Sister Anne Says...

After 15 happy years at the Neighborhood Art House, I bring my tenure here to a close. I leave with a heart filled with deep gratitude and wonderful memories. My fondness for NAH, as I minister now in a new way through the office of Priorress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, can only grow and deepen.

Penciles, an ancient Greek orator said, “What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.” Hopefully, my work at NAH has woven the Benedictine values of peace, justice, hospitality, kindness and compassion into all the lives that have been touched by this ministry of the Benedictine Sisters. Certainly, you have woven them into mine. I leave the Art House a better person because of the teachers, staff, students, families, volunteers and benefactors who have contributed in various and wonderful ways to helping it remain strong and vital. My heartfelt thanks to one and all.

With this newsletter the Neighborhood Art House bids farewell to Program and Executive Director, Sr. Anne Wambach, OSB. Sr. Anne was installed as the 21st priorress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie on July 11th. This role prevents her from continuing her work at NAH but it does not bring an end to her support for this very important ministry. The responsibility of program director is now passed on to Sr. Margaret Ann Pleweski, OSB, a familiar face at NAH. Sr. Margaret Ann has been a teacher here for 15 years and the guiding force behind the visual arts program. The Executive Director will be Sr. Annette Marshall, OSB. While Sr. Annette will be a new face at NAH she is not new to the Erie community. She has become well known for her work throughout the area, most recently as Administrative Director of Earth Force Erie, and brings a background in both education and administration.

Sr. Margaret Ann and Sr. Annette are committed to the mission of NAH: to make it possible for children to experience, grow, live, and develop into full and productive human beings through the fine arts. Because of this the ministry of NAH will continue on with the strength, purpose, energy and excitement for which it is so well known.

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Summer Social Function
On Thursday, July 8, the Neighborhood Art House hosted a social function for members of Young Erie Professionals (YEP) and their friends and co-workers. It was an evening for the attendees to learn about NAH and the variety of opportunities that are available for volunteerism and for giving support.

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