Glinodo Center’s woods, creek and lakefront captured the attention of 35 participants in the NAH’s environment and photography classes during their October 24 field trip. Children from center city Erie don’t often have the chance to experience running through the open fields, walking through mountains of leaves, or standing at the mouth of a creek flowing into Lake Erie. For some, even the bus ride was a new experience! Lourdes Jasso’s photography students found an amazing variety of subjects to capture. Sister Pat Lupo’s environment students got a close-up experience of life in a stream. In fact, much to the delight of the children, someone fishing along the stream proudly held up a large lake trout that he caught! We look forward to a similar field trip in the spring, both funded by YEP (Young Erie Professionals).

Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.

Hamilton Wright Mabie

NEW TEACHERS and NEW PROGRAMS

New teachers bring opportunities for new programs. No one knows this better than Sister Peg, Program Director, who opens the way for new course offerings. A printmaker by trade, SARAH EVERETT offers classes in Printmaking, Creating with Paper (which includes paper making) and Jewelry Making for the students, all very ambitious undertakings with active children! Guitar lessons and NAH Choir are back in full swing with JANICE MARGUARD. Next semester she’ll add World Music Performance to her course offerings.

JOANNA ZURN, long-time NAH volunteer, joined the staff during the summer and fall term to teach Exercise is Fun. Nine to 14 year-old students learn basic yoga moves and exercises that naturally move to dance. When JENNIFER DENNEHY joined the staff this fall she brought a newer form of dance—Hoop Dancing—that utilizes hula hoops as a way to express yourself through movement. The children will tell you, it’s not as easy as it looks!

Information Sessions: The Women’s Core Committee is hosting eight informal gatherings where they share their love of the Art House with members of the Erie community. Pictured above are Barbara Pollock (WCC) and Barbara Keim (front) and Loretta Patton, Mary Ann Toohey (WCC), Jackie Blackstone and Cynthia Leopold (back) who participated in the first session held November 8.

The Development Committee was created to examine and expand funding opportunities for the Art House. One of its initiatives has been the annual Art & Sole, now being planned for its 6th year. Because of the concentrated attention required for this fundraiser, a new Art & Sole committee has been organized.

New Art & Sole Committee Named: Ruby Lefcourt and Matt Cabrera, chairpersons of the Art & Sole 5K Committee, lay plans for the 2013 event scheduled for June 8. In addition to Development Committee members Mama Rocha, Heidi Kulok, Jiff Shaw and Jim Toohy, new members of the committee include Christine Kutan, Michael Agnati, Tracey Nach and Shannon Morton.

Since its founding, the Art House has depended upon a universe of good-willed persons to form the central committees that guide and support it. The Women’s Core Committee grew out of the original Women of Vision that joined the Benedictine Sisters in founding the Art House. It continues to serve as an advisory committee, reviewing financials, programs and projects and hosting the annual Taste of the Arts.

Spreading the Word and Supporting the Mission

WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

Please go to http://www.eriechoose.com between Nov. 26 and Dec. 12 and vote for the Neighborhood Art House in the $10,000 category. With your help we will be able to obtain computers and software to edit both photos and video, and to use computer assisted instruction in our tutoring program. Only Erie County Residents may vote, and only once in each category—please make your vote count for the Neighborhood Art House.

John H. Miller
Several days before the Thanksgiving break seven-year-old Jacob explained: “There are two sides to this long vacation. I ‘like’ getting time off from school. But then, we don’t have Art House, and I ‘like’ the Art House.” Right you are, Jacob. Most things do have at least two sides. Our challenge is to celebrate the positive and to keep the rest in perspective.

When this newsletter arrives at your doorstep, the holiday season will be in full swing. With the joy of visits from friends, the wild anticipation of children hoping for something good to come, the memories of old-time holidays with their special sounds and smells, and beautiful religious services that inspire, we have many blessings to celebrate. Of course, along with those come the stresses of not enough time to get everything done, the preoccupation over the selection of gifts, the worry about the family budget, and the emptiness of missing family members no longer here to celebrate. How do we juggle it all?

There is no quick quote to offer, only this reminder. Holiday time is a time of giving. It is only through giving of ourselves that we can escape the downside of holiday time off. This reminder is to celebrate the positive and to keep the rest in perspective.

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**REACHING OUT**

Taste of the Arts 2012

Our sincerest gratitude to all who helped in any way to make Taste of the Arts 2012 a grand success!

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THE ERIE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION awarded a Basic Needs Grant for $7,500 to the Art House for a new paging system and a telephone system upgrade.

**PUBLICITY**

The Friends of the Tom Ridge Center recently presented Sister Pat Lupo with the 2012 John C. Oliver Award for Environmental Leadership. Sr. Pat is shown above with John C. Oliver [left] for whom the award was named and Governor Tom Ridge. Congratulations, Sr. Pat!