. She was named as Executive Director by Sr. Anne Wambach in 2010. She came to the Art House after being the Executive Director of Earth Force, Associate Director of the Second Harvest Food Bank, plus teaching and administrative positions in a number of elemen-

tary and high schools in the area. Sister Annette now returns to working in environmental advocacy, a longtime passion. The Art House community fondly sends Sister Annette off with many thanks for her years of leadership and dedicated service.

#### Kathy Burik Receives Award

The Inner-City Neighborhood Art House has been blessed with Kathy's expertise through her involvement on our Women's Core Committee. As an active board member, Kathy has served on the development committee, chair of the nominating committee, plus she is currently the marketing committee chair. Most notably, Kathy initiated the overhauling of our newsletter, and was key in establishing our first-ever annual appeal. On November 16th, Kathleen Burik was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Northwestern PA chapter at their National Philanthropy Day Celebration held at Gannon University. Congratulations, Kathy!

# Sr. Peg Pilewski, OSB, Retires as Program Director

Friday, December 10th, marked the end of the Art House Fall semester, and the end of an era. Sr. Margaret Anne (Peg) Pilewski, an accomplished ceramics artist and photographer, had been a presence at the Art House since its begin-



ning. She was named as the Art Coordinator in 1996 by then Program Director, Sr. Anne Wambach, and later in 2010 was named Program Director also by Sr. Anne Wambach. Sr. Peg served at the Neighborhood Art House for 27 years, and while she will be missed, we know that she will enjoy her retirement working on her artwork and in her store, Chapter 57 at the Mount.

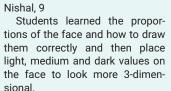


# Inspiring a Better Future through the Arts















Estella, 14, paints on a rock af-

ter the field trip.



with six different bikes.

Romona, 7

Hoop Dancing

# Ringing in 2022

### Congratulations to the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House's New Leadership Team!

Sarah Everett, MFA **Community Art Director** 



Sarah will be using her skills gained over the past 9 years at the Art House as well as her education in the arts to begin planning and implementing daytime, evening, and weekend programming. She will also be coordinating artwork submissions for community events and art shows. Sarah's newly created position will expand the reach of the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House to new participants through some exciting new offerings.

#### **Lourdes Jasso Program Director**



Lourdes has accepted the Program Director's position from which Sr Peg Pilewski recently retired. Lourdes has dedicated 13 years working for the Neighborhood Art House and served as the Associate Program Director under Sr Peg. Lourdes will continue in her role and assume the Program Director's role as well to maintain the daily operations of our afterschool and summer programs. She will also oversee all volunteers and instructors involved with the afterschool and summer programs.

#### Kelly Stolar, CFRE **Executive Director**



Kelly will be following Sr Annette Marshall's leadership as the new Executive Director and will also maintain her Development Director responsibilities. Kelly is thrilled to continue the journey of her love of the arts together with her fundraising career. She enjoys sharing firsthand experiences on how the arts can impact a student's life. She is equally passionate in discussing why supporting programs such as the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House

are meaningful and significant. These conversations come naturally for her and come from the heart. Kelly feels privileged to be entrusted with the Executive Director's position and she looks forward to what the future holds.

#### "Erie Makes"



The Erie County Public Library introduced a new initiative this year called 'Erie Makes.' Art House Instructors Sarah Everett and Jonilee Hlusko held a workshop and taught participants how to make wind chimes and suncatchers with driftwood, beads and found objects.

#### DATES OF NOTE

January 10, 2022 - May 13, 2022 Winter/Spring Term May 14, 2022 Art and Sole 5K



Soniya 9 Watercolor and glue