

## Environmental Art Projects at Stone House Farm & Inn

May 15, 11:30 am – 1 pm

**Smart Phone Photography**

Artist: Mande Hackenberg

*with Perry County Homeschoolers*



# SMARTPHONE *Photography*

Workshop participants strolled around the farm and surrounding grounds taking photos with their smartphones while learning how to make their photos stand out. This workshop explored editing tools available on smartphones and taught simple photo basics like composition and framing, all to take a better photo. Participants selected favorites to be printed, framed, and kept at the farm as part of a permanent installation.



May 18, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

## **Fossil Stepping Stones**

Artist: Eve Gurbacki

*with Commonwealth Charter Academy*



# FOSSIL

## *Stepping Stones*

Participants learned about fossils and created their own fossil stepping stones using natural items found at the farm. After the cement was mixed, it was poured into a mold, and found objects were placed on top. While the stones were being curated, everyone made a take-home stepping stone, necklace, or ornament out of air dry clay. When the stones are fully dried, the natural items will be removed leaving magnificent fossils for all to enjoy.



June 7 & 14, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

### **Mini Quilt Installation**

Artist: Janice Bailor

*with Perry County Homeschoolers*



# MINI *Quilt Installation*

This is a series of mini quilts featuring a nature/woodland theme inspired by the location of Stonehouse Farm. Participants used a natural wood stump stamp to first create an inked image on the background of their mini quilt. Then added a second layer using appliqué techniques. Following this, participants added textural stitches for a quilted effect. Finally, each participant chose material for hanging tabs and a stick for hanging their piece.



July 13, 9:00-11:00 am and 12:00 - 2:00 pm

**Botanical Art Print**

Artist: Sue Hetrick

*with Penn State Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners*



# BOTANICAL

## *Art Print*

The participants had a wonderful time at the farm, where they got to witness nature in full bloom. They used this inspiration to create a botanical print on fabric, using leaves, grasses, plants, and flowers found on the Stone House Farm & Inn property. The final product will be a table runner for the farmhouse that will be displayed in the tannery for all to enjoy.



July 18, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

## **Design-a-Tile**

Artist: Kirsten Olsen

*with Newport School District*



# DESIGN A *Tile*

During this event, individuals were given the chance to create designs on 4x4 tiles using their senses. They were encouraged to explore the farm and take note of what they saw, heard, and felt. Each participant focused on the visuals, sounds, and textures they experienced, and expressed their interpretations through their designs on the clay tiles. These tiles will be permanently displayed on posts behind the Inn, becoming a lasting addition to the property.



September 18, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

**Community View Opening Reception**

*Artist: Carol Reed*

*Open to the Public*

Images of eyes will be gathered through interaction with the artist on site at Stone House Farm & Inn, other locations in Perry County, or through the submission of electronic files. Images will be of both open and closed eyes. The final project will be a mix of local eyes and those from farther afield. Even though the two groups may never meet in person they will be represented together through "Community View". Once the images have been collected, they will be drawn on porcelain plaques, open eyes on one side and closed on the other. The fully fired plaques will not be sealed with glaze, allowing nature to interact with the rough matte surface. Finished plaques will be situated on the grounds of Stone House Farm & Inn at two locations of different heights, facing each other so they can interact.

September 19 & 26, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Create a Fire Pit**

*Artist: Thomas Oakes*

*with Farm Participants*

Design ceramic elements that will adorn a permanent fire pit at Stone House Farm & Inn. During the first class work together to lay out the fire pit, make the wet clay and create organic shapes imprinted with found items from the grounds which can include but are not limited to flowers, nuts, berries, and leaves. Explore using personal finger or handprints as well. The second class will be used to place all the finished ceramics on the fire pit, completing the project.

*with Newport School District*

October 12, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Decorate Pottery with Foliage**

*Artist: John Guarnera*

*with Perry County Homeschoolers*

As a group wander the farm ground, including the wetlands, to find appropriate plant materials to include in a sagger (foil wrap used in the firing of each pot) with each piece of pottery. Wrap pottery with plant materials and a few other supplied materials (copper carbonate and salt). Once the pots are ready in saggars, they will be pit-fired on the property. Everyone will take home their piece and one piece will be left at the farm.