

# NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR



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*They succeed because they think they can.* —Virgil

## NEIGHBORHOOD ART HOUSE Spring Art Awards

Neighborhood Art House students earned recognition at the National, State, and Local levels with art selected and submitted by Sister Peg Pilewski, Program Director, and NAH visual arts teachers. Forty entries were submitted. Congratulations to these students and their teachers.

### NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CERAMICS EXHIBIT:

Of over 1,000 submissions, only 150 were accepted into the exhibit. Both of the NAH entries were accepted and both received awards: Maxim Augustine (grade 7) received one of the two Curators Awards awards given in the entire show for his sculpture of a dog and Hy Khanh Doan (grade 7) received an Honorable Mention for her age group for her hand-thrown tea pot.

Maxim Augustine displays his winning sculpture.



### PRESQUE ISLE WOMEN'S CLUB ART COMPETITION:



Of the 18 entries, all placed at the CLUB level and 6 have received a first place at the CLUB, COUNTY, and REGIONAL levels and moved on to the STATE level.

State Level Award Winners Alicia Rodriguez (age 13) and Savanna Chrzanowski (age 11) display their awards: Alicia's *Mercury* received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division 3, Living Things; Savanna's *Flyaway* took a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division 2, Still Life. Not pictured here are Prem Dahal (age 10), who received a 1<sup>st</sup> place in Division I for his Glue Resist/Hand Dyed piece *House* and Malcolm Carr (age 13) who received a 1<sup>st</sup> place for his Division II Batik, *Blue Butterfly*.



### DR. & MRS. ROBERT GUELCHER ART SHOW

at Barber International Institute, Youth Division: Sebastian Ewing received the Best In Show in Photography, and Raphael Abarikwu an Honorable Mention in Painting. All ten of the submitted pieces were accepted into the show.

Sebastian Ewing points out his Best of Show photograph, *Up High Down Low*, which captures a beautiful sky reflected in the water filling a pothole.

### TOM RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER K-12 ART EXHIBIT:



Four of the six pieces submitted were honored with awards: Mrs. Hunter's Clay Classes' Collaboration: *Memories of Gull Point*, Clay Sculpture: 1<sup>st</sup> place; Alicia Rodriguez, photography: *Who Wonders*, 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Sebastian Ewing, photography: *Motion Frozen in Sand*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; and She'Yunna Williams, painting: *Monument at Sunset*, 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

She'Yunna Williams (age 10) has a bright future in painting as demonstrated by her TREC 1<sup>st</sup> place award.



MERCYHURST PREP 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ART CONTEST: All four of the submissions were accepted; Alicia Rodriguez (photography) won an Honorable Mention.

## TASTE of the ARTS 2013 Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Elizabeth Aguilar (13), this year's featured student artist, has chosen to create a batik for the Live Auction. This ancient art form originated in Java where it was used to decorate clothing.



1. Mary Lubowicki instructs Elizabeth Aguilar in the proper use of the electric tjanting tool used to apply wax. 2. Layer upon layer, additional wax is applied which resists the new color of dye that is added. 3. Ironing to remove all of the wax completes Elizabeth's batik.



### ERIE GIVES

The Erie Community Foundation is holding the third annual **ERIE GIVES** to benefit non-profit organizations in the Erie area on **August 13, 2013**. Please consider making an on-line donation through this program to the Neighborhood Art House. The value of your donation will be increased with a pro-rated match from ECF and GE Transportation.

More information will be posted on our webpage in July.

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### POETRY DAY

Throughout April, the children memorized, practiced and then delivered poetry selections to teams of judges recruited by Poetry Observation volunteer co-chairpersons Marjorie Podolsky, Tina McCracken and Laurel Taft. On POETRY DAY First Place winners Joel Gonzalez (7), Gabriela Batista (8), Brianna Feathers (9), She'Yunna Williams (10), Krystal Jordan (12) and Hy Khanh Doan (13) shared their winning presentations with the full Art House assembly. They and the second place winners received gift cards as their awards.



Damarshan'na and Sophia interpret a poem through self-portraits in mosaics.

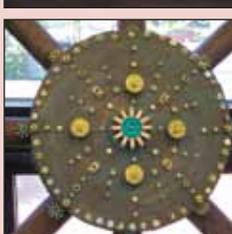
To further celebrate the day, art classes illustrated a poem chosen by their teachers using media such as clay, mosaics, paper sculpture, printmaking, drawing . . . Poetry day drew to a close with the presentation of gift bags for all forty-five children who had participated in the poetry contest. Congratulations to all and many thanks to our co-chairpersons.



Marjorie Podolsky, co-chairperson for the Art House Poetry Observation presents a gift bag to Jacob with the assistance of NAH teacher Lourdes Jasso.

### SPRING RECITAL and OPEN HOUSE

The 9<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> of May were exciting evenings for the children who performed in front of audiences made up of parents, siblings and friends. The recital featured students who had been taking lessons in violin, piano, flute, and cello. The Open House was the capstone event for the Spring term where displays of children's art covered the tables and walls and children entertained with music, poetry and dance.



*Every artist was first an amateur.* —Ralph Waldo Emerson

## From the Desk of Sr. Annette



This issue of Neighbor to Neighbor is a celebration of success. From Art Awards to Poetry Day, from Field Trip firsts to Art & Sole winners, we note accomplishments that only come from dedication, effort, and the will to succeed. In her address to a group of graduating seniors, Sheryl Sandberg, new COO of Facebook and author of *Lean In*, told them to ask themselves: "What would you do if you weren't afraid?" and then to "lean in and do it!"

That's good advice for all of us. Here at the Art House we give young people opportunities to develop confidence in their own abilities. Whether in art or in music, now or later in life, this personal strength will go a long way to stop fear from getting in the way.

*Sister Annette*

## DONOR CORNER

We are grateful to everyone whose generosity contributes to the Neighborhood Art House. May you have the satisfaction of knowing that your gift benefits many inner city children in their pursuit of beauty.

### OF PARTICULAR NOTE:

**Business Students, Penn State Erie, the Behrend Campus** used their class project to develop a product that they could put "on the market" to raise funds for NAH. Matthew Didiano, below with Sister Annette, explained that his group developed a pencil dispenser; the proceeds as well as income from several other fundraisers netted over \$400.



ReGrant Initiative

Photography students are using new digital cameras and learning to frame and mat their photographs thanks to a \$2,000 grant from **Gannon's Schuster Re-Grant Program**.

A \$750 grant from the **York Children's Foundation** is providing dance shoes and dance costumes, especially for boys. You'll see these at the upcoming Taste of the Arts.



## NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

You have heard this so often—now it is our turn to say "Like us on FACEBOOK." It is a quick and easy way to keep up with what is happening at the Neighborhood Art House.



## SPRING FIELD TRIPS

### In Their Own Words

#### From Madasynn (age 11)

The whole Neighborhood Art House went to the Tom Ridge Environmental Center. We went up a 75 foot tower, acted like black bears, found out how Presque Isle was made, and watched a movie about dinosaurs.

When we acted like black bears we had to find food and water cards to help us survive, we also had to find a cave to live in with other children acting like black bears. Food, water, shelter and space are the 4 parts needed in every habitat.

The movie was on a Big Green Screen. It showed how paleontologists found dinosaur bones and how they pieced all the bones together. The movie was called *Dinosaurs Alive*, it looked 3D.

All of the kids at the Neighborhood Art house want to thank the Friends of the Tom Ridge Environmental Center for funding our trip. We also want to thank the PI Environmental Educators; we all had a great time and learned a lot of new things!

#### From Christian (age 12)

On Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, my Watershed class at the Neighborhood Art House went to Seven Mile Creek



at Glinodo Center to catch macro-invertebrates. I caught the first one; it was a small worm. My friends and I struggled but we caught water striders and a bunch of worms. We identified them as blackfly thread worms and rat tailed maggots. Finally I caught something wonderful. A macro-invertebrate made its own house on the underside of a rock using mud from the stream. I never saw anything like it before.

#### From Gerzayn (age 11)

Taking photos at Glinodo was exciting because there was a lot to see. (Here are 2 of Gerzayn's photos.)



*Discovery  
All types of dinosaur bones  
Almost made the paleontologists groan  
So many shapes and sizes  
They almost look like prizes  
They were white and gray  
I wonder how much they weigh  
Brushing and brushing  
What can I find?  
Do you think I will find a spine  
When I find it,  
It will be mine  
Hot and the sun is shining down  
I see them all around  
And what is the sound  
I hear it all around  
As I ask what is on the ground  
No more dinosaurs  
No more found.*

Damarshan'na Mims (age 12)

#### From Abby (age 9), Stephanie (age 11) and Jahir (age 10)

The Invasive Species and Green Team classes from the Neighborhood Art House went to Presque Isle State Park to take out the garlic mustard invasive plants. We were part of the Weed Warrior Program. After meeting with Matt and Marti to learn more about garlic mustard, we went to different places and pulled up the garlic mustard from the roots. You have to get the roots or else it will come back and spread seeds. It was hard because the roots were deep in the dirt.

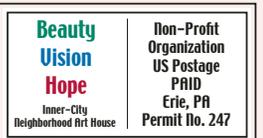
We felt messy; our gloves smelled really bad, like onions; when we were pulling it around the pond we got wet all the way up to our elbows. It is important to pull the garlic mustard because it spreads and takes over the other plants. We enjoyed this field trip and we hope that other people will join the weed warriors. We will all volunteer to go back!



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## SUMMER PROGRAM

Classes are filling quickly for the 2013 Summer Program at the Neighborhood Art House. Classes are arranged in five 1-week segments beginning June 24. Registration forms are available for pick-up between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.



## WISH LIST

Healthy snacks  
Air dry clay for clay classes  
Photo paper for digital photography classes  
Polyester fiberfill  
Gift cards to art/crafts or fabric stores



A RECORD CROWD of 330 participants were at the ready at 9:00 am Saturday, June 8 for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Sole 5K Run/Walk, a benefit event for the Neighborhood Art House. In addition to the individual times recorded for each runner and walker, 16 teams competed for recognition in the first A&S Team Challenge. This year a very active Art & Sole Committee chaired by Abby Lechner and Matt Catrabone met throughout the year to set the wheels in motion for a stellar event. The Art House is especially grateful for the 40+ volunteers who gave of their time to make it all happen.

"The best race in the area"...was just one of the comments heard at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Sole 5K. This was due to the untiring work and creativity of the planning committee: ROW 1 (LtoR): Trevor Nash, Shannon Morton, Christina Katen, Mike Agresti. ROW 2: Jeff Shaw, Patti Eichen, Matt Catrabone, Annette Marshall, OSB and Jim Toohey.



First Place in the Team Challenge went to Lincoln Recycling. Team members were presented with passes to Splash Lagoon contributed by Scott Enterprises.



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