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From the Director

We're back! PCCA staff and volunteers have been laying the groundwork for beloved and new programming in 2023. As a visual artist, I am excited about upcoming Plein Air Groups that will focus on aesthetic attributes of our small towns. My husband and I will enjoy hearing local performers and visiting new venues throughout the county during Coffeehouse open mic nights. And, my children are very excited for Youth Art Day and Drop-In Art.

Our programming excels when we have input and shared energy from our members, volunteers and partners. We urge you to consider a volunteer role in the new year to help PCCA fulfill its mission of building community through the arts.



Jasmine Colbert
Executive Director

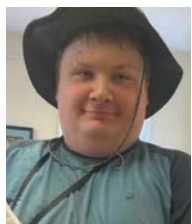
PCCA Staff Updates

Olivia Monnier-Giansanti joined PCCA in March 2022 as Creative Programs Coordinator. Originally from Lebanon County, Olivia has always enjoyed seeing local art and artists thrive. Currently, she is enrolled at Arizona State University online for her Bachelor's in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Art History.



Ariana Koch joined the PCCA team in August 2022. A native of south-central Pennsylvania, Ariana grew up with a paint brush in one hand and a pencil in the other. She holds her Associate in Fine Art from Harrisburg Area Community college, 2019, and her Bachelor in Fine Art with a concentration in ceramics from Alfred University, 2021. She teaches clay classes at Carlisle Arts Learning Center and will lead a clay camp with PCCA this summer. Primarily working within the realm of functional ceramics, she creates vessels for the home, table, and daily life.

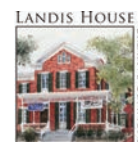
Marissa McGuire, from Newport, PA, joined the PCCA staff in early October 2022. She attends Newport High School and plans to study art and arts management after graduating in June 2023. Marissa moved from Newport to Louisiana for a few years with her family which sparked her interest to travel. Currently, she is taking Art III in school. Her favorite art forms are painting using acrylic on canvas and drawing using graphite and colored pencil.



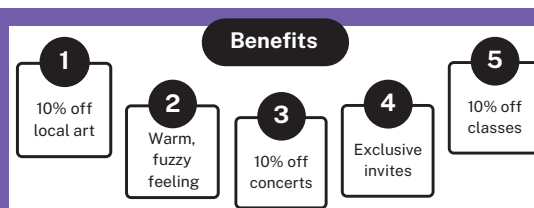
Tyler Shenk joined PCCA in May 2022 and is responsible for scanning PCCA's physical archives for electronic storage.



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ON THE CALENDAR

JANUARY

Sat., Jan. 7, 1-4pm: **Drop-In Art** at Landis House. It's a snow day! Bring the kiddos to participate in some snow-inspired crafts. Free event.

Sat., Jan. 21, 11am-4pm: **Intro to Encaustic Painting Class** with Michele Randall at Landis House. Register at perrycountyarts.org/classes-workshops/.

Wed., Jan. 25, 10am: **Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition** at Juniata County Library in Mifflintown. Area high-school aged students will participate in PCCA's regional competition of the nationwide poetry recitation contest. View details at perrycountyarts.org/poetry-out-loud/.

FEBRUARY

Sat., Feb. 4, 1-4pm: **Drop-In Art** at Landis House. Happy early Valentine's Day! Bring the kiddos to make Valentine's Day themed crafts. Free event.

[DEADLINE] Wed., Feb. 8, 4pm: **Applications and Entries Due for Youth Art Day 2023**. View the official guidelines at perrycountyarts.org/youth-art-day/.

Sun., Feb. 26, 1-4pm: **Art Talk** and Social Hour at location TBD. Learn the importance of artist statements and biographies, the difference between the two, and helpful hints to tell a successful story. Register at perrycountyarts.org/classes-workshops/.

MARCH

Sat., Mar. 4, 1-4pm: **Drop-In Art** hosted at Newport Public Library. Spring has sprung! Bring the kiddos to participate in some spring-inspired crafts. Free event.

Saturdays, Mar. 4-Apr. 29, 9-11am: **Plein Air Group** gathers at Landis House for a first meeting to cover helpful tools and tips as the group preps for painting countywide.

Thur., Mar. 16, 6pm: **Coffeehouse Open Mic** at location TBD. Sign up to perform at perrycountyarts.org/coffeehouse/.

Fri., Mar. 10, 6-8pm: **Paint and Sip** with Leah Keilman hosted at Doyle Hotel. Register at perrycountyarts.org/classes-workshops/.

Sat., Mar. 18, 5pm: **PCCA** spotlights student performer Jasmine Minnich for a fundraiser concert. Make your reservations and donate at perrycountyarts.org/perrylive/.

Sun., Mar. 26, 1-4 pm: **Art Talk** and Social Hour at Landis House. Gain helpful and positive feedback about your artwork while sharing artistic and creative ideas together. Register at perrycountyarts.org/classes-workshops/.

APRIL

Sat., Apr. 1, 11am-3:30pm: **Youth Art Day** at West Perry High School. Enjoy a showcase of visual art, music and literary talent from Perry County students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The event features a large student art exhibition, live music, dance performances and literature readings, food and **Drop-In Art** hands on activities. The awards ceremony begins at 3 p.m. View details at perrycountyarts.org/youth-art-day/

Sat., Apr. 1: **Poetic Excellence Awards Submission** opens. Submit by June 18 to perrycountyarts.org/poetic-excellence-awards/.

Sat., Apr. 29, 6:30pm: **PerryLive!** presents Celtic music group Callanish at Newport First Church of God. Make your reservations at perrycountyarts.org/perrylive/.

2023 EXHIBITIONS FREE TO PUBLIC



Michele Randall

Feb. 1-Apr. 22 | PCCA Gallery

Randall considers her roles as both artist and mother through encaustic, cyanotype printmaking, and collage.

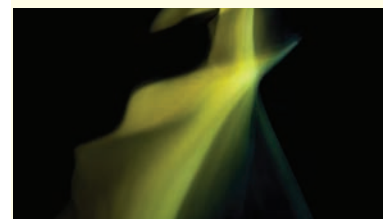


Director's Choice

Apr. 11-May 18 | Landis House

A selection of noteworthy student artwork from Youth Art Day 2023.

Join us for a public reception on Saturday, May 6, from 1-3 p.m. View the exhibit, support student artists, enjoy light refreshments and create Drop-In Art projects.



Louise Thomas

May 3-Jul. 22 | PCCA Gallery

Through photography, Thomas explores light as it interacts with weather and structures to affect our perception.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

featuring Kathleen Eckhaus, PCCA member since 1987

Describe your first PCCA encounter: I moved to Perry County in 1979 with my husband and four children. I was looking for family activities and becoming part of an arts council was right up my alley - I was a bit of a musician and a fiber artist at the time - and wanted to expose my children to the arts. My first volunteer activity was in the Children's Area and performer hospitality at the Little Buffalo Festival. Through the years I also helped with the Children's Performance tent and sold folk dolls as an exhibitor. My children grew up attending and helping with the yearly festival. PCCA was a welcome source of enrichment for my family. We attended Fetter House presentations [concerts] and many more.



Tell us about the role of creativity in your life: Creativity IS my life. Currently I own a preschool music and movement program and teach in Perry County, Camp Hill, & Harrisburg. I am a weaver, rug hooker, and photographer of weaving and rug hooking books. I recently completed a book on rug hooking featuring many local rug hookers as well as artists from around the world.

How do you nurture creativity in others? By teaching little ones, I hope to give them a basis to make music a part of their lives. My classes also include parent education on the importance of the arts. In addition I teach rug hooking classes through PCCA.

Favorite performance venue outside of the county? My husband and I go wherever there are performances that appeal to us. We both enjoy Broadway musicals and have seen many.

How have you benefited from being a member of PCCA? Friendships with others who understand the importance of the arts and amazing performances and visual arts displays that rival any from the big cities. We are fortunate to have this council in our backyard.

What was your proudest creative moment? Seeing the daily joy of children and their families as they sing and dance within the musical communities of my classes.

Is there anything on your creativity bucket list? I am thinking of retiring one of these days and although I will really miss what I do, I will have more time for my music and fiber arts. My project list is LONG.

Favorite quote about creativity. "You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." — Maya Angelou

Anyone is welcome and encouraged to become a PCCA member and to be featured in an upcoming spotlight! Simply call or visit our website to find more information. perrycountyarts.org/membership/

ANNUAL AWARDS -ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS-

Use the criteria below to make your PCCA annual award nominations! Members are listed on pg. 8 of the Annual Report. Use online submission form at perrycountyarts.org or call 717-567-7023.

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.

Artist of the Year recognizes excellence in any of the arts: music, dance, literature, drama, crafts and visual arts such as photography, painting, graphic arts, sculpture and architecture. To be considered for this award, the artist must be a PCCA member.

Building Community honors outstanding contributions to the arts made by individuals or organizations during the previous year that have helped to make PCCA stronger and to advance its mission. Every year there are numerous organizations that fit this description because they underwrite programs, donate in-kind gifts, supply volunteers, raise awareness about PCCA, or implement quality arts programs that make our community more vibrant.

Winners will be honored during the Annual Membership Picnic on Sunday, June 25, 2023.



Double your donation!

Donations made between **MARCH 1-30** are eligible for matching funds.

MAIL: Send your **March Dated** check made payable to **Partnership for Better Health** to PCCA, PO Box 354, Newport PA 17074

VISIT IN MARCH: forbetterhealthpa.org/what-we-do/match-madness/

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Muddy Rox Pottery | \$35

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Currently scheduling on Saturdays between 10am-4pm.





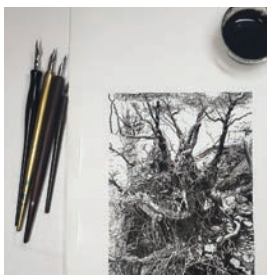
BEHIND THE SCENES

with Ben LaDieu, Best-In-Show winner in the Annual Juried Exhibition



One of the main influences that has shaped a lot of my work is the writer H.P. Lovecraft. I just finished reading his anthology, and the stories he tells really inspire me to world build. I can get lost in his atmosphere of alternate realities that are just beyond the cusp of our own reality. His descriptions of these worlds captivate me. As far as visual artists, I really love Junji Ito's horror comics. I'm not even really a manga guy, but his work speaks to me. In terms of an audio atmosphere, I envision my work accompanied by dub-techno or ambient music by Celer.

Over the years I have really taken to pen and ink. At first I just used rapidograph pens but found the cleaning of them to be a pain. I bought my first dip pens and Japanese inks and had some real challenges with the medium. Especially in the beginning, I really struggled. Recently, I have become more comfortable with the dip pen. I also enjoy pencils too; I just have to remember to keep them sharpened!



As an emotional and introverted person, I tend to keep to myself reflecting on life, philosophy, geopolitics, how the world works, as well as my own ideas and issues. My Fantastical Roots series and pencil landscapes are my latest works and contain more emotional elements. During their creation, I explored deeper within myself and projected those feelings and life frustrations onto the surface. No one can truly understand what I am going through with my emotions and that is ok, as it is quite a personal journey. You get a glimpse of it through my artwork.

For my most recent work, *Navrilloth*, I feel particularly good with how I handled my pen strokes, the composition and learning how to navigate foreground and background.



I really like how this upturned tree emerges from the ground in its monstrous shape. This one was different than other roots I had found in that it formed a kind of cave and had moss growing over the top of it. When I saw this in the forest, I knew immediately I would draw it. Again, my interest in the horror and monsters of the woods was motivation for the piece. It was almost living and I think I captured that.

View a timelapse video of Ben in action by snapping this code



2023

PRESENTS

YOUTH ART DAY

Annual visual art, literary and performance showcase for K-12 Perry County students!

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2023 SHOW DATES:

Thursday, April 13 @ 7:00pm

Friday, April 14 @ 7:00pm

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We need volunteers to help with youth art projects,
concert refreshments, planting flowers, decorating for
holidays and special events, event check-in, program
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