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## Piqua Arts Council

### Letter from the President

The Piqua Arts Council continues to grow and enhance the quality of life in our community. As the Piqua Arts Council expands its offering of arts programming and events it takes on an ever increasing role in providing for cultural experiences in the community. Through the commitment and support of the PAC trustees and volunteers, and the community at-large, the Arts Council continues moving forward with developing and delivering programming and events relevant to community needs and interests. Deliberate partnerships with community organizations sharing the Arts Council's interest in promoting the arts has allowed the Arts Council and its partner agencies to make best use of available resources for the benefit of the community. The Piqua Arts Council will continue efforts to grow the arts and cultural offerings available in Piqua. I hope you will join us promoting and celebrating the arts as a means of enriching the quality of life in our community!

Chris Schmiesing  
President

## Board Member Happenings

Two active Piqua residents - Bernadine Greenwood and Chuck Black- have been appointed to the Piqua Arts Council Board of Trustees, according to an announcement made today by Executive Director Jordan Knepper.

Bernadine Fronda Greenwood retired to her hometown of Piqua in 2012 after residing many years in southern California. Prior to retirement, she was the director of advancement services at Scripps College, in charge of maintaining the database information for development staff, trustees and members of the college as well as handling all aspects of the gift accounting areas for the institution. Prior to this position, she worked in financially oriented positions at City of Hope Medical Center and General Dynamics.

A graduate of Miami University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Mrs. Greenwood and her husband, Mark, are the parents of a son, G. Charles Nerilich, and two daughters, Jennifer Greenwood and Jessica Sprehn.

She presently serves on the development committee of the Johnston Farm and Indian Agency and vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church. Her hobbies include 18th century history, sewing and reading mysteries.

A Piqua native, Chuck Black is the oldest of five siblings and has been married to his "best friend" Shelley Snipes Black for 28 years. He is employed by Muzzy Broadcasting and WPTW the past eight years as a local sales manager and senior account executive.



Black currently is a member of the Piqua Rotary Club, board member of the local chapter of the American Red Cross and committee for Piqua's Got Talent. He and his wife enjoy vacationing in Block Island, R.I. and spending time with their golden doodle dog, Dawson.

In addition, names of the 2014 PAC officers have been released: Chris Schmiesing, president; Tayte French-Lutz, vice president; Josh Gearhardt, treasurer; and Sandie Cox, secretary.

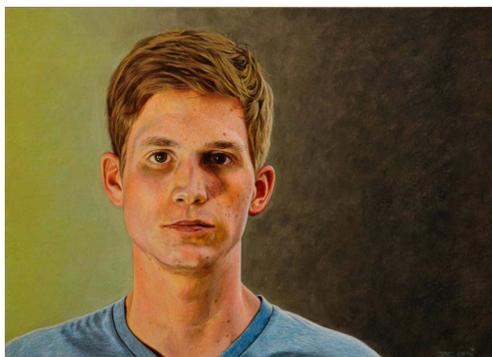
# Events, Programs

## ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT

Entering its 22nd year, the Piqua Fine Art Exhibition features some of the area's top artists and even regional, state and national award winners.

This year's exhibit featured 165 works of art from over 60 artists making it one of the largest shows in the region. The exhibit will be free and open to the public at Apple Tree Gallery on the second floor starting Friday, September 5th and continuing until Friday, September 26th during regular operating hours.

The Gala Awards Reception featured live music, catered hors d'oeuvres and the announcement of our award winners with more than \$2000 in prize money being awarded. A new fundraiser "Full Deck" featured artwork from area artists created on a regular deck of playing cards. Each piece of artwork was auctioned off with pre-bidding starting on Facebook and lasting through the Gala Awards Reception. Information on these pieces of art, can be found at: [www.facebook.com/PiquaArtsCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/PiquaArtsCouncil)



## MEMBERS' GALLERY

Utilizing the office space at 427 N. Main St, the Piqua Arts Council started a new program this year centered on creating a space for members to share their artistic creations. Any member of PAC has the opportunity to display work in the gallery. Novice artists to professional

artists are all welcome with artwork being rotated quarterly. The gallery is open weekdays from 10am to 4pm and for special events.

## RIVERSIDE PARTNERSHIP

Piqua Arts Council and Riverside of Miami County teamed up for a permanent display in the PAC Members' Gallery. Riverside of Miami County has 20 plus works of art from their consumers on display in the gallery and will rotate the pieces throughout the year. The display features depictions of famous paintings to original works of art and promises to be one of the most heartfelt exhibits in the area.

## OHIO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

For the second year in a row, Piqua Arts Council, Friends of the Piqua Public Library and the Piqua Public Library teamed up to bring the Ohio Watercolor Society Traveling Show to Piqua. As one of the state's premier exhibits, the OWS Traveling Show tours the state of Ohio for a year,



changing venues monthly. The artists featured in the exhibit this year were juried into the exhibit by juror Jean Grastorf and featured the works of Misuk Goltz, Yuki Hall, Frederick Graff and David Reed.

## CREATIVE CLASSROOMS

Integrating the arts and academics is the goal of the Creative Classrooms program. This partnership with the Piqua City Schools is designed to

impact the students grades K-12.

**Kindergarten:** The students at Nicklin Learning Center will be working with Mydalis Codner and Aaron Ordaz, local professional dancers, to learn the six elements of dance. The program will include individual and partner dancing and be linked to the math standards of patterning and counting as well as increasing the student's skills



in following directions and gross motor movement. The students will be learning dance steps to the waltz, rumba, and foxtrot. This event will be held at Nicklin Learning Center on May 12, 2014.

**Primary Grades 1-3:** Betsy Williamson and Janey Terry, local artists have been collaborating with the classroom art teachers to guide the students at Piqua City Schools primary buildings as well as Piqua Catholic are recreating the following masterpieces using recycled materials: at Springcreek with Karen Coverstone, Georgia O'Keefe - Blue Morning Glories, at High Street with Linda Hamilton, Wassily Kandinsky - Upwards, at Favorite Hill with Betsy Williamson, Paul Cezanne - Still Life with Apples, and at Piqua Catholic with Michele Schneible, Piet Mondrian - Line Over Form. The artwork that the Piqua City Schools students create will be displayed in the new Washington and Springcreek Primaries. The artwork created by the Piqua Catholic

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students will be on display at Piqua Catholic School. We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donation of materials for this project: NewTech Plastics – Covington, Plastipack Packaging – Jackson Center, Crayex Corporation – Piqua, and Special Waste Management – Vandalia.

## Intermediate Grades 4-6:

Thaddeus Rex's program "Read it Like a Rock Star" was brought to Bennett, Washington, and Wilder Intermediates. Thaddeus Rex taught language arts skills to the students through the eyes of a rock star. The most successful rock stars use rhyming, alliteration, similes, and metaphors when writing their songs. Thaddeus Rex showed the students how to use those language arts skills and guided them through the writing process and then to the creation of the poems into songs. The students wrote these catchy songs: Football is an Onion (Bennett and Washington) and Candyland (Wilder). Some of the intermediate students were so inspired by the writing process that they are now submitting their poems on Thaddeus Rex's website!

**Junior High:** Students are participating in a class created in conjunction with the PAC to write and illustrate children's books. The students are working with professional authors and illustrators to learn the techniques and skills needed to create a children's book. The goal is to publish the books and host a book release event for the students.

**High School:** The Featured Artists in Education program will be hosted by the art classes at Piqua High School. The students will be exposed to art mediums that they do

## Rock Piqua! Riverfront Concert Series

The musical talents of some of the areas hottest young performers filled the night sky this summer in downtown Piqua. Over seven-thousand residents and visitors of all ages filled Lock Nine Park during the three separate dates to enjoy musical entertainment along the beautiful Great Miami River. With a professional audio and lighting production crew supporting the show, the Rock Piqua! experience was absolutely spectacular!

With a goal of attracting the community to the riverfront area to raise awareness surrounding the natural beauty and recreational opportunities the river corridor and recreational trail system offer,



Lock Nine Park provided the perfect venue for the Rock Piqua! Riverfront Concert Series. The summer concert series kicked off June 14th with Satellite Flight rockin' the stage as the opener for local blues rocker Eric Jerardi. On June 28th it was Mark

not get to experience while they are at school. Sculptors, artists who work in oils and watercolors, and graphic design/screen printing. The artists will be providing a demonstration of their art form and the tools necessary to create their art.

Visit the Piqua Arts Council website to see photos and listen to the Rock Songs created in our Creative Classrooms.

Cantwil warming up the crowd before headliner Clark Manson rocked the house, and on July 26th Me vs Gravity revved things up with Nashville Crush playing into the night. Although the 2014 summer concert season has come and gone, gauging by the overwhelmingly positive response from the community, it is safe to say the Rock Piqua! Riverfront Concert



Series is here to stay! Congratulations to the event organizers and supporters of Piqua Arts Council and Mainstreet Piqua for hosting the concerts series this summer, and to the City of Piqua employees and Positively Promoting Piqua volunteers for their work in preparing the park area and providing support to the event. Many thanks to the event sponsors and the numerous community volunteers whose contributions and support made the event a huge success! Another outstanding collaborative effort by the many civic-minded persons and organizations in the great city of Piqua!



## Mission Statement

The Piqua Arts Council is dedicated to making the arts accessible to our community through education, support and presentation.

PAC has established the following guiding principles whereby programs will reflect:

- High professional standards
- High regard for the inclusion of a broad range of interest and age groups
- Equitable and fair payment or compensation opportunities for artists
- Proper recognition and show of appreciation for volunteers and supporters of PAC

## Working Vision

Our vision is to enrich our community by presenting high quality, innovative and diverse arts and cultural programs.

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## Did You Know

- *Elementary age children who are involved in music lessons show greater brain development and memory improvement within a year of starting their lessons than children who receive no musical training.*
- *Being involved in the Arts improves students academic achievement - enhancing test scores, attitudes and social skills, and critical and creative thinking.*

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
September 5th - September 26th	22nd Annual Fine Art Exhibiton	Normal Apple Tree Hours	Apple Tree Gallery 405 N. Main St
Sept. 2014 - May 2015	Creative Classrooms	TBD	Piqua City Schools
December 12, 2014	Holiday Art Walk	TBD	Downtown
April 11, 2015	Dancing with the Piqua Stars	1pm Matinée 6pm Dinner Show	A Learning Place 201 RM Davis Pky
Summer 2015	Rock Piqua!	TBD	Lock Nine Park
Summer 2015	Living Art Murals	TBD	TBD
September 2015	23rd Annual Fine Art Exhibiton	All Month	Apple Tree Gallery 405 N. Main St