

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

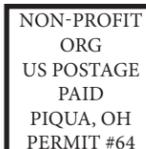
Working Vision

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

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Letter from the President

The first half of 2013 has been a busy time at the Piqua Arts Council. The work of maintaining programming and taking care of essential duties while going through the process of hiring a new executive director was a challenge to say the least. Through the commitment and hard work of the PAC board members the mission of the organization continued to be successfully fulfilled during this period of transition. With a talented and ambitious new executive director now on board, and an updated Strategic Plan now in place, the organization is poised to develop and deliver a diverse and dynamic lineup of artful and cultural experiences to the community.

I hope you will make the time to enjoy the many programs and events offered throughout the year and join us in celebrating the arts!

Chris Schmiesing
President

Board Member Happenings

The Piqua Arts Council is pleased to welcome Tayte French Lutz, Loretta Henderson, and Josh Gearhardt to the Council's Board of Trustees.

Taylor "Tayte" French Lutz is Marketing Coordinator of the French Oil Mill Machinery Company located in Piqua. Lutz joined French Oil in 2010 and is responsible for the company's marketing campaigns, website, brand management and market analysis. In January 2013, Lutz was appointed to the company's Board of Directors. Prior to joining French Oil, Lutz gained experience in marketing, business analysis, and sales and purchasing in the fashion industry.

Loretta Henderson is the principal at the Nicklin Learning Center in Piqua, and previously served in the same role at Washington Intermediate School. Henderson's childhood passion for music and drama led her to Wittenberg University, where she received a Bachelor of Music Education degree with an emphasis in vocal music. Henderson taught general and choral music for public

schools in Springfield, Dayton, and Kettering for 17 years. During that time Henderson also served as a director for the Kettering Children's Choir.

Josh Gearhardt is a Commercial Banking Officer, Vice President with MainSource Bank. Prior joining MainSource Josh served as Executive Director of the Miami County Public Transit, and more recently was employed by the Ohio Department of Transportation as a Public Transportation Manager, Josh worked closely with state and federal funding agencies.



Supporting the Arts!

The Piqua Arts Council recognizes the importance and benefit of the relationship we enjoy with our members, sponsors, and donors. We value your support and appreciate your contributions to our organization. We welcome your input and invite you to take an active role in your Piqua Arts Council. Sharing ideas, volunteering to help with an event or program, serving as a board or committee member or acting as an ambassador of the arts, are all great ways to get involved. The ongoing support and generosity of individuals and businesses are what make it possible for the Piqua Arts Council to fulfill its mission. Maintaining and growing the support provided to the organization are what allows the arts council to promote and support, and continue to grow, the

offering of art programs, workshops, and community events that contribute positively to the cultural experiences and quality of life in the Piqua community. We created this newsletter as a tool to report to our members, sponsors, and donors on the happenings at the Piqua Arts Council. We have also restructured our membership, sponsorship, and legacy gift opportunities to better define the value and benefits of supporting the Piqua Arts Council. We know that past invitations to support the arts council have been inconsistent at best. In the future you should expect to receive a newsletter twice each year, once near the beginning of the calendar year and again midyear. In this newsletter you will find our Membership, Sponsorship, and

Legacy Gift brochure, which explains the various opportunities to support the Piqua Arts Council. The brochure also highlights new conveniences that have been added to provide you with options to best fit your preferred timing and method of giving. These include choosing to receive an invoice, completing the support form online, or renewing your membership or sponsorship at any time during the calendar year. We sincerely appreciate your support of the Piqua Arts Council. It is our hope that the described changes will make it easy for you to continue your support of the Piqua Arts Council.

Board of Trustees
Piqua Arts Council

New Executive Director

In February Jordan K. Knepper came on board as the Executive Director of the Piqua Arts Council. The skills and insights Jordan brings from past employment experiences in the greeting card industry, graphic design field, and as a programming coordinator for a regional arts council make him well suited to guide the Piqua Arts Council into the future. Jordan has a passion for the arts and has dedicated his professional work to sharing his passion with others.



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Events, Programs & Projects

LIVING ART MURALS

Picture this... The streets are covered with snow. A snow plow turns the corner and is coming down your street when out of the corner of your eye a colorful art display appears amid the white winter snow. How can this be you ask? The Piqua Arts Council Living Arts Program, that's how! Children of all ages are invited to join us at the Mainstreet Piqua Farmers Market each Thursday for the remainder of the summer to help us add a little artwork to snow plows used by the City of Piqua Public Works Department. Our very own Sandie Cox will lead this fun and exciting opportunity for children to tap into their creative side and show off their artistic talents to the entire community.



Children work on snow plow murals.

What's more interesting to look at in a public park setting... a plain boring wooden privacy fence or, a privacy fence turned art canvas that is covered with a collection of cool sports themed silhouetted characters playing in colorful floral vegetation? The Piqua Arts Council Living Arts program has partnered with the City of Piqua Parks Board to commission a mural that will be applied to the wooden privacy fence at Pitsenbarger Sports Complex. Teens will have the opportunity to join established local mural artist Jim Shively who will conduct a four day workshop to highlight the skills required to be successful in the profession of creating mural art and offer a hands-on mural creation experience. This project is made possible through the support of the United Way Teens Taking Charge Grant. Thank you United Way!

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.

Strategic Plan

In 2013 the Piqua Arts Council (PAC) adopted an updated Strategic Plan. Simply stated themes categorize the goals of the Plan, with objectives and strategies more specifically identifying the steps and actions to be taken to achieve the desired outcomes.

- The Plan embodies our vision to:
- Strengthen our Organizational Structure and Financial Means
 - Increase our Visibility
 - Expand Programs and Services
 - Identify Strategic Partnerships

To view the plan in its entirety please visit our website at:
<http://www.PiquaArtsCouncil.org>.



Winter Trails - by Steven Walker currently on display in the Members' Gallery.

RIVERSIDE PARTNERSHIP

In April, 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.



Chasity Chamberlin, Riverside Transition Service and Support Administrator, presents Board President Chris Schmiesing with a Certificate of Gratitude for the Riverside/PAC Partnership

OHIO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

Described as a "feast for the eyes", the 35th annual Ohio Watercolor Society (OWS) traveling exhibit visited Piqua for a three-week stay at the Piqua Public Library January 16 to February 2. This extraordinary show was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Piqua Arts Council, the Piqua Public Library and the Friends of the Public Library.

A total of 40 paintings were selected by a jury representing a wide range of work created by current watercolor artists throughout Ohio. Several area watercolor provided demonstrations at the event. Our thanks to everyone who made this event possible.

ART WALK

The quarterly Art Walk series offers a unique opportunity to experience the arts in a casual setting while connecting local artists and enjoying an evening out with friends and family. While the focus of the event varies from one quarter to the next, one thing always present is the artful and relaxed atmosphere. With everything from art exhibits and refreshments at downtown businesses, to performing artist and music on the downtown sidewalks, to tours of nearby historic architecture, you get a little bit of everything with the Art Walk. It is easy to understand why this event is fast becoming a community favorite!

CREATIVE CLASSROOMS

Creative Classrooms is a program focusing on bringing quality art programming to the Piqua Schools focusing on four segments of the school population, Kindergarten, First through Third Grades, Fourth through Sixth Grade, and Seventh through Twelfth. This program looks to directly impact students at every grade level. This year, **Kindergartners** in Piqua Schools will be exposed to dance, with the intent to learn a new dance and have the opportunity to perform that dance for parents.

First through Third graders will be working with an area artist to create artwork installations for the new school buildings using recyclable materials.

Fourth through Sixth graders will be exposed to writing and music through a school day assembly called "Writing Like a Rockstar". After the assembly, the fourth graders will be split into two groups and work with Thaddeus Rex to write their own unique songs. At the end of the workshops, the students will have

created a unique song available as an MP3 file.

Seventh through Twelfth graders will be working on a children's book project. In partnership with Piqua City Schools, PAC is developing a new class for students where they'll have the opportunity to work with professional authors and illustrators to write and illustrate a children's book. At the end of the project the Arts Council plans to have the books published and hold a book release party for the students.

Partners & CALENDAR

Did You Know

- Students who study art are 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement and 3 times more likely to be awarded for school attendance.
- Researchers find that sustained learning in music and theatre correlates strongly with higher achievement in both math and reading.

Date	Event	Time	Location
January 2013	Ohio Watercolor Society Traveling Show	Daily	Piqua Public Library
March 15, 2013	Spring Art Walk	5pm - 8pm	Downtown
April 6, 2013	Dancing with the Piqua Stars	1pm Matinée 6pm Dinner Show	A Learning Place
June 14, 2013	Summer Art Walk	6pm	Downtown
July 22 - 25	Living Art Fence Mural	10am - 2pm	Pitsenbarger Park
July 25 - Sept 12 Thursdays	Living Art Snow Plow Murals	1:30pm - 5:30pm	Farmer's Market
September 12, 2013	Art Show Gala Reception	6pm - 9pm	Apple Tree Gallery
September 13 - October 7, 2013	21st Annual Fine Art Show	Weekdays 10am - 5pm	Apple Tree Gallery
September 13, 2013	Fall Art Walk	5pm - 8pm	Downtown
October 2013	Thaddeus Rex - In School Program	All Day	Piqua Schools
December 13, 2013	Winter Art Walk	5pm - 8pm	Downtown

Thank You Partners!

PAC is extremely grateful for the wonderful partnerships we enjoy with local organizations.

Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce
 Mainstreet Piqua
 Piqua Area United Way
 City of Piqua
 Piqua Public Library
 Riverside of Miami County
 Piqua City Schools
 Piqua Community Foundation
 Edison Community College