



Building Community through the Arts

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Artist Emily Nell to be in residence at Mifflin County High School

Artist Emily Nell will be in residence at Mifflin County High School the week of March 18. Guided by her personal philosophy, *“Once you know where you come from, you have a better understanding of where you’re going,”* Nell will share her own background, Pennsylvania German, also known as, Pennsylvania Dutch, especially the arts of Fraktur (family records art in watercolor) and Scherenschnitte, German paper cutting. Using these two mediums, she will encourage students to explore their own heritage and its arts.

“We are excited to offer this special and unique opportunity to our students to learn more about Pennsylvania Dutch arts and explore their own culture,” said Sara Sutton, one of the art teachers involved in the project.

The residency is supported by Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) funding through the Arts in Education program. Perry County Council of the Arts (PCCA) is the local partner who arranges and oversees the residencies. Additional funding comes from the school district and from Educational Improvement Tax Credit donations to PCCA by DuMor, Inc., Orrstown Bank, Pennian Bank, PPL Electric Utilities, UPMC Health Benefits, and Weis Markets, Inc.

About Emily Nell (www.emilynellarts.com)

Emily marches to the beat of her own drum, creating pieces that are whimsical and unique. As her untrained Pennsylvania German ancestors did, she paints the many charms of nature by combining paper-cutting and watercolor. As a self-trained artist, she has created paintings for corporate and private collectors, and solo and group exhibits.

Her awards include 1st place, mixed media, in Perry County Council of the Arts annual juried exhibition, 2018, and 2nd place, mixed media, at the Pekin Days Art Show in Pekin, NC. In May and December 2018, she was the featured 3-D demonstration artist at the Denver Art Museum, Denver CO.

She has exhibited her Centripetal Satire series in Canyon Gallery of the Boulder Public Library in Colorado and her one-person exhibit, “Wonder and Whimsy,” was on display at the Atrium Gallery in the Bozeman MT Library.

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About Arts in Education

Arts in Education funding comes from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA), an agency in the Office of the Governor, through an annual appropriation by the Pennsylvania General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Funding requires a local match. The local partner agency is Perry County Council of the Arts (PCCA). Through artist residencies the program enables artists to help others explore and develop their creativity and artistic skills in a variety of educational, community and institutional settings.

For more information on other programs & services provided by the Perry County Council of the Arts (PCCA), please call 717-567-7023 or visit www.perrycountyarts.org. PCCA receives state arts funding support through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Additional support comes from a growing list of members, and numerous corporations and private foundations throughout Central Pennsylvania.

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