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Press Release – June 2024

Get ready, Dansville NY! The Clara Barton mural project begins in just a few weeks!

Our muralist, Melissa Stratton Pandina, arrives June 24. The first few days will be spent creating the outline of the mural … this occurs at night, so anticipate that Ossian Street between Main and Elizabeth Streets will be closed. Once the outlining process is complete, painting begins, and YOU can be part of it. On Saturday, June 29 10AM-noon, Dansville ArtWorks will host a Community Paint Party. Essentially the biggest paint by number you’ve ever seen, participants will be provided paint and brush and assigned a numbered area to fill in. The first 100 community painters will receive a special mural sticker. This is open to ages 3-99 and is free. (Rain date is Sunday, June 30, same time.)

Community members are also invited to an Artist Talk on Monday, July 8, 7-8PM at the Event Space at 170 Main. Melissa will speak about her work as a muralist and inspiration behind the Clara Barton mural.

The mural will be dedicated on Saturday, August 10 at 10:30AM, followed by a reception and tenth anniversary celebration hosted by Dansville ArtWorks at the Event Space at 170 Main. All are welcome.

Dansville ArtWorks is the mural project manager and funding has been provided through LivCo’s First Impressions Village Edition grant to the Village of Dansville and by Jane Schryver.

Learn about Melissa’s work at deshria.com or on Instagram @deshriastudio.

Follow the mural progress and updates at dansvilleartworks.com/2024-mural-project.html and on ArtWorks’ Facebook and Instagram pages. Once the project begins, tag us in your mural photos #clarabarton #dansvillemurals.

Founded in 2014, Dansville ArtWorks Inc. is a decentralized non-profit arts organization based in Dansville, New York. ArtWorks partners with other institutions, artists and groups to complete its mission of cultivating and enhancing the visual, literary, and performing arts opportunities in the greater Dansville community. Notably ArtWorks’ programs include Fairy Doors of Dansville, the 2022 Dansville Mural Festival, and conduit support for Cristine Riedel (professional storyteller) and George Guida (poet/author/Finger Lakes Arts Series). Learn more at dansvilleartworks.com and our social media pages.