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From the Desk of Sr. Annette

Around the Art House

Have you had a chance to visit the Art House especially when the children are in class? One of my very favorite things to do is to take visitors on a tour, where they can experience it for themselves.

I know, however, that very few of our 5,000 readers have the opportunity to see us in action. That's why I decided to move away "from the desk" and show you around a bit.



Kathy Burik, new member of the Art House Women's Core Committee (Board), observed "You can see that Kyla and Nathan are really engaged in following the weaving instructions that their teacher Barb Hauck provides. They were so intent on what they were doing that they barely noticed that we were even here."



In addition to individual lessons in violin, cello, flute, piano and guitar, the children may elect music classes such as Hand Drums, World Music, and Choir. During the Fun With Music Class Geurchom and Valentino enjoyed experimenting with hand bells.



As we enter the gathering space we see two groups of volunteers working one-on-one with the children. Some are reading, some are helping with homework or building classroom skills. Lisa Chinsky is assisting Shane with a word search.

If you would like to continue your tour, visit our web site, www.neighborhoodarthouse.org, and get regular updates through our Facebook page. Should you be able to visit us in person, we'd be delighted to have you. Call us (455-5508) to set up a visit for yourself or a group.



Our teachers make every effort to display each child's art, affirming them and celebrating their accomplishments.

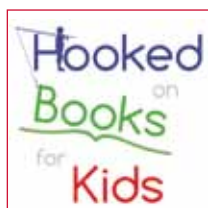


Look at what we're doing! Franco and Geurchom have sewn 9 nine-squares together, each set forming a pattern, then assembled them into this colorful quilt complete with double batting to keep them warm. Now they are tying it all together.



Learning good body mechanics is a must for young dancers. Let's watch Teajanae and her classmates begin their dance class with warm-up exercises that help them develop poise, balance and control.

Request for Readers



HOOKED ON BOOKS! has merged with **BOOKS FOR KIDS**, hence the change in their name. But whatever they are called, we know them as the wonderful adults who volunteer their time to read one-on-one to children. Whether it is the summer program where readers come to the Art House during their lunch break for one week, or the after-school program where readers come one afternoon per week for a session or a school year, the results are clear.

- The personal attention is cherished by the children.
- The exposure to reading for enjoyment helps to build good habits.
- English skills are improved, especially for children whose first language is not English.
- The inter-generational experience is rich for both the children and their "reading pals."

Consider sharing your love of reading with the children. Register at www.neighborhoodarthouse.org.

Save the date!
20 Years

**THE NEIGHBORHOOD ART HOUSE
IS 20 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR!**

Please plan to celebrate with us:

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015

Noon – 3:00 pm

Neighborhood Art House

**8TH ANNUAL
ART 5K
& SOLE**
benefit for the Neighborhood Art House

**5K Run/Walk
and
Team Challenge**
Saturday, June 6, 2015

Neighborhood Art House • 201 East 10th Street • Erie, PA 16503
814-455-5508 • NAH@neighborhoodarthouse.org

Start Time: 9:00 a.m. Race starts and ends at the Neighborhood Art House

REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES

- ♦ **EASY ON-LINE REGISTRATION**
www.neighborhoodarthouse.org
- ♦ **MAIL or DROP OFF**
registration form and payment at
the Neighborhood Art House
- ♦ **EARLY PACKET PICK-UP
and NEW REGISTRATIONS**
Friday, June 5
10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **EVENT DAY REGISTRATION
and/or PACKET PICK-UP**
7:45 a.m. — 8:45 a.m.



Team Challenge!

**Gather co-workers, family and
friends for the "Team Challenge"!**

Minimum of 5 runners or walkers needed to register as a team. **All** team participants **must be pre-registered**. Each team member completes a registration form and indicates the name of the team and the team captain. The top 3 times will be used to calculate team scores. **Great prizes** will be awarded to the **Top 3 Teams**. Team participants also qualify for individual awards.

ENTRY FEES

PRE-REGISTER BY 5-11-15

\$20.00 adults/youth
\$10.00 children under 14
\$50.00 maximum per family

**T-shirts are guaranteed only to
pre-registered participants.**

**Register after 5-11-15 including
day of race**

\$25.00 adults/youth
\$12.00 children under 14
\$60.00 maximum per family

**Checks payable to:
Neighborhood Art House**

**SEE REGISTRATION FORM
ON REVERSE SIDE.**

**On-line registration and
downloadable registration
forms are available at
www.neighborhoodarthouse.org**

THE COURSE

The 5K Run/Walk course begins at the Neighborhood Art House, proceeds through downtown Erie, and ends at the Neighborhood Art House.

AWARDS

Art work done by the children at the Art House will be awarded to the overall top male and female and to the top 3 male and female finishers in the following age groups in both the Walk & Run: 10 & Under, then five-year increments from 11-15, 16-20, to 81 & over. There are also great prizes for the top three teams. Team participants also qualify for individual awards.

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**The proceeds from Art & Sole benefit the
programs at the Neighborhood Art House.**

DONOR CORNER



Vickie Lampe of **PNC Bank** joined Sr. Annette and violin students Teajanae, Shane and Kyla during a recent tour of the Art House. During her visit she presented a donation that continues the bank's tradition of donating to the Neighborhood Art House through the PA Education Improvement Tax Credit program.



First Book has provided a grant of \$2,500 to be used to purchase books for the Art House children. The new books will replace worn out books in our library or will be given to children to take home in their "birthday bag." A wide variety of books were purchased including Caldecott winners, STEM books (curriculum based – science, technology, engineering and mathematics), and ethnic and cultural books. Older books removed from our collection will be given to the children to take home.



A grant of \$3,000 was awarded to NAH from the **Schuster Re-Grant** program at **Gannon University** to support classes in chalk pastels. The pastels themselves are quite costly; classes such as this would not be possible without funders who supply the necessary materials.

Karen Meyer and Mary Hembrow Snyder, Mercyhurst University Faculty, visited the Art House in late February to present the proceeds of their annual **Dr. Barbara Behan Souper Book Swap** to the Art House. When Ayla and Jennifer, both 8 years old, were asked what they thought the money was for, they immediately responded, "for supplies, like the paints we are using now."



Ronald McDonald House Charities has awarded a grant of \$2,000 to the Neighborhood Art House to purchase materials for watercolor classes. Watercolor has been a popular class throughout the Art House's history. This grant will make it possible to replace brushes, paints and easels and to purchase the specialized paper used for this medium.



ARTfully yours

ARTfully yours, the year-long series held as part of the Neighborhood Art House's 20th Anniversary celebration, has enjoyed an enthusiastic reception among those who have participated in these monthly "evenings out." The evenings have been characterized by lots of fun, enthusiasm for trying something new, smiles over wine and snacks, laughter and conversation, welcome surprise, and pride in new accomplishments.

Are you ready to have fun experimenting with different art forms while enjoying wine and snacks with friends? The \$40 fee covers all materials and refreshments. Get more information about classes and register at www.neighborhoodarthouse.org.

March 20

Simple Jewelry Making
Flower Arranging

Sarah Everett, NAH Instructor
Carl Larese, Larese Floral Design

April 20

Polymer Clay Tiles
3D Ceramic Plaque

Sharon Bannon, NAH Instructor
Sue Hunter, NAH Instructor

May 20

Marbling
Acrylic Painting

Sarah Everett, NAH Instructor
Mary Kay Geary, NAH Instructor



Showing off our weaving



Happy with our marbled scarves



Building a Dish Garden



Happy painters

We're looking for all our former students. Do you know any?

Please send us the email address, street address or phone number for the former student, or ask him/her to call us (455-5508) or email us at formerstudent@neighborhoodarthouse.org.

MEMORIALS

A special thank you to the families of
Michael J. Cummings
and
Sharon Steadman
for designating memorials to the Neighborhood Art House in their memory.

WISH LIST

- **Healthy snacks** (pretzels, cheese crackers, breakfast bars, animal crackers, etc.)
- **Health care products** (shampoo, comb, brush, body wash/bar soap, deodorant, tooth brush, tooth paste, etc)
- **Gift cards** (to stores carrying art or office supplies)
- **Frames and/or mat board** (11 x 14 & 16 x 20)
- **Art supplies:** quilt batting, acrylic paint (bright colors, small bottles), Tacky Glue, Modge Podge, Drawing pads, Polymer clay, heavy paper plates

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DATES OF NOTE

2015 - NAH 20th Anniversary Year

20th of each month - **ARTfully yours**, 7:00 pm

May 7 Music Recital, 7:00 pm

May 14 Open House, 7:00 pm

June 6 Art & Sole 5K
Run/Walk, 9:00 am

June 22 Summer Program Begins

July 12 20th Anniversary Community
Celebration, Noon - 3:00 pm

September 15 Taste of the Arts, 5:00 pm

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REGISTRATION FORM

ONE REGISTRATION FORM REQUIRED
FOR EACH PARTICIPANT INCLUDING
TEAM MEMBERS & FAMILIES



8TH ANNUAL

5K Run/Walk and Team Challenge

Saturday, June 6, 2015

Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Age (as of 6/6/15) _____ (needed for timing and awards)

I am registering for: ☐ 5K RUN ☐ 5K WALK

Adult Shirt Size: ☐ Small ☐ Med ☐ Large ☐ XL ☐ XXL (add \$2) ☐ XXXL (add \$4)

Child Shirt Size: ☐ Small ☐ Med ☐ Large

(Shirts are guaranteed for registration received by May 11th. Shirts for late entries based on availability)

I AM JOINING A TEAM - Each team member must complete this form.

Team Name: _____ Team Captain: _____

Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Top three times on each team will be used to calculate team scores. Minimum 5 runners/walkers per team. ALL TEAMS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED.

Waiver & Release: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release and discharge the organizers, sponsors, the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House and any and all employees, successors, volunteers, service organizations, affiliates and assignees connected with the operation and running of this event from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising now and in the future from my participation in this event. I am aware that, because of insurance limitations, no bicycles, skateboards, roller skates or blades, etc., will be permitted on the course. I know that competing in a road race is potentially dangerous. I certify that I have trained sufficiently for this event. I assume all risks associated with this event. I further agree that I may be photographed or videotaped and that these images may be used for promotional purposes by the Neighborhood Art House. Parent or guardian must sign if entrant is under age 18.

Signature of Entrant (or parent/guardian for entrants 18 years of age or under) _____ Date _____

ENTRY FEES	BY MAY 11	AFTER MAY 11
Adult/Youth	\$20	\$25
Child 14 & under	\$10	\$12
Max per family	\$50	\$60

Family Pricing - please send your completed forms to the Neighborhood Art House in one envelope. Persons ordinarily included in Family Pricing: parents, children, grand-children, foster children, grand-parents residing in one household.

PAYMENT

Please return payment to:
Neighborhood Art House
201 East 10th Street
Erie, PA 16503
(814)455-5508

Enclosed check made out to:
Neighborhood Art House

Pay by: MasterCard, Visa,
American Express or Discover

Name as it appears on credit card

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

CSC (3 digits on back of card) _____

Credit card billing zip code: _____

How did you hear about Art & Sole?

☐ Facebook ☐ News Media

☐ NAH Newsletter ☐ Other _____

Additional Registration Forms on-line at
www.neighborhoodarthouse.org