

Neighbor to Neighbor

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Inner-City Neighborhood Art House
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The Sights and Sounds of Summer



SUMMERTIME at the Neighborhood Art House is unique. Rather than ending their day at NAH as they do during the school year, the children begin their day immersed in the beauty of art, writing, music and dance. By noon-time they are ready for one of the most treasured moments of the day: The Hooked On Books! Program. Readers come from all over the city and the children enjoy a half hour of one-on-one reading time with their very own reading pal. Lunch follows and the option of afternoon classes for children 10 years old and into their teens is available.

The Magic of Show and Tell
A special part of the summer session is the sharing that occurs every week. Children have an opportunity to show their work and experience each other's accomplishments. The moment is magical.

Tissue Fishes
This year, Cathy Miller's class called "Tissue Paper Fun," worked on "tissue fishes." The children did not need to go below sea level, but made good use of floor level to work on their projects.

Keys to Ease
It takes time to feel comfortable speaking in front of an audience. Practice and positive experiences are the keys to that ease and Sr. Mary Lou Kownacki's class in "Writing and Performing Poetry" provided just the right door to put those keys to work.

Needle Arts
Knit one, purl two becomes music to the ears and rhythm to the fingers as children learn the basics of knitting with summer teacher, Kathy Sertz. National news stories report that this activity is on the rise among young people. If the full knitting class at the Neighborhood Art House is any indication then those stories can be trusted.

Children + Clay = FUN!
There's nothing like squeezing, squishing, pinching or poking clay. Neighborhood Art House students attested to this in Sister Peg's summer clay classes. The benefits of working with clay are, without a doubt, many and varied, fun and lasting.

Taste of the Arts 2008



Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Under the Tent
at the Neighborhood Art House
201 East 10th Street

5:00 pm Cocktails and light buffet
5:30 pm Performance
by Neighborhood Art House Children

Co-Chairs: Rebecca Hilbert,
Rebecca Styn and Lynn Twillie-Darby

Emcee: Brady Louis

Silent Auction

Donating Artists:
Art Becker, Evan Everhart,
Mark & Debbie Fainstein, Tom Ferraro,
Bill Hess, Nancy Hilbert,
Tom Hubert, Vitus Kaiser, Brad Lethaby,
Cheryl Vicary, Tom Vicary

Live Auction

"Hoatzin" by student artist, Becky Dzuricky

Raffle

Cash Prize of \$1000
"2 for 2 Package"
Peek 'n Peak Weekend
Seawolves Season Tickets

Meet Becky Dzuricky



This year's Taste of the Arts will highlight student artist, Becky Dzuricky, a 14 year old young lady who has been a student at the Neighborhood Art House since she was 7 years of age. Becky has taken NAH classes in visual as well as performing arts (flute). Her oil pastel, "Hoatzin", has been chosen as the live auction item.

*Hoatzin: an unusual species of tropical bird found in the rain forests of South America.

Taste of the Arts 2008 is soon upon us. This annual fundraiser to benefit the Neighborhood Art House is one of the year's high points. The tent goes up, the tables are set, the stage is erected, the decorations are placed. There are cocktails and a light buffet, a silent auction and a live auction, too.

And what would a fundraiser be without a raffle? To top it off, the evening includes special performances by children of the Neighborhood Art House and a display of the children's art for sale. This year's theme, "Come and See" says it all. Come, see, give, receive. It is sure to be an evening to remember.

For tickets and information call 455-5508.
Theme photo by Art Becker.

Love of beauty is Taste. The creation of beauty is Art.

Ralph
Waldo
Emerson

Sister Anne Says –



Taste of the Arts is just around the corner. The success of this major fundraiser for the Neighborhood Art House depends on our many friends and benefactors. This newsletter shares with you just some of the

wonderful things that happen at NAH. Your support of our endeavors is an investment in our mission to help at-risk children experience beauty, grow in self-awareness and self-discipline, and develop into full and productive human beings. As an old Chinese proverb says:

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.

If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.

If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.

If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.

Your help and generosity allow us to “keep on keeping on.” May you know deep happiness because of it!

With Gratitude

Thanks to a \$15,000 grant from **Highmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield**, the Neighborhood Art House can continue to develop its health, fitness and wellness programs. Larisa



Melodinskaia teaches dance, fitness and exercise classes; Sr. Rosanne Lindal-Hynes offers yoga and meditation. These classes are channels for creative expression that help the students develop a positive self-image and the desire for a healthy lifestyle.

Through the **Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)** NAH is grateful to be the recipients of a \$5000 donation from the **C.A.Curtze Company**. This money will be used to support the visual arts at NAH.

The John Nesbit Rees and Sarah Henne Rees Charitable Foundation has made its annual donation. NAH is grateful for this \$6000 gift that provides ongoing support of the visual, performing and literary arts program.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

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Plenty of Sole!

Sunday, June 29th, dawned bright and beautiful. It was the day of the very first Art&Sole 5K Walk/Run. Excitement ran high; generosity abounded. Last minute



A&S Committee Members from left: Matt Lechner, Mary Alice Doolin, Sister Anne Wambach, OSB, Matt Catrabone and Dan Teed

preparations were managed; details were handled. Registrants arrived. Old friendships were revisited; new acquaintances were made. Camaraderie was quick; enthusiasm was caught. Young and old, women and men, children and babies, families and individuals joined together for an enjoyable, successful fundraiser. Don't worry! If you missed it this year, you will get a chance to be part of it next year. Art&Sole is off to a running start and will be an annual NAH fundraising event.



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130 participants began the 5k Walk/Run at the Neighborhood Art House and followed a route through downtown Erie. Neighborhood Art House students and families were among the participants who ranged in age from an infant just months old to an adult 80 years old.



NAH Art Work Showcased!

The **Schuster Invitational Exhibit** celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Erie Summer Festival of the Arts. From June 20th through July 21st, the Gannon University Schuster Gallery provided the locus for the display of art work from NAH students and faculty:

Alfiya Ayvazova (Student, age 12) • Oil Pastel • “Hummingbird”

Nick Dzuricky (Student, age 12) • Oil Pastel • “Old Man”

Margaret Ann Pilewski, OSB (Faculty) • Color Photograph • “Mystical Colors”

THE LOVE OF COLOR

Thanks to Joe Wiczorek, longtime volunteer teacher in floral arranging at the Neighborhood Art House, **“The Love of Color from the Children of the Neighborhood Art House”** will be a highlighted art exhibit during Celebrate Erie 2008. City Hall is the place and August (14-17) is the date. Be sure to stop in and see colorful origami, stamped ceramics, masks, airbrush creations, and many more samples of visual arts created by the children of NAH.



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