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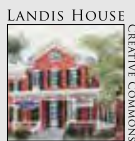
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Creativity is meant to be shared.

I frequently keep comments to myself and later learn that the tidbit of information I held onto was a crucial, missing piece to someone else's puzzle. I find myself wishing I had simply stated aloud what had fleetingly materialized in my brain.

Perhaps, it was a compliment about a friend's pair of unique earrings or interesting new eyeglasses that could have boosted their confidence on a particularly awful day. Or maybe, it was a strange sound I noticed while driving that when left unannounced eventually led to a larger, pricier car repair. In either case, self-doubt about the importance of my opinion (or possibly forgetfulness) weighed into my decision not to voice my thoughts.

Personal ideas, views and opinions factor into our individual identity and creative voice. When wielded with good intentions and care, they can serve to elevate ourselves and others. Yet, without the confidence to share, creativity remains intangible—its existence unknown.

PCCA staff members are problem solvers by nature, and they are excited for the chance to help others fill their creative void through opportunities for creation and enjoyment of the arts. So, if you have ideas in your head that you have not yet let out, please take some time to do so in 2022.

You may find that you have been secreting away the missing piece to your or someone else's puzzle.



Jasmine Colbert
Executive Director

PCCA Staff Updates



Rachel Barron joined PCCA in June 2021 as Arts in Education Coordinator. Originally from Montgomery County, Pa., Rachel holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art and a minor in Creative Writing from West Chester University. She participated in Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts' Berkshire Hills Internship Program in 2015, igniting her interest in arts administration. She went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts degree in Painting from Boston University in 2018.

After completing an artist residency in Los Angeles, she settled down in Central PA. She has held positions like Summer Camp Art Instructor, Gallery Manager and Teaching Assistant. Rachel is passionate about coordinating behind the scenes to provide artists with growth and professional development opportunities. She is an oil painter and installation artist, and has exhibited in Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, and on online platforms. "I am so grateful to be able to work in a position that offers opportunities to artists across seven counties of Pennsylvania," she says. "It allows me to foster amazing connections and get to know my home state in a new way."

Jacob Smith joined PCCA staff in 2021 as Gallery Assistant, helping to coordinate with member artists to provide the best locally crafted goods in a welcoming environment at PCCA Gallery. A lifelong resident of Perry County, Jacob is a graduate of West Perry High School and lives in New Bloomfield with his family. He is currently taking online courses through Harrisburg Area Community College and will transfer to Bloomsburg University in the fall of 2022 to finish his degree in English Education. In his free time, he can typically be found writing, making candles, and looking for new adventures to be had alongside his friends.



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YOUTH ART DAY

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s Perry County Council of the Arts enters its 40th year as a nonprofit arts organization serving Perry County and Central Pennsylvania, we reflect on what started it all.

Seeing a need to provide creative opportunities for people in our rural region, the founders of PCCA envisioned an organization that would especially serve the needs of Perry County's youth. In the first years of PCCA's inception, Youth Art Day was a core program celebrating the talented young people of our county—an annual tradition we continue today.

Youth Art Day is an opportunity to encourage creativity and imagination in the youngest members of our community. For many years, we have delighted in witnessing proud parents, grandparents, friends, and family snap photos of their young artists standing next to their art pieces, reciting poetry, and performing music.

While participating in Youth Art Day, Perry County students build self-confidence and artistic skill mastery, while developing their voice and identity and obtaining personal fulfillment. Even during the last two years of the pandemic, students continued to make art and express themselves during challenging times.

We pivoted our student showcase to be held on YouTube and our website, and the virtual format still delivered a lot of imagination and creativity. Students continued to show up to their expressive and artistic lives and submitted wonderful entries for the public, their teachers, their families, and their peers to enjoy.

As we enter into 2022, PCCA staff and board of directors look forward to being able to host Youth Art Day again in person—this year at Greenwood High School on Saturday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. While the virtual format was still inspiring and engaging, nothing beats the wonderful energy of our community



gathering to celebrate the talented young people of Perry County. With the pandemic still lingering on, we will keep a close eye on things in the new year and will make announcements if we need to pivot the in-person festivities to a virtual format again.

Youth Art Day 2022 is currently open for submissions, so if you know a young person who loves getting creative as much as we do, please encourage them to showcase their talents at our annual display. This year, we will not be hosting a music and dance component. Instead, we will be examining ways in which we can engage student performers and support their instructors.

Application forms and digital entries must be submitted online by February 5, and entries should be physically delivered to PCCA Gallery, 1 S. 2nd Street, Newport, by February 19. All entry details can be viewed on our website at perrycountyarts.org/youth-art-day.

Thank you for your support of the arts in your community! Your sponsorships, donations, time and creative energy help us continue this fantastic event for Perry County's young artists.

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to our Youth Art Day
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NATURAL ELEMENTS

Works by Judy Boudier, Toby Boudier, Carolyn Pio, Todd Tabb and Hyeyon Wilson
Through March 5 at PCCA Gallery

In 2022, PCCA is showcasing a collection of outstanding artists in a series of invitational art shows at PCCA Gallery. These shows will feature top talents in PCCA's membership, including artists who have participated in our Juried Exhibition, received awards during our 2021 Annual Meeting and have been stretching and growing as artists over the past year.

This first grouping of artists will display works of art that nod to the natural world either in process or through subject matter. Toby and Judy Boudier's pieces are developed using natural items found locally in nature. Carolyn Pio's bird series showcases the wonderful wildlife living all around us, Hyeyon Wilson's watercolor pieces capture the elegance of nature, and Todd Tabb works with clay and fire to create stunning pottery pieces.



WEAVING CREATIVITY

Rugs by Magdalena Rug Hookers and Baskets by Teena Beutel
February 11 - April 22 at Landis House



work is highly sought and respected. Teena's basketry work has been featured at PCCA Gallery and Landis House for many years, and she received the Best in Show award in the 2016 Annual Juried Exhibition for her Antler Berry Basket (pictured right).

This winter, join us to learn these traditional art forms in creative workshops at Landis House!

Kathy Eckhaus will lead Rug Hooking for Beginners on Saturday, February 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn the history of this traditional Perry County art form and design your own rug.

Teena will teach a Small Market Basket Workshop on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Create your own basket from natural rattan reeds while learning basic weaving techniques.

Take in a beautiful display of traditional and modern hooked rugs by the Magdalena Rug Hookers of Perry County paired with basket designs by Teena Beutel, former PCCA staff member.

The talented rug hooking group was named in honor of Magdalena Briner Eby (1832-1915), a local rug hooker whose



2022 SPRING/SUMMER EXHIBITIONS

March 12 - April 23

Good Taste

PCCA Gallery

Shop a variety of culinary themed art or handmade home goods for serving meals or entertaining guests. View the call for art on the following page.

April 30 - June 11

Frame of Mind

PCCA Gallery

View an inspirational display of artwork in honor of Mental Health Awareness month. Artists are encouraged to submit original works to this important art show. See the call for art on the following page.

May 1 - 30

Art Uplifts

Veterans Memorial Park, Newport
Our popular outdoor art show continues in the new year in beautiful parks throughout our region.

May 6 - August 12

Director's Choice

Landis House

The best of Youth Art Day 2022 artwork will be showcased in a special exhibition, as selected by PCCA Executive Director and board members.

2021 JURIED ART EXHIBITION WINNERS

PCCA's 7th Annual Juried Exhibition displayed outstanding local and regional artwork, curated by Juror Nicole Gencarelli, Visual Arts Specialist at the Banana Factory Arts Center in Bethlehem, Pa., part of the larger non-profit ArtsQuest.

Featured artists include Alex Bellotti, Angela White, Biruta Hansen, Bonnie Lorey, Connie Bowsman, Deb Arthur, Donna Mitchell, Evgeny Krayushkin, Gail Coleman, Hyeon Wilson, Jana Parks, Jennifer Holleran, John Guarnera, Joyce Inderbitzen, Judy Boudier, Karen VanNewhyzen, Linda Dissinger, Louise Thomas, Marilyn Paul, Michele Randall, Michelle McBurney, Mike McFarland, Peg Belcastro, Shannon Eaves, Thom Kulp, Toby Boudier, and Todd Tabb.

PCCA awarded the following artists with top awards, as chosen by Gencarelli. View larger images of the award-winning pieces at perrycountyarts.org/exhibitions.



BEST OF SHOW

The Briar, woodturning by Toby Boudier

3D CATEGORY

1st Place: *The Briar*, Toby Boudier
2nd Place: *Raku Bottle*, Todd Tabb
3rd Place: *Relic*, John Guarnera

PAINTING

1st Place: *A Moment of Sweet Repose*, Peg Belcastro
2nd Place: *The Old Crab Boat*, Alex Bellotti
3rd Place: *Street View*, Biruta Hansen
Honorable Mention: *After the Storm*, *Black Moshannon*, Mike McFarland



PHOTOGRAPHY & DIGITAL

1st Place: *Metamorphosis // Self Portrait diptych*, Shannon Eaves
2nd Place: *Within Our Hands*, Shannon Eaves
3rd Place: *Zeke the Cat*, Deb Arthur
Honorable Mention: *Past Lives – Triptych*, Louise Thomas



WATER MEDIA

1st Place: *Waiting for the Spring Thaw*, Hyeon Wilson
2nd Place: *Earthshine and Oaks*, Mike McFarland
3rd Place: *Fairy Dance*, Biruta Hansen



OTHER MEDIA

1st Place: *Social Distancing* by Michele Randall
2nd Place: *Miss Iris Teaches Reading to Her Pupils*, Zeelinda Dissinger
3rd Place: *Dancing Brush Haiku I*, Gail Walden Coleman
Honorable Mention: *Making It Through*, Marilyn Paul

CALLS FOR ART

Find complete entry details at perrycountyarts.org/call-for-artists



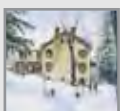
Good Taste RSVP Deadline: February 28 | PCCA Gallery

Submit your art or handmade items to this culinary themed art exhibition. Entries of home goods for the kitchen and entertaining, as well as art depicting food and cooking are eligible for display in this show.



Frame of Mind Entry Deadline: April 16 | PCCA Gallery

The arts have a powerful way of comforting, helping explore inner worlds and reframing thoughts. Artists are invited to submit inspirational works that explore art as an outlet to support mental health and overall wellbeing.



Perry County Art Calendar Entry Deadline: June 1

Enter your art for our 2023 Calendar, with photographs, paintings, drawings, mixed media and more, that feature scenes and themes from Perry County. Artwork must be appropriate for a wide audience of all ages. Twelve art pieces will be featured in the calendar and a visual art exhibition at Landis House.



8th Annual Juried Art Exhibition Entry Deadline: June 20 | Landis House

Artists are invited to submit their best work to our Annual Juried Exhibition, which includes \$1,500 in cash prizes and will be on display from August 19 to October 29. Original artwork in all media is eligible for entry.

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Into the Night (Barred Owl)
Watercolor
Debra Tritt Kreiger | \$400



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Watercolor
Bonnie Lorey | \$200



True
Mixed media
Deborah Fingerlow | \$65



Mandala plate
Vicki Sporik | \$35



Caplet
Knitting, Birgit Hoppenjans | \$55



Long leaf pine needle gourd
Alice Sior | \$39



Lampwork bead necklace
Susanne Lesny | \$49



Drip mugs
Stephen Cusick | \$22



Bird feeder
Wendy Brunner | \$33



Quilted batik pot holder
Ginny Streckewald | \$5



Wooden nesting box
Kinney Farris | \$45



Handmade pen
Bill Gray | \$50

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