

# UPCOMING Events

## Artist Residency Culminating Event

Thursday, May 23rd | 6 PM

Students, artists, teachers, parents, and the community will come together May 23rd at 6 pm at Strong Vincent for a culminating event celebrating and honoring students' work created through Erie Arts & Culture's Arts in Education Program. Erie Arts & Culture is committed to increasing educational engagement and achievement by providing youth in Northwest Pennsylvania with access to exceptional arts experiences. One way that we reflect this commitment is with teaching artist residencies, through which we build the capacity of artists in our region so that they can better serve as leaders in the community. The four residencies being celebrated include:



**Tom Ferraro and Ed Grout** - Strong Vincent Middle School

**Kelly Armor** and the Newcomer Academy - East Middle School

**Annie Schmitt** - East Middle School

**One World Tribe** - Wilson Middle School

These four residencies were funded in part through the Erie Arts Endowment and funding from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. Additional funding came from UPMC Health Plan and Northwest Bank through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Neighborhood Assistant Program.

This event is free and open to the public.

## Leading Ladies Exclusive Event

As a Leading Lady, you and a guest are graciously invited to experience a class lead by an artist to create a shared fused glass piece, or simply join us to socialize!

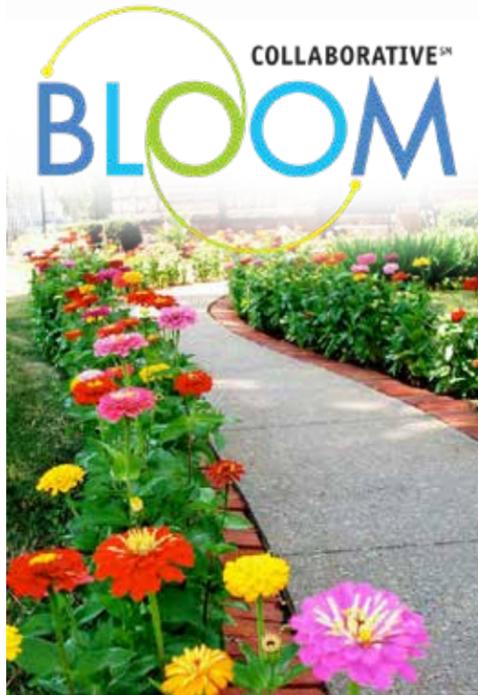
Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments with our very own Patrick Fisher as your celebrity bartender for the evening!

During this event we will also select a Leading Lady Chair and Co-chair to help facilitate the group's events. Please give some thought to who these two special ladies may be.

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> | 5 – 7 pm

**Blossom's Clay Studio  
Bloom Collaborative  
138 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street | Erie Pa**

Please R.S.V.P. to Judy by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Capacity is limited to 60. Thank you!



**Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

*The Omniewski Family cordially invites you to*

**Nurture  
Rosie's  
Garden**

Please join the Omniewski Family as they celebrate and honor the life of Dr. Rosemary Omniewski whose work inspired the Arts Infusion Certificate program at Edinboro University and sparked the creation of the Dr. Rosemary Omniewski Arts Infusion Education Fund.

*Nurture Rosie's Garden will take place at the Omniewski Family farm residence on Eureka Road in Girard, Pennsylvania on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. The celebration will include:*

**4 pm Hors d'oeuvres**  
**6 pm Music | Blues Beaters**  
**7 pm Dinner | Harry Miller Catering**  
**10 pm Fireworks**

**Wear Red to honor Rosie; her favorite color!**

**Formal invitation to follow.**

Photo Credit:  
Christopher Millette, Erie Times-News



Dear Ladies,

We are in the final year of our first three year commitment! Saying Thank You for your patience as this group has evolved over that time is not nearly enough. Your commitment to including arts in our educational settings is outstanding.

Your contributions help grow the Virginia P. Vieser Fund at the Erie Community Foundation. Created in memory of Virginia P. Vieser in 1994, the fund began with a gift from her estate. As a Leading Lady, your pledges increase Virginia's Endowment payout and honor her wishes by ensuring the longevity of opportunities within arts in education. The Virginia P. Vieser Funds helps support art in an educational setting through our Erie Arts & Culture Project Grant funding program.

In addition to the Virginia P. Vieser Fund, Erie Arts & Culture is pleased to announce that the Omniewski family has established a permanently endowed fund within the Erie Arts Endowment to honor the late Dr. Rosemary Omniewski. The fund, named the Dr. Rosemary Omniewski Arts Infusion Education Fund, will support arts infused residencies with teaching artists through the Arts in Education program, administered by Erie Arts & Culture, in Erie, Warren, and Crawford Counties. This endowment also aligns with the Leading Ladies' philosophy of fostering arts within an educational environment.

As a Leading Lady, you determine how your contributions are distributed between these two funds.

Leading Lady pledges remain a three year commitment, however, we are excited to announce the expansion of Leading Lady membership yearly gift opportunities as follows:

**Sapphire \$250 | Emerald \$500 | Ruby \$1,000 | Diamond \$5,000**

In celebration of these new membership opportunities, Erie Arts & Culture would like to invite you and a guest to an exclusive Leading Lady event on May 24th at Blossom's Studio located on Bloom Collaborative's East 26th Street campus. Here we will create a shared fused glass piece; meet Rosemary Omniewski's dear friend, Holly Nowak; enjoy cocktails; and sample tasty hors d'oeuvres. In addition to our special guest Mrs. Nowak, EAC's Melinda Meyer and Kristen Weibel will provide a brief presentation about Arts In Education and share with you the tremendous impact your contributions have on this program.

Please see the event invitation for more information and R.S.V.P. by May 20th. Email me at [judy@erieartsandculture.org](mailto:judy@erieartsandculture.org) or call 814-452-3427 ext. 101 to make your reservation. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Judy Bloeser  
Erie Arts & Culture  
Leading Lady Steward

## Leading Ladies

is a connected network of engaged women who all share the spirit of philanthropy. The women who comprise this group have generously made a three year pledge of either \$250, \$500, \$1,000, or \$5,000. Their gifts are an investment in childhood development by funding initiatives that provide Erie County youth with increased access to programs that foster culture and creativity.





Erie Art Museum

*Be moved.*

### Second Sundays

Second Sundays are an interactive and intergenerational program that takes place at the Erie Art Museum. Its goals are to facilitate intergenerational family engagement with a child led art making activity; create an environment of exploration, inquiry, critical thinking and fun; and provide free arts programming for families.

Second Sundays take place at the Museum the second Sunday of each month from 2 pm – 4pm with pay-as-you-wish admission.

Photo Credit: Erie Art Museum



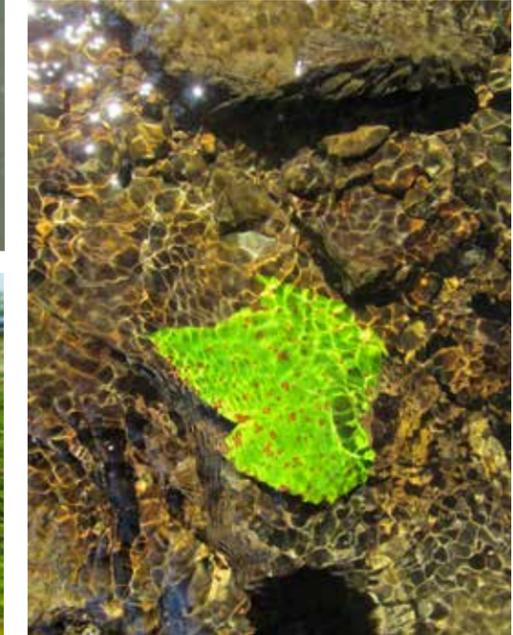
### Exploring the Beauty of Nature through the Visual and Literary Arts

This project exposed students to nature and allowed various environmental settings to serve as inspiration for their artwork. Through the offerings of art courses held at the Neighborhood Art House and field trips to multiple outdoor locations, the children were able to experience the beauty of nature through participating in visual arts and poetry. Project settings included indoor and outdoor classrooms at the Neighborhood Art House and various nature locations in Erie County such as the Glinodo Center, Presque Isle State Park, Erie Zoo, Asbury Woods Nature Center, Headwaters Park, Liberty Park, the Erie Bayfront and the Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier.



Student Work:  
(left) Sierra Jackson 12 yr old  
(left middle) Alex Morales 10 yr old  
(below) Dziana Kirdzei 10 yr old

Photo Credit:  
(bottom) Experience - Lourdes Jasso



Thank you Leading Ladies, your generous contributions have made these moments possible!



**EHCA**

*Erie Homes for Children and Adults, Inc.*

### Making Opportunities for Volunteerism and Exploration (MOVE)

The MOVE (Making Opportunities for Volunteerism and Exploration) program of EHCA (Erie Homes for Children and Adults, Inc.) has worked with Dafmark Dance Theatre for 18 years to create Partners in Dance, allowing adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) with an interest in the arts to learn about dance and perform



with an accomplished teaching artist in the community.

Partners in Arts began in 2015 and allows people with I/DD to work on fine motor skills with an art instructor in the community.

(above) A moment of pure joy with MOVE dancers Chris and Jessica with instructor Jennifer Dennehy.

(right) Dawn B. performs with the group with a little help from one of the staff members at MOVE.

Photo Credit: EHCA

