

# NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR



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## VISION and IMAGINATION

*Vision together with imagination is what makes a creative idea become a work of art.* -Hap Hagood

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

As noted in the December 2010 newsletter, last September Lourdes Jasso took three of her Neighborhood Art House students on a photography field trip to Tall Ships Erie 2010. Little did they know that this experience would grow into a very special opportunity.

Under the direction of Ms. Jasso, the girls were learning how to use their cameras. Patiently and diligently they composed their photos by waiting for the right light and right angle to capture just the right moment. As a result of their patience and effort they came away with photographs of the Tall Ships that were not only stunning but incredibly professional.

The photo printed in the last newsletter captured the eye of Linda Bolla, Education Programs Coordinator at the Erie Maritime Museum. As a result, the girls were invited to show their photos in a special exhibit there.



Student photographers Alicia Rodriguez, Miranda Drzewiecki and Saron Belay in front of the *Brig Niagara*

The three girls worked together to select the best of their first day's work for the show which opened on January 30. It will run through Saturday, March 25. Visitors are welcome to view the exhibit at 150 East Front Street. For more information call 452-2744 or visit [www.eriemaritimemuseum.org](http://www.eriemaritimemuseum.org)

Sister Margaret Ann Pilewski, program director at NAH (right) congratulates Lourdes Jasso, Digital Photography teacher, at the opening of the Exhibit.



Notecards have been made using three of the photos on exhibit at the Erie Maritime Museum. Packages of 10 note cards are available at the Neighborhood Art House for a donation of \$5.00.

### DANCING *is dreaming with your feet!* -Constanze

The day the Mercyhurst College Dance troupe came to the Neighborhood Art House was magical for the children. They enjoyed a dance presentation that kept them spellbound. All of the pieces were choreographed by the Mercyhurst students themselves and exhibited a variety of dance styles including classical ballet, group work, partnering and solo compositions. After the presentation, NAH dance students met with members of the troupe. It was a time of learning new things about dance, both in the head and in the feet, as NAH children practiced partnering and promenading and had their many questions answered. If it is true dancing is like dreaming with your feet, then many dreams were enjoyed as a result of this wonderful experience.



### The DREAM ROCKET Project

The Dream Rocket project is sponsored by International Fiber Collaborative (IFC), a non-profit organization that works to unite communities and individuals around the globe through art and education. The Project challenges student artists to "Dare to Dream" about their future and the future of the world through a particular dream theme.

Neighborhood Art House student Max Riley, under the guidance of teacher Deborah Sementelli Hoenes, did exactly that. He created a fabric art piece capturing his dream to reduce the world's dependency on fossil fuels. As one of more than 8,000 participants from around the globe, Max's piece will be part of the massive cover to wrap the 37-story Saturn V Moon Rocket replica at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. The wrapping of the Saturn V Rocket, planned to coincide with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's announcement to "land a man on the moon and return him safely to earth" (May 25, 1961), will recognize the power of global collaboration. It is hoped that the 60-day display of the Dream Rocket will inspire individuals all over the world not only to dream, but also to recognize their power to pursue their dreams.



*To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.* -Anatole France

## From the Desk of Sister Annette

We all know that in addition to the basic survival needs of food, water and shelter, children cannot thrive without a sense of security. Providing a place of physical safety and security is a priority as we strive to provide a setting where fear is unnecessary.



But true security goes much deeper than physical safety. Emotional security is fostered when children feel safe and comfortable expressing themselves. It implies a sense of trust and a safe place to be, a place without animosity, alienation or fear. It flourishes where routines are predictable, adults are dependable and everyone is treated with gentleness and affection.

Such emotional security opens possibilities. Here at the Neighborhood Art House I see children eager to get to their classes, happy to try new things, and responsive to opportunities to share their art pieces and performance accomplishments with each other and with their parents. I see children who want to be where they are, who relish the attention they are given, and who are willing to stretch themselves. I see children who share their concerns with their teachers, knowing that they will be treated with respect. I see children who feel secure enough to be themselves.

May we all strive for a world in which all children enjoy the physical and emotional security that enables them to thrive.

# SAVE the DATES

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011  
8:30 A.M.



Put away those winter boots and lace up your sneakers, it's time for Art & Sole!!

The 5k Run/Walk course, certified by the USA Track & Field (USATF), will begin at the Neighborhood Art House, proceed through Downtown Erie, and end at the Neighborhood Art House.

## REGISTRATION

\$20 Adults

\$10 Children under 12

\$50 Max per family

You can obtain a registration form at [www.eriebenedictines.org](http://www.eriebenedictines.org), register on-line at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or by calling the Neighborhood Art House at 814-455-5508

Register by April 1, 2011 to have your name entered in an Early Bird Drawing for a framed print of the Niagara plus a \$20 gift certificate to the Erie Sport Store.

T-shirts will be provided to all participants. Children's artwork will be awarded to top finishers in each category.

If you are an individual/business that would like to sponsor this event, or need registration information, please contact Patti Eichen or Sister Annette Marshall, OSB at 455-5508

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## TASTE OF THE ARTS 2011

Tuesday, September 13

### Giving Thanks

The Neighborhood Art House is grateful for

- All those who remembered family and friends during the holidays through gifts to the Neighborhood Art House
- A wonderful array of art supplies from Blessed Sacrament School as a result of their Catholic Schools Week Outreach Project
- The donation of \$1000 (PA EITC – tax credits) from Marquette Savings Bank

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## Winter Open House and Music Recital



At the Neighborhood Art House, one of the highlights of December and January has to do with performance. As fall turns into winter, the children share the progress they have made in the literary, visual and performing arts at the annual December Open House.

In January the Winter Music Recital is held for students who participate in the music program at NAH through individual music lessons on strings, piano, guitar, flute and voice. Both events are enriching for participants and

audience alike; both events show clearly that coming to the Neighborhood Art House is the beginning of the communication, creativity and cooperation that can unlock profound potential through the arts.



### Best Wishes

After dedicating 15 years to the Neighborhood Art House, Fred Roehm has retired. As handyman, jack of all trades, builder, fixer and cleaner he worked tirelessly to maintain the good condition of NAH. Fred will be remembered for his faithful service and unfailing good nature. We wish him all the joy a happy retirement can bring!



### Memorial

A special thank you to the family of **Thomas Alfred George** for designating memorials to the Neighborhood Art House in his memory.



### Give the World a Hug

Quotation anthologist, Terri Guillemets, says, "The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers." At the Neighborhood Art House we know that hug to be huge. Dedicated volunteers make a meaningful contribution to the mission of NAH to help students



Volunteer Nancy Bennett helps Jabez Belay with his homework.

grow into full and productive human beings by tutoring, reading to students in the Hooked On Books! Program, answering the phone, assisting in a class and simply being a positive presence. If you are interested in volunteering at NAH please contact Sister Margaret Ann at [program@neighborhoodarthouse.org](mailto:program@neighborhoodarthouse.org) or 455-5508.

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