

Awarding Creativity

PCCA Celebrates Perry County's Artistic Youth and Local Poets

Browse this special issue to find out who earned top honors during this year's virtual Youth Art Day, and in our Joni Williamson Scholarship and Artistic Awards. See which local poets won our Poetry Contest and read the winning poems!



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Dear Members,

We love acknowledging fresh talent whose creations serve to awe and inspire us through their conception, process and ingenuity, and we build our programming to cultivate and uplift all creative individuals in our community.

Throughout 2021, PCCA had the honor of recognizing exceptional displays of talent from students in kindergarten through 12th grade during our annual Youth Art Day. Held virtually this year, the event spotlighted visual art, literary works and performances.

PCCA Gallery provided select students the opportunity to display and sell their Youth Art Day entries during the Director's Choice exhibition in downtown Newport. Additional entries will be featured alongside those of our adult member artists in Art Uplifts, an outdoor art exhibit hosted at local parks and on an assortment of greeting cards available for purchase at PCCA Gallery.

Within the pages of this publication, you will meet young creatives from Perry County's most recent graduating class. School faculty in the creative departments identified Seniors for the Annual Artistic Awards and former PCCA Board President Clyde McGeary selected two recipients for this year's Joni Williamson Scholarship.

High school seniors Brooke Mitchell (WPHS) and Sarah Gleixner (SHS) made creative contributions to community projects including the Perry County Bicentennial activity page, which is a children's handout available at the mobile history museum this summer. Brooke also contributed an article to our spring *ArtsReach*, while Sarah illustrated a 2021 PA Farm Show children's book.

At PCCA, we are excited to build connections with the community to offer increased opportunities where young artists can gain additional experiences in creative industries. Always remember that your support of both time and treasure makes this possible. On behalf of our board, staff and award recipients, we thank you for prioritizing the importance of access to creative opportunities!



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Jasmine Colbert Executive Director

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VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

View this year's award-winning entries at perrycountyarts.org/youth-art-day

ver the last couple of school years, our children's lives have drastically changed, along with the rest of the world. Spending more time at home with

family while trying to remain on task with school requirements became daunting at times. Boredom crept in as we all retreated to our safe and socially distanced homes to protect ourselves from the coronavirus pandemic. Loneliness troubled many of our kids, especially teens in high school, whose lifeline is their social outlet with friends.

But, we found joy, upliftment and hope for the future in many of Perry County's young people. While in quarantine or socially

distanced with masks at school, students from throughout our county channeled their creative energy, boredom or maybe even frustration into beautiful works of art for this year's virtual Youth Art Day display. The young artists range in grade level from Kindergarten to 12th Grade, and we are continually impressed by the creative talents of our young people.

This year's Best in Show winner is Cailey Glatz, graduating senior, Greenwood High School, who 'wow'd' the judges with her "Little Red Octopus" multicolor drawing. Cailey received the top visual art honor out of 412 entries, winning a \$250 cash prize and the grand prize trophy to display at her school.

A collection of Perry County students received top Youth Art Day honors through a special display opportunity, our Director's Choice exhibition at PCCA Gallery. You can read more about this student exhibition on page 5. Three students, Evelyn Dorman, Susquenita Middle School; Madelynn Smiley, Susquenita Elementary School; and Spencer Watts, Greenwood High School, even sold their photographs, representing their first sales in a retail gallery.

> Four student art pieces were selected for a special edition greeting card set, and four others were chosen to be a part of our "Art Uplifts" outdoor exhibition, which PCCA created during the pandemic to lift up, comfort and inspire our fellow community members during such a difficult time. You can view some of this outstanding artwork on the following pages.



"Berries for Lunch" video by Sarah Gleixner Susquenita High School



"Husky" by Danielle Ridenour West Perry Middle School



"The Mess" by Henry Barlup Newport Middle School



"Skunk Painting" by Caleb Reisinger Blain Elementary School



Youth Art Day is generally held in person on a rotating basis at each Perry County high school and we are excited to see everyone next year at Greenwood High School on April 2, 2022. In the meantime, we are showcasing outstanding work from Youth Art Day virtually on our website, where you can enjoy viewing the fantastic student artwork until next year's event. Entry details will be available in the fall.

We would like to send a big thank you to our Youth Art Day sponsors for helping to make this year's virtual display possible: Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, abc27 news, The Bank of Landisburg, Don Jacob Insurance, The Hall Foundation, Hempt Brothers Inc., Hunters Valley Sportsmen Association, Sheetz, Spiral Path Farm, Devin Albrand, Bob & Edna Baker, Paul & Teena Beutel, Baird & Mary Jane Collins, Marylou Dudley, Kelley & Dave Griswold, Frances Hershey, Arlis & Stanley Krammes, Darlene Kvaternik, Judy Landis, Clyde & Barbara McGeary, Tracy Meisinger-Troutman, Steve & Laura Messner, Gene & Kathy Odato, Ann & Richard Shull, Hannah Smith-Brubaker, Irene VanBuskirk, Tom & Carol Vracarich, Cecile Willet, Diane & Ross Witcoski, and Pam & Michael Wolfersberger. Your support helps nurture and encourage creativity in our young people. Thank you!



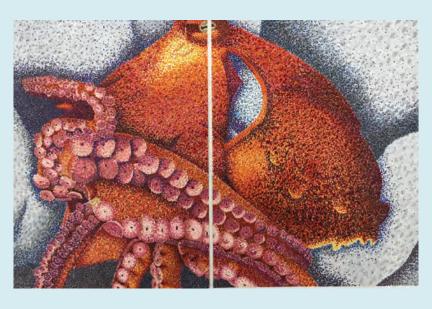
"Mystical Lighthouse" by Presley Wilson Greenwood High School

BEST IN SHOW

Little Red Octopus

Multi-color Drawing

by Cailey Glatz, Graduating senior, Greenwood High School



LIMITED EDITION Greeting Cards

PCCA's 2014 Youth Art Day Best in Show winner Emily Keniston designed Youth Art Day 2021 greeting cards using outstanding student art from this year's virtual showcase. The cards will be available for purchase at PCCA Gallery!



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Student Art Exhibition

Earlier this summer at PCCA Gallery, PCCA displayed the annual Director's Choice exhibition, a curated selection of outstanding artwork by Perry County students in grades K-12. For this special summer exhibition, PCCA directors identified exceptional work from the 2021 Virtual



Madelynn Smiley of Susquenita Elementary School poses with Gallery Manager Leah Keilman and Gallery Assistant Jacob Smith in front of her "Hummingbird" photograph.

Youth Art Day as presented at perrycountyarts.org. The students were invited to prepare their award-winning artwork to display at PCCA Gallery for one month, gaining exposure and experience in a traditional gallery exhibit.

Director's Choice gives young artists the opportunity to participate in a professional art exhibition at an established gallery, which helps to build confidence in their skills and excitement for art. Participating students can take their families to see the show, who may not otherwise visit PCCA Gallery or be familiar with local arts programming. Their engagement builds more comfortability with various art forms and an appreciation for creative outlets, in general. And, increased exposure and participation ensures that PCCA will be building community through the arts for many generations to come.



From left to right: Sophia Meglio, West Perry Middle School, pictured with her felted "Giraffe;" "Cow with Wreath" acrylic painting by Elizabeth Lentz, West Perry High School; and "Cat Portrait" photograph by Evelyn Dorman, Susquenita Middle School.

During a Walk Through Open House on Saturday, June 19, the students enjoyed the limelight as featured artists at an informal opening at PCCA Gallery. Exhibiting student artists include Caroline Hartley, Greenwood MS, grade 7; Chloe Damico, Susquenita MS, grade 5; Delaney McLendon, Susquenita MS, grade 5; Elizabeth Lentz, West Perry HS, grade 11; Evelyn Dorman, Susquenita MS, grade 8; Grant Kauffman, Newport HS, grade 12; Josephine Van Why, Susquenita MS, grade 8; Lacy Postlethwaite, Susquenita ES, grade 3; Leah Nickel, Susquenita ES, grade 3; Madelynn Smiley, Susquenita ES, grade 4; Morgan Hale, Greenwood MS, grade 8; Sadie Appleberry, Susquenita MS, grade 5; Sarah Gleixner, Susquenita HS, grade 12; Sophia Jezewski, Greenwood HS, grade 9; Sophia Meglio, West Perry MS, grade 7; Spencer Watters, Greenwood HS, grade 11.

ART UPLIFTS Outdoor Exhibition

The following student artwork was selected to be featured in PCCA's 2021 "Art Uplifts" touring outdoor exhibition, with local art printed on durable yard signs for display along walking paths in regional community parks.



"A Fresh Start" acrylic painting by Amiah Barner, 9th Grade, Greenwood High School



"A Vibrant Bloom" watercolor painting by Cailey Glatz, 12th Grade, Greenwood High School



" Life's Close-ups 2: Glitter" photograph by Spencer Watts, 11th Grade, Greenwood High School



"Hummingbird" photograph by Madelynn Smiley, 4th Grade, Susquenita Elementary School



Joni Williamson Scholarship

Joni Williamson served as Executive Director of Perry County Council of the Arts for 10 years. Under her guidance, PCCA evolved into an organization that supports the arts, arts education, and arts-related tourism on a regional level, but pays deference to its local, rural roots. In 2008, the Board of Directors established the annual Joni Williamson Scholarship Fund to present to a graduating Perry County senior, who has shown dedication to and/or an aptitude for the Arts, with a \$250 scholarship. The 2021 Scholarship Fund is generously sponsored by Darlene Kvaternik Clyde & Barbara McGeary This year, Perry County Council of the Arts is proud to present the Scholarship Award to two graduating seniors!

Sarah Gleixner Susquenita High School



Sarah has a strong passion for the arts in various regions. She is mostly focused on the visual arts and is hoping to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Animation. In the annual Youth Art Day

competitions, she has won multiple awards for her animations and other artworks. On the side, she sings in her school's three choirs and has performed in a few musicals, also working behind the scenes to paint several set-pieces. She also plays piano and has performed in some of her school's concerts. This year, Sarah is also receiving a Senior Artistic Award, as recommended by her teachers at Susquenita High School.

Autumn Moore Homeschool, Newport High School



Autumn plans to study Environmental and Agricultural Science at Penn State's Schreyer Honors College. She is interested in a conservation/agricultural education career, while expanding her music repertoire and passion for the arts. Autumn serves as a Susquehanna Folk Music Society board member; she is a Penn State Extension Certified

Master Gardener, Wildlife Leadership Academy Conservation Ambassador, 2020 Global Youth Institute delegate; and she is the Northeast Regional Director for the Tomorrow's Bluegrass Stars organization. In addition, she is the online administrator for The Ashokan Center (NY) and is employed part-time at the Penn State Swine Research Center. Autumn enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, leading a young women's book club, playing fiddle, crafting, crocheting, sewing, dancing, and participating in 4-H, church events, and outdoor activities.

2021 Senior Artistic Awards

Every year, art teachers at each Perry County school identify one student to receive the Senior Artistic Awards. Selected students exemplify passion or proficiency for the arts including literary, musical, visual art, dance, or theater. This year's awards are generously sponsored by Linda and Merril Brofee; John & Sharon Brodisch; Dave and Linda Kutz Fund of the Perry County Community Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Kutz; and Tom & Carol Vracarich.

Quintin Matthew Hurnell Greenwood High School



Quintin Matthew Hurrell is the son of Kristin and Dana Hurrell of Millerstown. Quintin's school activities include FBLA, DECA and Band. Outside of school, he works at Giant and enjoys fishing and swimming.

Quintin's future plans are to graduate from Harrisburg University with a degree in Economics.

Hazel Miller Newport High School



Hazel Miller is 18 years old and has had a passion for art as long as she can remember. She finds art to be a way to express important messages. Outside of art, she enjoys playing sports like field hockey and basketball. She also enjoys reading and writing and going out to eat with her friends. Hazel grew up in Philadelphia, and moved to Newport when she was 14. Since moving to Newport, she has taken her art a lot more seriously and discovered she wants to make a career of it.

Kayla Pimpinella West Perry High School



and photography.

Kayla Pimpinella is a graduating West Perry Senior and starting in the Fall she will attend Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa. There, she will major in Art Education and continue her artistic pursuits in her spare time. Some of her artistic hobbies include drawing and painting, theater, writing, singing, playing guitar,

> Sarah Gleixrer Susquenita High School



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Please join us in congratulating this year's Poetry Award winners!

2021 Perry County Poet Laureate

Lynne Reeder of Duncannon for "two birds, one stone"

Siggy David Award

Theme: Gratitude

Eydie Wight of Newport

for "Asper Hill Plateau"

Winery & Vineyards

111 Barnett Dr., Duncannon

Kenneth P. Allen Award

Theme: Love in the Time of Coronavirus Anna Wilderson of Elliottsburg for "The Great Affair"

1st Place

Samantha Bise of Lemoyne for "they said"

2nd Place

William G. Davies of Elliottsburg for "Driving Past West Perry M.S. During the Coronavirus"

Honorable Mentions

Tina Berrier of Enola, "Pomegranate" Aimee Horvath of Shermans Dale, "Gratitude, A Friend" Beth Jacobs of New Bloomfield, "The Vietnam War as Shown on TV"

3nd Place

Brooke Mitchell of Newport for "In the Wake of My Grandfather's Death"

See insert to read all of the winning poems!



AUGUST 18, 6 PM

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Enjoy dinner and locally made wines from Buddy Boy!









This timely exhibition is a group showing of artwork examining the challenges and isolation; reality adjustments; and new experiences of the last year of the covid-19 pandemic. Regional and local artists are sharing new creative endeavors learned in guarantine, the feeling of life in guaratine during a pandemic, or art depicting how the last year has changed or influenced their perspectives.

PCCA Member Artist Gail Walden Coleman offers the following words about her featured art, "Blue Heartstrings" (pictured right): "While I certainly tried to be positive and practice gratitude this last year+, grief was always present - sometimes an undercurrent, and sometimes my heart actually hurt, for everyone affected emotionally, physically, financially, spiritually. The soft blue is the hope and courage that buoyed so many in spite of the daunting challenges."

Exhibiting artists include Karen Alleman, Peg Belcastro, BJ Berquist, Craig Bomberger (art pictured above), Connie Bowsman (art pictured left), Gail Walden Coleman, Deborah Fingerlow, Biruta Hansen, Cynthia Holleran, Kathleen Meglio, Marilyn Paul, Marina Radanovic, and Kadence Yohn.





Artisan Marketplace RSVP Deadline: August 16



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Our holiday display of handcrafted items and art that make for memorable gifts takes place during PCCA Gallery's busiest time of the year, when shoppers are looking for unique and memorable gifts for the holidays. Creators of all mediumsjewelry, pottery, woodworking, sewing, knitting, soaps, candles, photography and paintings-are encouraged to apply!



Juried Exhibition Entry Deadline: September 20

We welcome local artists to submit their best work to our Annual Juried Exhibition, which includes \$1,500 in cash prizes and will be on display from November 19 to January 29, 2022. Original artwork in all media is eligible for entry. Work previously shown in PCCA exhibitions will not be accepted, and artwork must have been completed within the past three years.

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Bella Waiting Watercolor Carolyn Pio | \$175



Bluebird Oil painting Connie Betz | \$55



Support Local Artists

Genesis I, 9-13, The 3rd Day, III Hand-dyed fabric collage Lynne Hoffman | \$145



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Shells in the Sand Watercolor print Debra Kreiger | \$15



Blue/red maple burl bowl Woodturning, Toby Bouder | \$130



Hummingbird suncatcher Stained glass, Conni Herr | \$35



Watch part brooch Upcycled jewelry, Erin Keck | \$68



Carved floral vase Pottery, Stephen Cusick | \$50



Chakras, Your Inner Rainbow Book by Suze Moll | \$17



Electroformed copper earrings Jewelry, Lomo Studio Designs | \$49

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recognizes excellence in any of the arts: music, dance, literature, drama, crafts and visual arts such as photography, painting, graphic arts, sculpture and architecture. 2021 Winner: Janice Bailor

Volunteer of the Year

recognizes outstanding volunteer service by an individual or individuals who help promote and carry out the programs of the PCCA. Current Board members are not eligible for this award. 2021 Winners: Bob and Edna Baker

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honors outstanding contributions to the arts made by individuals or organizations. 2021 Winner: Partnership for Better Health

Visit perrycountyarts.org/annual-meeting to enter your nominations. Recipients will be honored as part of our Annual Membership Meeting and Awards.



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