

MCAC WELCOMES YOU TO THE

35th Annual

THE MEDINA COUNTY

ARTS
COUNCIL

Service to the Arts Awards

& ANNUAL MEETING

AN EVENING TO HONOR SUPPORTERS OF THE ARTS

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2023

6:00 PM

WILLIAMS ON THE LAKE

787 Lafayette Road
Medina, Ohio

THE MEDINA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

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Relax, unwind and savor the delicious food provided by Williams on the Lake as we gather to honor deserving art leaders with the 2023 Service to the Arts Awards.

6:00 PM.....COCKTAILS & SMALL PLATES

6:30 PM.....DINNER BUFFET OPENS

AWARD PRESENTATIONS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

WELCOME.....PRESIDENT, GEORGE SAM

ANNUAL MEETING.....PRESIDENT, GEORGE SAM

- MINUTES OF 2022 ANNUAL MEETING
- ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS
- 2022 GRANTEE REPORTS

SERVICE TO THE ARTS AWARD

DAN HOSTETLER.....PRESENTER: LINDA LOVELESS

SERVICE TO THE ARTS AWARD

PLANET JOY.....PRESENTER: GEORGE SAM

SERVICE TO THE ARTS AWARD

ACCESS THE ARTS.....PRESENTER: ABIGAIL SWEIGERT

2023 INDIVIDUAL SERVICE TO THE ARTS AWARD RECIPIENT

Dan Hostetler



Dan has been on the Medina County Arts Council Board for six and a half terms, serving as President and secretary several times. He worked with the Buckeye Community Theatre on their Madrigal Dinner program. He was on the committee and helped guide them through the meal portion of the program and guided the servers.

Dan worked with Nancy Sprowls to help Brunswick and Wadsworth organize the first year of their Spirits of the Past programs. He served as the liaison between the Medina Walk with Spirits of the Past and the Arts Council, even serving after he was off the Arts Council Board.

While on the Arts Council Board, Dan worked with the Medina County Art League to put on an Artist

Studio Tour with five studios open to the public. He helped several artists display their artwork in the old Grace Drake Center for the Arts.

Dan worked as Executive Director of the Medina County Visitors Bureau from its founding over 30 years ago until he retired in 2022. In his role at the Bureau he was able to promote all arts programs across the county. He promoted them in the Events Guide, posted arts events flyers in the office, and distributed information at any of the shows he attended.



2023 ORGANIZATION SERVICE TO THE ARTS AWARD RECIPIENT

Planet Joy Studio



Debbie Apple-Presser

Planet Joy Studio, founded in 2018, started as a satellite of Passion Works Studio in Athens, Ohio. Founder Patty Mitchell is the driving force behind the idea that people with mental and physical differences are brimming with creativity, just like anyone else. After seeing her studio model, Dave Clardy Director of PeaceWorks (a company that offers support services for individuals with developmental disabilities) decided to take a chance and incorporate this cutting edge studio idea into his company. Like Patty Mitchell, he had the foresight and ability to see what can be invisible to others. Hand picked by Patty herself, Debbie Apple-Presser was given the honor of becoming lead artist and running the studio. Planet Joy Studio was named, then it took off like a wild horse out of the gate.

Planet Joy consists of 8 artists who started with lots of questions such as: “What is this place? Which colors should I use?” or “What do you think I should do?” Debbie’s answers were, “This is your studio, it’s a working art studio. Choose the colors that speak to you, and go with what you feel, what your gut says.” It took a minute, but Planet Joy soon became a well oiled working studio. The artists have become proficient in painting, drawing, choosing colors, silk screening, transferring images, and collaborating, with complete confidence in what they are creating. Throw in some spontaneous dancing, singing along with the music, and you are in the most joyful and inspiring place.

Before the pandemic Planet Joy was going gangbusters. They had a number of very successful shows at Spokes1: The Art Of Fine Dining, Have A Happy Holiday, the Art Walk and more. Planet Joy and Passion Works teamed up for a show at the Emily Davis Gallery at Akron University called Passion and Joy, where you could actually experience those feelings by walking through the gallery. They had a rather wild poetry slam and wrapped the trees around the square with their famous circle art. This past summer, their highlight was bringing in the internationally acclaimed sand sculptor, Carl Jara. You might have seen the gigantic shoe surrounded by fairies, at the square. They were also so proud of the Planet Joy art on the Arts Week banners that hung all around the square.

Planet Joy’s art decorates homes in Medina, Cleveland and across the United States. They are proud and honored to sell their art at Sideshow, the Museum Store at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore, which by the way was voted best museum store in the USA. Invited guest artists have come from Cleveland to spend the day, teaching and inspiring them. Planet Joy would like to thank Dave Clardy for his willingness to take a chance, the whole staff at Peace Works, who couldn’t be more supportive and proud of all of their artists, and the community at large, who believe in their power of art. After all, Joy is what they bring, art is how they do it.



2023 ORGANIZATION SERVICE TO THE ARTS AWARD RECIPIENT

Access the Arts

Access the Arts was established in 2018 as a non-profit with the primary purpose to provide opportunities that unite the community and offer a platform for those who would like to share their talents in all art forms to inspire others. They provide an exposure to the arts and interactive opportunities for at-risk youth, older adults, and those with special needs. They promote appreciation for and education in the fine and performing arts for people of all ages. They are funded by grants, corporate donations and contributions from individuals.

Access the Arts provides music and art lessons to afterschool students at the Lodi Family Center several days each week, as well as arts projects for the Medina County Home, ACP Day Center, and Integrated Community Solutions. They also provide music and art classes for the youth at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center. AtA gathers the community by hosting several free concerts and the Sharon Showcase Art and Music Festival each year. Access the Arts believes the arts help us to celebrate differences, encourage creativity, and unite us with a common inspiration.

Many exciting events are coming to Sharon Center this summer! From the Music in the Circle summer concert series to the Sharon Showcase to Yoga in the Circle, the gazebo will be buzzing with opportunities to interact with the arts and your neighbors in the community!



MEDINA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Our Mission

“Advocate for, Support, and Nurture the Arts in Medina County.”

OUR VISION

The Medina County Arts Council (MCAC) along with our friends and partners is committed to inspire each generation to experience and participate in the arts through outreach and promotions; to enrich the quality of life and celebrate our artistic heritage; to make art accessible to all people throughout Medina County; to advocate for all forms of artistic expression essential to building vibrant, diverse, and inclusive communities; to encourage education, career opportunities, and entrepreneurship in the arts; and to continue sustaining and growing the organization.

WHAT WE DO

The Medina County Arts Council (MCAC) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization who provides Grants to Medina County organizations, schools and communities promoting the arts and our scholarships to graduating Medina County seniors. The primary support for these come from contributions entrusted to us through donations and funds raised from special events.

Each year we honor the art accomplishments of Medina County individuals and organizations with our Service to the Arts Awards.

Since 1984, we’ve produced and promoted the annual July Arts Week Festival and related activities including afternoon arts programs for children and evening concerts for adults and families.

For more than 20 years, the Medina County Arts Council has co-sponsored Spirits of the Past, the dramatic history walk featuring Medina’s Historic Square, in cooperation with The Medina County Historical Society and the Medina County Show Biz Company.

We publish ArtsViews, a monthly e-newsletter and a Community Arts Calendar. And, we’re on Facebook so you can receive up-to-date information about local arts and MCAC activities as soon as they post.

For the future, the Council seeks to increase the number of scholarships and grants to be awarded, to encourage growth in arts programming, and to provide additional support and services to local artists and arts organizations.

MEDINA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL IN 2022

Grants & Scholarships

The total grant funds provided this year for Teacher Grants totals to \$3,200. Here are the teachers, projects, and locations awarded this past fall semester:



**Nancy Dake
(Lodi Family Center) - \$400**

To be used for Kids' Maker Space in their Lodi after school program.



**Jennifer Vilimonovic
(Hobby Horse) - \$300**

To be used for updating their equipment for music program.



**Lisa Wallen
(Wadsworth Middle School) - \$400**

To be used for a Glow Art project with black lights and fluorescent materials.



**Amanda Montana
(St. Francis Xavier, Medina) - \$125**

To be used for Kindness Postcards to be sent out to community/school members.

Sally Lucas (Isham Elementary School, Wadsworth) - \$358.37

To be used for Isham's 100 year celebration cap/lid mural.

MEDINA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL IN 2022

Grants & Scholarships

ORMACO - Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach - \$650

To help with artists' fees for the 2021 Jazz/Opera under the Stars in Medina.

Medina Chorus. Inc. - \$325

The funds will be used for general expenses for Fall/Winter choral concerts including 14 rehearsal sessions. Our concerts include one public performance as well as gratis performances of concert program music and Christmas carols at the Western Reserve Masonic Home, the Medina County Home and often other nursing homes.

Wadsworth Community Band - \$325

For Fall Session- Winter Holiday Concert to compensate the band director, purchase of new music and equipment in order to provide free admission to our concert(s) for the public, and aid in funding of advertisements.

Brunswick Middle School Drama Club - \$786.50

The purpose of this grant is to purchase the rights, royalties, scripts, vocal books, directorial guides, video licensing, and logo packets for the 2022-23 Brunswick Middle School Drama Club production of "High School Musical Jr.". We look forward to sharing our performance with the community in our annual production. Drama club is a unique after school activity that promotes community pride, builds students' self-confidence and creates a safe space for all participants. Students have the opportunity to develop many of the Social and Emotional Learning Standards established by the state of Ohio. Our members will grow immensely in self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and responsible decision making. The skills they cultivate in BMS Drama Club are skills that help to develop more comprehensive students who are able to be successful in their future careers.

Access the Arts - \$390

Access the Arts will be bringing live and interactive music sessions to the residents of the Medina County Home. We will be providing live music on a quarterly basis. The first quarter, the residents will be using iPads to create music in an ensemble setting. The second and third quarter concerts will be held outside at their covered pavilion. The fourth quarter, the residents will have a guided performance to showcase their ukulele skills. This is part of an ongoing project that we started in 2021 to provide ukulele lessons to the residents. The grant monies would be used to pay the guest musicians' fees.

Writers in Residence - \$650

Writers in Residence will teach creative writing to the youth at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center to empower their voices and assist in their reentry into society. The organization will facilitate 24 creative writing workshops between 09/01/2022 - 04/31/2023. Each session will run for 60 minutes either in-person or remotely via Zoom, teaching the residents various writing techniques, texts, and themes from diverse and dynamic authors. At the end of every workshop, Writers in Residence publishes, showcases, and distributes chapbooks or anthologies filled with their residents' creative writing inside juvenile facilities, on campuses, and throughout the local communities to raise awareness about the juvenile justice system and advocate for juvenile justice reform. General operating support to contract a Teaching Artist who will facilitate 24 creative writing workshops at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center between two program seasons.

Wadsworth Community Radio - \$650

With grant funding this year, we plan to produce two-minute "mini concerts" featuring various elementary school classes singing Christmas songs. We will also feature announcements throughout the holiday season that the mini concerts are "made possible by the support of the Medina County Arts Council" read by community and school leaders. We also plan to record performances of the Wadsworth High School Jazz Ensemble and High School Show Choir, along with Christmas concerts from various elementary schools in Wadsworth. Our hope is to also capture music from the Wadsworth Community Band and the Wadsworth Community Chorus. We will continue to broadcast music by individual local artists: Emily Dorland, David Zuder, Gina Brooklyn and Steve Miracle, keeping local music alive for the community. "Six Degrees of Ohio" would continue to be underwritten in 2021 by the Medina County Arts Council should we be gifted this grant again. "Six Degrees" is a show that highlights music and artists birthed in northeast Ohio.

MEDINA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL IN 2022

Grants & Scholarships

Integrated Community Solutions, Inc. - \$507

We provide art classes for people with developmental disabilities on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. For many of our participants, this is the first time they have ever had the opportunity to be in such a class. It is our most popular gathering that we host with typically 30-40 participants in attendance. We have supply costs covered for these classes, but we do not have guest artist fees covered. This grant submission is to cover the costs of one of our guest artists for a 12 month period. The guest artist charges \$65 per class, and she instructs our group once per month.

Medina County Show Biz- \$143

This year, MCSB is giving an opportunity to a local playwright or artist to present their original theatrical work on our stage during our regular season. The hope is to spotlight local artists and provide a stepping stone for them to get their work noticed while highlighting the artistic talent within our community. We plan to offer this opportunity to a local artist annually, beginning this year. We are asking for funds to offset the expenses of the local artist spotlight production taking place October of 2022, including set, costumes, tech, director's fee, and additional operating expenses.

Medina Community Band Association - \$650

The MCAC grant will support the efforts of Medina Community Band whose purpose is to continue the 159-year-old tradition of presenting band concerts to Medina County residents.

We increased our scholarships from \$1,750 to \$3,000 because of our generous donors for Class of 2022 graduating seniors.



**Georgia Nielsen
Medina High School
\$1,000**

Georgia attends The Ohio State University in the fall double majoring in Film Studies, with a concentration on Screenwriting and Arts Administration. She will double minor in Human Rights and Media Production. She has been offered entrance into the humanities scholars program at OSU and will focus on strengthening and engaging communities throughout Columbus.



**Katrina Boyce
Wadsworth High School
\$1,000**

Katrina plans to major in Graphic Design to pursue a career that allows her to be creative and use her artistic skills. Katrina's goal is to learn and grow as a professional artist.



**Emma Hetkey
Highland High School
\$500**

Emma is pursuing a double major in Business and Communication with a minor in Dance at The College of Wooster. At her audition she was invited to take part in choreographing pieces for their fall and spring dance concerts; an offer she was excited to accept. Emma says attending college is a great honor and being able to continue her passion for dance as well is a dream come true.



**Natalie Batey
Wadsworth High School
\$500**

Natalie attends The University of Akron pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting, and taking business and marketing classes. After graduating, she wants to open her own art gallery and store to promote her work and others in the arts community.

MEDINA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Accepting Grant & Scholarship Applications



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2022 MEDINA COUNTY

Student Art Show

Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Medina Co. Student Art Show. Judges for the show included local artists Elaine Lamb, Christal Kaple, Bobbie Foy, Carol Klingel, Craig Stauer, and George Sam. MCAC provided \$50 awards to these recipients.

Best in Show: Grace Karas
12th Grade, Medina High School



High School: 1st Place
Izzy Castillo, 10th Grade, Medina



1st Place: Alida Leidy
11th Grade, Evolve School



Middle School: 1st Place
Chloe R., 8th Grade, Al Root



Elementary School: 1st Place
Kyler M., 1st Grade, Waite

MEDINA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL IN 2023

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 8th - Sunday, July 16th

For 40 years, MCAC has invited the community to experience, learn about and participate in our annual celebration of the arts. The week-long event held in July is a time for residents and visitors to enjoy a wide variety of free and low-cost local entertainment of arts performances, classes and activities planned around the county.



Thursday, Sept 8th - Sunday, Sept 11th

For more than 20 years, the Medina County Arts Council has co-sponsored Spirits of the Past, the dramatic history walk featuring Medina's Historic Square, in cooperation with The Medina County Historical Society and Medina County Show Biz Co.

Saturday, October 21st

A walk around Medina's Public Square area while gathering chocolate themed treats from each participating business you visit. Visit local businesses and meet new people, all while supporting the arts in Medina County. Proceeds raised from the Chocolate Walk help Medina County Arts Council continue to provide grants to Medina County educators, art programs, and scholarships for graduating seniors who have excelled in the arts.



Contest Entries: November 1st - 28th

Public Voting: December 1st - 18th

Winner Announced: TBD

The contest is designed to encourage and highlight the artistic creativity of Medina County residents and reward those who go above and beyond to celebrate the holiday season with their talents. The winner is presented with the coveted light bulb trophy and gift cards to local businesses.

THE 2023 MEDINA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

*Thank you for
your continued
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