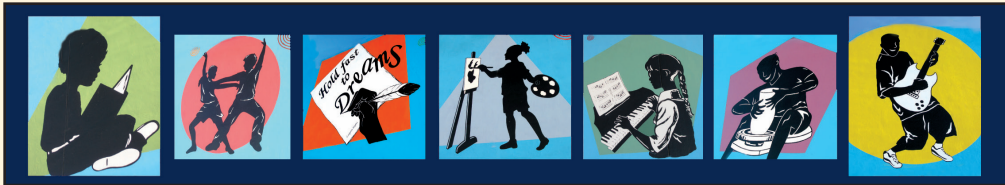


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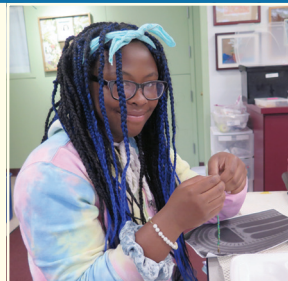
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The sounds of the summer program emanate from the walls and outside in nature



Strumming of ukuleles  
Tearing newspaper  
Ringing of notes on the piano  
Stretching nylons to create sculptures  
Scratching ground to plant  
Splashing in the creek  
Beating of drums  
Clicking of knitting needles  
Gliding paint on paper  
Humming of readers' voices  
Clicking of camera shutters  
Snipping tiles for mosaics  
Carving linoleum blocks  
Whirr of sewing machines  
Giggles, laughter, excited chatter of children  
As they explore engineering, poetry, watercolor, mosaics, Bookbinding, clay and creating art out of trash  
Moving to music and stretching the body  
Seeing with new eyes—reimagining the ordinary  
Making memories and new friends



5 week summer program gone in a flash.

Poem author Sr. Margaret Ann Pilewski, OSB, Program Director

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE 2019:

## Taste of the Arts

Sept. 10, 2019 • 5 p.m. • 201 E. 10th St., Erie, Pa.



Nhu Tran (age 11), this year's featured student artist, is proud to show Tammy Batchelor and Lisa Chinsky the wine rack cabinet that she painted for this year's live auction.

The Taste of the Arts planning committee most ably chaired by **Annalynn Shuttleworth, Lisa Chinsky and Tammy Batchelor**, is "cooking up" a spectacular evening of fun and food for *The Arts . . . Our Secret Ingredient*. Keeping with the culinary theme, the students have been preparing ice dyed aprons and painted spoon rests, trivets and painted wooden spoons to give you an opportunity to do some early holiday shopping. A well-rounded Silent Auction will have something for everyone, from fine art pieces donated by local artists, to fine

dining prepared and served by our co-chairs.

The early evening features student demonstrations of some of their art classes; this will be followed by a brief program including performances in music and dance by the children. Of course, the food stations and bar will be open all evening.

Be sure to put this September 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm event on your calendar and invite your friends and family to spend this special evening at the Neighborhood Art House.

### Lourdes Jasso Honored



If you have seen the photography produced by Lourdes Jasso's students, you know the amazing talent that she has in helping children find beauty in the most ordinary places. Her students have won numerous awards giving testimony to the quality of all aspects of the photography program here at the Neighborhood Art House.

The Erie Reader named Lourdes one of Erie's 40 Under 40. In her own words as quoted in the Erie Reader article "Born in Mexico and raised in the inner city of Chicago, my greatest achievement is still the day I received my B.A. in Photography. I knew then that I was going to be able to change the lives of inner-city youth with the same art form that saved my life from the streets of Chicago." This you are doing, Lourdes. Heartiest congratulations!

Photo courtesy of Maitham Basha-Agha/Erie Reader

### Art Competition Awards



**Best of Show** in the Youth category at the Gertrude Barber Center's Art Showcase was awarded to Yeslian (age 11) for her block print *Safe at Home*. This print features three baby foxes comfortably crowded in a tree hollow. Yeslian is one of fifty-six Art House students who submitted 82 pieces of work, many of which were honored with first, second and honorable mention awards.

Anastasia (age 9) produced this colored pencil & marker depiction of the effect of dumping on the oceans. It was chosen by NOAA (The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration) for inclusion in their 2020 calendar. "It's a great way to speak about the environment through art, said Sarah Everett, Art House teacher. Congratulations, Anastasia!"



### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Sole Another Successful Year

At the close of the very successful 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Sole, committee members took a moment to congratulate Bella (Age 10) for her design for this year's race shirt. Bella was one of 32 NAH students who submitted drawings for this first-ever student-designed event shirt. Committee members (front row l-r): Kelly Stolar, NAH Development Director, Megan Henry, Matt Catrabone, event co-chair, and Shannon Wiertel; back row: Jeff Shaw, race logistics coordinator, Mike Agresti, Bella, Christina Katen, event co-chair, Sister Annette Marshall, NAH Executive Director, and Trevor Nash. Absent when the picture was taken was Ashleigh Montagna.



Now in its 3rd year, the Fun Run is just that - fun for the children twelve and under who ran, and equally enjoyable for the adults that cheered them on in this 1k run held just for them.



## From the Desk of Sr. Annette

Some are square, some round, some crescent or tear-drop. They may be midnight blue, lime green, brilliant yellow, muted tan. Each is beautiful in its own right. Together, though, the mosaic that they create paints a picture unlike any other. Each piece is judiciously selected and carefully placed. Some may need to be trimmed, some are perfect the way they are. The mosaic is *more than the sum of the parts*.

This phrase was first coined by the philosopher Aristotle and aptly defines the modern concept of synergy. For anyone who has played team sports, it echoes the T.E.A.M. acronym—together, everyone achieves more.

Whether creating the three mosaics that will grace the east garden at the Art House, or pooling all the painting and cutting of plastic bottles to create a Chihuly-like sculpture, or together planting the wall garden, the children found that working together is more productive than working alone.

In a culture that often stresses individual accomplishment over communal endeavors, it is a good life lesson for all of us.

*Sister Annette*



**INNER-CITY NEIGHBORHOOD Art House** Tuesday, August 13th  
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.



**Spread the Word**  
Your gift will provide classes in the performing arts to hundreds of students!

<https://www.eriegives.org/organizations/inner-city-neighborhood-art-house>

## New Neighborhood Art House Sign Installed



The Neighborhood Art House sign that had long been a dream is now a reality. The identification portion of the sign features the new Art House logo; the message section will display information of upcoming events, notices, and inspirational messages. The first message read: *We love our new sign! Thank you to ECGRA, Erie Insurance, and the Blake Family Foundation.*

## MEMORIAL

A special thank you to the family of  
**David C. Waldinger**  
Died - May 14, 2019  
for designating memorials to the  
Neighborhood Art House in his memory.

## DATES OF NOTE

August 6 Discover Your Inner Artist  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
August 15 Registration for  
Fall Program Begins  
September 3 Fall Term classes begin  
**September 10 5:00 pm Taste of the Arts**

## Discover Your Inner Artist

Treat yourself to an evening “just for you.” Make new friends as you explore drawing with chalk pastels. Whether you have used this medium previously or it is all new to you, you’ll find the soft effect of pastels to be a medium like no other.

This Chalk Pastels class for adults is an opportunity to try your hand at a new medium and/or continue to build your drawing skills. Students work at their own pace in a non-threatening environment as each one is coached by their instructor, Mary Kay Geary. It’s great fun!

Additional information and on-line registration is available on our website, [neighborhoodart-house.org/events](http://neighborhoodart-house.org/events). You may also register by telephone at 455-5508.

### Discover Your Inner Artist: Pastels

Date: August 6  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Cost: \$25.00



*Drawing Spring Flowers* attracted both adults who had had some drawing experience in high school, and those with none. They were happy to show off the beautiful drawings they produced in just two hours with the assistance of Art House teacher, Jonilee Hlusko.

## Donor Corner



## Nine local companies show their support through EITC contributions

Nine companies generously contributed to the Art House through Pennsylvania’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program this year: C A Curtze Co., Erie Insurance, KnoxLaw, MacDonald Illig Attorneys, Marquette Savings Bank, MaxPro Technologies, Plastikos, Inc., PNC Bank, and Scott’s Splash Lagoon, Inc.

EITC is a way for businesses to enrich educational opportunities for students and earn tax credits by donating to an Educational Improvement Organization. The current EITC



contributions for this year’s Fall of ‘18 - May of ‘19 application period is a rousing \$135,183.00!

**The Art House** was also awarded an additional \$85,754 through a number of grants including the Northwestern Pennsylvania Food Council for \$30,021.82, RBC-USA Regional Grant for \$2,500, and The Erie Community Foundation - Summer Camp Grant for \$3,960 which will all be used toward programming costs.

Sometimes, when you least expect it, good things happen! On July 5<sup>th</sup>, Red Letter Hospitality held a soft opening Charity Event of their new restaurant, Molly Brannigan’s, with all lunch and dinner proceeds to benefit the Neighborhood Art House. We were welcomed with outstanding support and a check for \$5,000.



All of these donations have been put towards a number of significant needs including increased security equipment, exterior improvements, and materials and equipment for children’s classes.

You, our donors, are our lifeline for our student programs and we could not do it without you.

Thank you!

**“For it is in GIVING that we RECEIVE.”** - *St. Francis of Assisi*  
*and it is your giving for which we are forever grateful!*

*Kelly Stolar*

Kelly Stolar, CFRE  
Development Director



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## Estate Gift to Benefit Future Students



Arthur Spadafor, far left, and Christine Spadafor, far right, pose in front of the memorial mosaic with Joy (14), Bella (10) and Julia (11), several of the students who had participated in its creation.

**A gift that will last forever!** Christine Spadafor fondly remembers growing up in the Erie area and decided that she wanted to share her wealth with “the invisibles,” particularly the children in Erie’s inner city. In May of this year she, accompanied by her brother Arthur, visited the Art House to announce that her estate planning includes a



bequest of \$1.2 million to the Erie Community Foundation that will establish an endowment in support of future Neighborhood Art House programming in the arts.

Christine’s request to us was that the children create a memorial to honor her mother, Mary Ann Pellegrino Spadafor. Teachers Sharon Bannon and Mary Kay Geary worked with their students to create a beautiful mosaic featuring the flowers and birds that Mary loved so well.

## WISH LIST

**Art supplies:** fiberfill, polymer clay (all colors), Model Magic air dry clay, markers (thick and thin), 100% cotton solid color pieces (1 - 2 yards), dish soap, sketch books, drawing pens, colored pencils, gift cards to stores carrying art supplies

**Environment Program:** suet, bird seed especially sunflower seeds, potting soil, jiffy grow pots

**General supplies:** personal care products (shampoo, body soap, combs/brushes, toothbrushes & paste, etc.), backpacks for birthday bags, healthy snacks, boxes of facial tissues, socks, gloves, scarves (children ages 7-14).