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Birthday Bags are a Hit!



Many heartfelt thanks to Beth and Ed Valkosky who have been donating to the Neighborhood Art House since 1995! Every month for the past 13 years, Beth and Ed have provided gifts and goodies to fill birthday bags given to every student who attends the Art House.



Ed and Beth are pictured with Sarah Everett, Program Assistant, who fills each bag individually for all students. Bags are distributed each term for all birthdays falling within those months. As you can see by the smiles, the birthday bags are truly a big hit and, for students, one of their best days of the year!

Become an Art House donor

If you are interested in learning about how you can become an Art House donor, please visit neighborhoodarthouse.org and click on the orange **DONATE** button.

It's that easy!

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What's New

NWPA Food Council/ Drum Room



The first project undertaken with a \$30,022 donation from the Northwest PA Food Council was the complete renovation of the Drum Room. It's cheerful and bright, but most important, it is SOUND PROOF! Next term the room will also be used for guitar and trumpet.

Executive Director
Annette Marshall, OSB
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Human Development Grant

A Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Grant of \$5,000 was awarded to the Neighborhood Art House to support environmental programming, particularly where it interfaces with the visual arts. Off-site experiences, gardening, local guest artists and environmental action projects will be supported by these funds. Sr. Pat's



students are shown gathering dried wildflowers, leaves and grasses to create beautiful Thanksgiving centerpieces.

New Railing

Sister Mary Ellen Cummings, OSB, receptionist, wants everyone to know that there is a new railing that makes traversing the steps on the Holland Street side of the building much safer. The railing was donated by Mark Bliley to Emmaus Ministries, owner of the Art House facilities.



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*At this special time of year
May the angels watch over you.
May you know the many blessings you
have been given.
May you remember that the greatest gifts are family and friends, and
May the love we give during the holidays never end.*

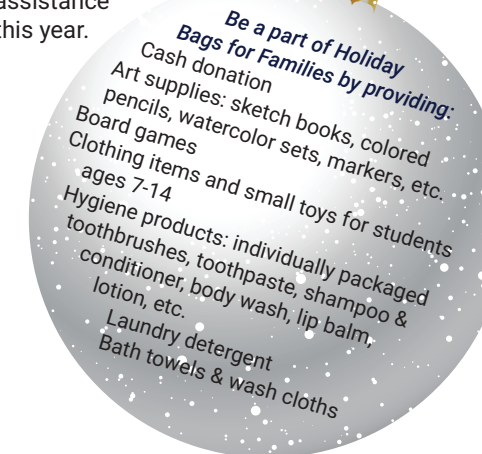


Wishing you a season filled with love,
The children of the Neighborhood Art House

Written by Teajanae J., Nhu T., and Yeslian V. — Polymer Clay Angels by Art House students

Holiday Bags for Families

Each year the Neighborhood Art House offers needy families holiday assistance in the form of "Holiday Bags." Your donations of cash and gift items make this possible. Please consider brightening the holidays for over 50 families who have requested assistance this year.



Taste of the Arts: Thank you to all



Thank you to Co-chairpersons Annalynn Shuttleworth, Lisa Chinsky, and Tammy Batchelor, to the Taste of the Arts Committee, the teachers and students and to all who attended The Arts... Our Secret Ingredient.



Kid's Corner

Climate Strike



Children from the Neighborhood Art House joined hundreds of young people in Erie and millions around the world for the Global Climate Strike. They marched from the Art House to Perry Square carrying signs and chanting. Nhu T., Teajanae J., Anjali S, and Yeslian V, all concerned young citizens and students of Sr. Pat, presented testimony emphasizing **This IS a Climate Emergency. Our House Is On Fire!** Jennifer Dennehy's advanced hoop dance class performed to *Seeds* by Ayla Nereo. The haunting lyrics include "our lives will live in the seeds we've sown."



Collaboration with the Experience Children's Museum

During two weeks of the 2019 summer program, the Neighborhood Art House was fortunate to collaborate with the expExperience Children's Museum to bring their STEAM curriculum: *Engineering Adventures* to the Art House. Breanne Daugherty, Education and Outreach Coordinator for the expExperience museum conducted the engineering activities; The Art House's Lourdes Jasso taught the art portion. During this 50th anniversary of the moon landing, space exploration was the dominant theme.



For every action . . .



There is an equal and opposite reaction!



During their art experiences, students took apart old computer DVD drives to create land rovers and futuristic planets.

Visiting Artist



On September 20, Brett Kern, visiting ceramic artist and an Erie native, brought samples of his art and presented his process of creating whimsical balloon dinosaurs in clay. The students were then invited to create their own animals or sculptures in clay. The visit was made possible through Erie Clay Space and Erie Arts & Culture.

Kid's Corner

Petting Zoo



Thanks to an anonymous donor, Art House students spent an early October afternoon with goats and pigs, rabbits and ducks; ponies and horses. They are all part of the petting zoo that Aubrey Balzer, 19, makes available through her business, Party Ponies. For many of the children, this was the first time they had held a bunny, ridden a pony or hugged a pig. The looks on their faces tell the story!



Teachers and Volunteers

Artist of the Year!



Congratulations to Deb Sementelli, recently named Artist of the Year by Erie Arts and Culture! The children know her as their patient and creative sewing teacher; the city knows her as a noted fiber artist, drawing and painting instructor, creator of authentic historical tableau, art educator for youth and prisoners and promoter of the arts. We're so proud that you are one of us!

Meet our new staff members



Andre Carson, maintenance, and Yelena Shkraba, housekeeping



Lansana Camara, drumming teacher



Leslie Ford, art and drama teacher



Mandy Berlin, beginning piano teacher

Take Note . . .

From the Desk of Sr. Annette



Have you noticed the new layout of the *Neighbor to Neighbor* newsletter? We hope you like it and will enjoy learning about what's happening here on 10th and Holland Streets.

We've included lots of stories of things happening over the past few months. No matter the specifics of the event, they are really all about the same thing:

- children learning, laughing, growing;
- children asking, challenging, dreaming;
- children developing values, attitudes, and skills to carry them through life.

Thank you for all you have done over the years to make this corner of 10th and Holland a very special place for Erie's inner-city children. Your support makes it all possible.

May you know God's peace and love this holiday season,

Sincerely,

Sister Annette

DATES OF NOTE

- December 3** Classes Resume after Thanksgiving Break
Art a la Carte Program begins
- December 12** 7:00 Open House
- December 24 – January 2** NAH offices closed
- January 2** Winter/Spring classes begin
- January 11** 5:30 pm The Serve Game - Gannon Univ.
- January 13** *Discover Your Inner Artist* Program begins
- May 7** 7:00 pm Spring Recital
- May 14** 7:00 pm Open House
- June 6** 9:00 am Art & Sole

Adult Art Classes



Announcing: Art a la Carte

Enrich your lunch break – explore your hidden talents.

1st Tuesday of the month

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Art class \$10.00

- December:** Decoupage – Jennifer Frazer
- January:** Knitting – Kathy Sertz and Theresa Zamboldi
- February:** Art for the Heart - Jonilee Hlusko
- March:** Flower Arranging – Carl Larese, Larese Floral
- April:** Tap (chair or standing) – Kelly Stolar

All Adult Classes:

- All materials included
- No previous experience needed
- Registration required
- Classes information and registration: neighborhoodarthouse.org/events or call 455-5508
- Classes taught at the Neighborhood Art House by Art House teachers

DISCOVER YOUR INNER ARTIST - Evening or workshop art experiences for adults

JANUARY 13, 14, 16	FEBRUARY 12 & 19	FEBRUARY 18	MARCH 10	APRIL 23
Bookbinding: Create your own unique hard-bound journal Workshop: three 1 hour sessions Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm Cost: \$30 Instructor: Jennifer Frazer	Chalk Pastels: Chalking in a winter wonderland Workshop: two 1½ hour sessions Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm Cost: \$30 Instructor: Mary Kay Geary	Clay: Hand build a unique mug or keep-sake box Class: 1 ½ hour session with personally scheduled follow-up glazing time Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm Cost: \$20 Instructor: Eliza Wolfe	Sculptured Painting: Use this easy, versatile technique to add dimension to art projects Class: one 2 hour session Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm Cost: \$20 Instructor: Leslie Ford	Drawing Spring Flowers: Draw your choice from an array of spring flowers Class: one 2 hour session Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm Cost: \$20 Instructor: Jonilee Hlusko