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2017- 2018



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ABOUT

this year's 2017 - 2018 Annual Appeal Brochure

Every year, thanks to our Arts in Education partnership with Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, PCCA administers no less than one residency in each of our rural service counties- Juniata, Perry, Mifflin, Northumberland, Union, Snyder, and Huntingdon. We support AIE rostered artists in residencies in schools, community centers, senior centers. We are grateful to PCCA AIE rostered artist Linda Billet and the students and teachers, especially Tina Kerstetter of East Juniata High and Sara Sutton of Juniata High, for their generous permission to be highlighted in this year's Appeal and their engagement in residencies in 2016 - 2017.

Read more about our

Arts in Residence Program at

www.perrycountyarts.org/artist-in-residency-program.

This is just one of our programs serving our community. PCCA's other programs include:

Creative Programs and events and programs that are often low cost, free, or discounted to PCCA members.

Artist Engagement Program at

PCCA Gallery encourages and provides development and support to new, emerging, and professional visual artists and makers of every discipline, age, and educational level throughout Central PA.

Landis House supports rotating exhibitions, maintains a permanent collection in honor of Mary Landis' family and their travels, and holds regular and special events and classes.

The "THINK!" mosaic collaboration made me think that people actually care what happens in this school if they took the time to work with us. They got [Linda] to work with us and [that] shows they care. I hope that maybe we'll get this experience again for future kids [at this]...school.

Student, Eighmy S.

THINK

**of the ways that we connect
our rural community
through the arts.**



ABOUT "THINK"

East Juniata High School, located in McAlisterville, PA, was pleased to open its doors to welcome Linda Billet, to work with students in grades 7-12. Seven different art classes, as well as Jr. and Sr. High study halls, had the unique opportunity to collaborate in a large 5'x6' foot Pop-Art style design titled, "Think!" The school's colors were incorporated and mirrored glass was selected for the letters " THINK" to become a self-reflective piece when viewed. Ben-Day dots fill the background. The students learned about safety in using tools with glass, how to cut and snip the glass as needed to fit the puzzle-like construction of the mosaic and how to glue the pieces carefully into place on the cement board. After the design was completed, the students learned about grout and how to rub it down into the cracks of the glass pieces to finish off the mosaic. The students loved working with Mrs. Billet in a 10-day residency and respected her expertise in glass mosaics. The mural is a wonderful asset to our school. It was created by the students with pride and serves as a reminder of their hard work, determination, and artistic achievement.

*Tina Kerstetter,
Art Educator at East Juniata High School*

This project was fun, yet challenging at the same time. Once we were done breaking the glass, we had to figure out what pieces of glass fit where. Art took a big part, not only in this project, but also a part of school. If we didn't have art at EJ, the school would be plain. EJ has many different colors inside, and that's what makes EJ so special!

Student, Nava S.

ABOUT THE FEATHER

Our artist in residence, Linda Billet of Hummelstown, PA is a practicing glass artisan specializing in creative masterpieces, which she likes to compare to quilts of glass because of their patterns and textures.

During her 2-week stay at Juniata High School, she involved each of the art department's 70 students in a collaborative glass mosaic of a feather with shadow. Each student chose his or her own color within the spectrum and designed by cutting, snipping, and adhering the glass to the cement board.

Once completed, students filled in the remaining shadow in grey and background with variegated white. Look closely and you will see dancing ribbons of iridescence which will shine in the natural light once hanging. Students then grouted the mosaic resulting in a 5' x 6' completed piece. Building trades students assisted the project by building the frame and then installation.

*Sara Sutton
Art Educator at Juniata High School*



We would never think of

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down what we do to

connect our community

through the arts.

Your support is the **GLUE**



that keeps PCCA working,
strengthening and expanding
its programming.

The Importance of our Art Residencies in the Words of our Featured Roster Artist - Linda Billet

Art is for Everyone

Participants are usually in high school, many of them with special needs, or considered high risk. Two of the residencies were all grade school people, yes, including kindergarteners. Some participants have been mentally ill adults, and prisoners in a maximum security prison.

The Element of Surprise

What's crazy is that we never really know exactly what each mosaic will look like until it is done. In all twenty projects so far, every group has made exceptional, original art that we've been quite proud of.

We Can all Be Artists

My objective is not to make mosaicists out of these people, but rather to provide fun opportunities to improve their collaborating, cooperating and improvisational skills.

The Value of Grit

Probably the biggest indicator of success is not intelligence, talent, or wealth, but rather tenacity.

Shoulder to Shoulder

Working on these mosaics shows people that persistence, cooperation and collaboration can be super fun. Teachers tell me they are amazed seeing unlike kids working shoulder to shoulder with each other.

You are the **WIND**
that helps us **SOAR**
to new heights as we
enter our 36th year of
service to our community.



Thank you for supporting **Perry County Council of the Arts** in this Year's Annual Appeal.

You help us continue to do the work of making our rural community a better place to live through the arts. You help our 4 programs thrive, and support our Member Artists in their development and growth.

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