Special Projects Enhance Learning

Class projects teach more than the skills of the medium. Social skills such as working together, courtesy, peer leadership, communication and working toward a common purpose come to the forefront.

Upcycled Art

“What is that hanging in the garden?” you might ask as you drive by the Art House. Created in the manner of Chihuly, the famous glass sculpture artist who works in huge dimensions, it is the work of the Fun With Acrylics class. However, the sculpture is made of plastic bottles, not glass. This project class directed by Mary Kay Geary is just one of the many “upcycled art” projects recently conducted with a $2,000 grant from Erie Arts and Culture.

Vertical Garden

When Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful announced its 25 in 25 initiative to award up to $1,000 for 25 community improvement projects across the state, Sr. Pat Lupo jumped at the chance to present her plan to have the children construct and maintain a Green Wall (Vertical Garden) at the Art House. Darlene Feeny, retired educator, and Master Gardener’s Ed Torres and Dan Hall assisted the children with the design and construction. Additional assistance was provided by Dienes Ponti, Erie School District and Pennwest/Mead who provided the plants to embellish the garden on the fence at the east side of the property. The pollinator garden with native flowers and native butterflies occupies the top position; the remainder of the garden is grass astroturf, lettuce, bush beans, and several varieties of tomatoes, kale, chives, and onions.

Going to the dogs

The children of Sarah Everett’s printmaking class presented several handmade colorful bandannas to the A.N.N.A. Shelter. The intention was that these bandannas, stamped with the Art House logo and the words Handmade with love by a student, were to be worn by shelter dogs as they were adopted and moved to their “forever home.” When Ruthie Thompson, Director of the A.N.N.A. Shelter, heard about the project, she was thrilled to speak to the children she brought with her – three young dogs with her, welcome guests to be sure!

Wearable Art

The visiting dogs each got to wear a bandana back to the shelter.

Winter/Spring Term at the Neighborhood Art House

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From the Desk of Sr. Annette

When they’re making lemonade, some students may look to the consumer side of the equation, saying things like “We’re making lemonade. We should have a very tasty lemonade!” but, if we all squeeze those lemons hard enough, we might have what is needed to arrive in time for two full classes. It’s not ideal, but, Pfeiffer-Burleigh elementary students will be able to have a bit more time to get their supplies, and children from other elementary schools will be able to arrive in time for their full classes. These are some pretty significant lemons, though, aren’t they? How do you react to it,” (Charles R. Swindoll) the joy these experiences in the last few years will enable them to do on their own.

Here at the Art House we find ourselves in much the same place. Our major lemons (Pfeiffer-Burleigh no longer include grades 6-8) meaning that most of our older students would be at a much greater distance, and demand for the elementary schools will be much later, well past our ordinary program starting time. These are some pretty significant lemons! What kind of lemonade could we make? After weighing our options, a schedule change has been made (see below). Where is a lemonade? Because of the later start time, children from our other elementary schools will be able to arrive in time for the first period of classes, something that has been nearly impossible for them. Our middle school students will indeed have a bit more time to get to the Art House from their middle schools. Our Pfeiffer-Burleigh elementary students will be able to arrive in time for our full classes. It’s not ideal, but, it is a new opportunity to use these lemons as hard as we can, and, perhaps, make a greater lemonade from the lemons of their own.

He sends you his way.

Fall 2017 Program Schedule

DATES OF NOTE
July 24 & 25 and August 4 & 5
Acrylic Painting Classes for Adults

July 30
First class: 8:00 – 9:00 am
Second class: 9:15 – 10:15 am
Third class: 10:30 – 11:30 am
Fourth class: 11:45 – 12:45 pm
Fourth class: 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Fifth class: 2:15 – 3:15 pm

Fall Program Begins
September 12
Taste of the Arts, 5:30 pm

MEMORIALS
A special thank you to the family of Gloria Pikasek for designating memorials to the Neighborhood Art House in her memory.

DONOR CORNER
Art program improvements and supplies needed.

SPRINTIDE SITES - SAVE ART
On April 4, employees of the local Springleaf Sites arrived at the Neighborhood Art House with boxes and boxes of classroom art supplies provided by Skeet and Skeet. The program is a success, thanks to wonderful ideas, and the children and teachers of this donation. The next step is to donate art supplies for the Skeet and Skeet program.

For more information, visit the Neighborhood Art House.

Fall 2017 Program Schedule

DATE: August 8, 2017
Art & Sole 5K

TIME: 7:00 am – 10:00 am

REGISTRATION: Online at ArtHouse.org

REGISTRATION: $30 includes entry fee (adults) and $15 includes entry fee (children). Registration closes July 30th.

On August 8, 2017, the Neighborhood Art House will host its 10th Annual Art & Sole 5K Run/Walk event. The event will benefit neighborhood organizations.

The event will begin at the Neighborhood Art House, located at 1906 E. 12th St., Erie, Pa. 16501.

The event will feature a 5K Run/Walk, a 1 Mile Fun Run for kids, and an after-party.

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