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Peggy Black

Media Arts – Fabric Dying / Mark Making with Colorants or Thread

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Age Range for Residencies:

Elementary, Middle/Junior, High School, Adult

References:

Upon Request



- ▶ Margaret Black is a full-time textile studio artist in rural Jenner Township, Pennsylvania. Although she is a retired accountant, a sewing machine has been central to her life since the age of eight. As a 4-H leader, she has taught basic sewing and tailoring for over 30 years. In the mid 1990's she discovered a quilter named Nancy Crow and began following her work. It was not until 2011 that Margaret ventured to the Crow Barn Art Retreat Center to begin her studies into quilting as art. She has studied with Nancy for the past nine years. Among other teachers who have facilitated Margaret's artistic journey are Lisa Call, Claire Benn and David Hornung.

Katelyn Buchan

Visual Arts: Painting, Murals, Mixed Media, Printmaking,
Nature Art Expressive Arts

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle/Junior, High
School, Adult, People with disabilities

Counties:

Cambria, Fayette, Somerset and Westmoreland



- ▶ Katelyn Buchan is a professional Visual Artist known for creating vibrant murals and dreamscape paintings that transform public spaces and connect communities. Since 2015, she has been an art educator, leading nature art camps, private lessons, and expressive arts programs at art centers. With a Bachelor's degree in Art Therapy and a minor in Studio Art from Seton Hill University, Katelyn believes in the transformative power of art. She is passionate about guiding others to express themselves through various mediums, drawing from her own experience of how art can positively impact and change lives.

Deb Bunnell

Visual Arts – Illustrations/ Paintings/Murals

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Media Arts:

Illustrations/Paintings/Murals

Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary,
Middle/Junior, & High School

References:

Upon Request



Deb Bunnell has been swept away by the transformative power of wall murals ever since her parents allowed her to crayon an entire zoo onto her bedroom walls as a child. After degrees in Art/Liberal Arts from Millersville University, and Illustration from the University of the Arts (Philadelphia), she has worked as an illustrator, commissioned painter and mural painter. Most of her murals are in schools, from preschool through high school. The mural can express any subject matter desired by the school while adding warmth and excitement to a plain wall. Students can brainstorm images and design, help transfer the sketch to the wall, and learn how to handle acrylics while painting the mural. For a residency involving more personal sized work, Deb enjoys teaching colored pencil painting or acrylic painting. The focus on the personal sized paintings is gaining confidence in the medium in order to develop each student's individual expression.

Linda Callaway

Visual Arts – Mural, Painting, Mixed Media

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary,
Middle/Junior, & High School

References:

Upon Request



Linda Callaway taught at public schools for over 30 years, mostly elementary art but is experience in all age levels. Retired from Sadler Arts Academy, Muskogee, OK. Sadler's curriculum is literature based and art is taught in the classrooms as well as the art room. Callaway states "I love introducing students to art techniques and inspiring their creativity. Children's art has such charm and freedom".

Pamela Cooper

Visual Arts – Painting

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary, Junior/High School,
Adult and People with disabilities

Counties:

Fayette, Somerset and Westmoreland



“There’s no right, there is no wrong ... This is your art; OWN IT.” These are the words of encouragement and confidence spoken over the students of award winning, multi-talented artist, Pamela Cooper. With 15 years of experience as a professional artist/teacher, she shares her knowledge and creativity with her students. A repertoire of mediums serve as a playlist to choose from ranging from drawing, painting, clay, sculpting, multi-medium, and more.

Shawn Costello

Visual Arts – Illustrations, Portraiture and Landscape painting

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Age Range for Residencies:

Kindergarten – 12th grade

Counties: Westmoreland



Shawn Costello lives in Western Pennsylvania. Illustrations, portraiture and landscape paintings are on the easel at different times. In her portraits, Shawn seeks to capture an impression that conveys emotion and the spirit within. The same is true with her landscape paintings. The places that she paints are often ones that tell a story or have a human element.

Alexis Dillon

Visual Arts – Pottery, Photography, Collage: Drawing and Design

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Age Range for Residencies:

High School and Adult

Counties:

Fayette, Somerset and Westmoreland

Alexis Dillon, an accomplished artist with 30 years of expertise in infrared photography and an award-winning potter, is dedicated to sharing her experience and passion for the arts. She will collaborate closely with the classroom teacher to enhance students' learning experiences, guiding them through each project step-by-step. Each day's lessons will build progressively, ensuring a solid foundation as students advance through their artistic journey.

Rita Haldeman

Visual Arts - Painter

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary,

Middle/Junior, & High School

References:

Mr. Drew Banas, Loyalhanna Watershed, 724-238-7560

Mrs. Lisa Ferrence, St. Barbara Fine Arts Com., 724-864-2838



Rita Haldeman attempts to have students look at, study and paint the life around them, taking special notice in color and true light. Haldeman's paintings go beyond recording realistic details: her goal is to capture a subject's mood. She was chosen to paint the first limited edition print, Loyalhanna Springtime, for the Loyalhanna Watershed Association, and has received many awards, including First Prize in the Three Rivers Arts Festival in Pittsburgh .

Jane Holt

Visual Arts – Painting, Mosaic, Pottery, Fabric Arts, Puppet Theater

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary,
Middle/Junior, & High School

References:

Upon Request



What is a Crankie?

A Crankie is a combination of artistry, theatrics, puppetry, and fun. The very first of mobile entertainment, a Crankie theatre is a box with two spools inside. The spools have handles that can be “cranked” to bring movement to an illustrated scroll that is wound onto the spools. In the 19th century, these devices had many names but were often referred to as moving panoramas.

Near where I live in South-west Pennsylvania we have “Crankie-fest” in which the best Crankies perform their craft.

I got the Crankie bug four years ago and have been created new shows with my students every year since careful it’s quite contagious.

Lindsay Huff

Visual Arts – Metalsmith, Jewelry Maker, Enamelist, and Sculptor

Artist Contact:

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Age Range for Residencies:

Elementary, Middle/Junior, & High School



As a metalsmith, jewelry maker, enamelist, and sculptor, my creative process is a study of transformation and juxtaposition. Creating art that intersects with everyday life is at the core of my practice. To create works that become an element of someone's daily routine—a ring that is worn every day, an installation that activates a mundane space—the intimacy of these moments is a profound joy. I create jewelry and wearable art primarily utilizing vitreous enamel (kiln and torch-fired glass powders) and copper, as well as installations and sculptures incorporating repurposed and recycled materials including hammered aluminum cans, roof flashing, copper pipe, and other found objects.

After receiving a BFA in Metalsmithing from Syracuse University, I began teaching jewelry making in 2007, first teaching adults and seniors, and expanding to teach teens and children as young as eight. I regularly teach through Pittsburgh Center for Arts & Media, and have previously taught at Sweetwater Center for the Arts, Contemporary Craft, Artsmiths of Pittsburgh, WashArts, and various locations of the Carnegie Libraries of Pittsburgh. Since 2015, I have been a rostered teaching artist with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and I received a Teaching Artist Certificate from University of the Arts in 2018. I have completed over thirty residencies in school and community settings. Across all ages, students love how metalsmithing combines art with engineering and utilizes novel tools like hammers, anvils, pliers, and torches. My teaching practice creates a tangible way for students to see science in action, to express themselves through experimentation and creation, and to connect with centuries of ancient craftsmen. I believe strongly in an educational practice that celebrates multiple intelligences, and builds confidence through play, practice, and problem solving.

Joy Knepp

Folk Arts – Jewelry and Sculptures

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle/Junior,
High School, Adult, Senior

References:

Upon Request



Joy Knepp uses flame working techniques in her work which involves manipulating rods of glass with a torch to create glass beads that she uses to make jewelry and small sculptures. She guides students, middle school, high school or adults in a step-by-step journey with working in glass as well as using inspirations from nature to design jewelry incorporating glass, metals, and natural objects. Ms Knepp is a retired k-12 art educator from Shanksville-Stonycreek School District and has earned a B.S. and B.A. in art and education from Pennsylvania State University. She continued post-graduate work from several institutions including Frostburg State University of MD, California University of PA and the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. She has studied and taught techniques in Glass at Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington, PA. She has also studied at Pittsburgh Glass Center, Goggleworks, Reading, PA and many other workshops affiliated with the International Society of Glass Beadmakers. Her work has been exhibited and sold in galleries and art centers in the region.

Evgeny Krayushkin

Visual Arts – Painting, Woodcarving

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle/Junior, High
School, Adult, Senior

References:

References available upon request



My idea of teaching is more of an assistance. (or, I view teaching as more like assisting.) I will assist the students in their development of a) the individual vision, and b) a personal narrative as a prelude to developing a voice/style. Art is about the journey and the discovery (whether external or internal) and ultimately, my goal is to teach that concept. Art is an individual journey; it is in the process, in the action, in the movement, in the struggle, and in the search -- the acts of an individual journey. I am a mental health therapist by trade, and I believe in the therapeutic aspects of art. Art can heal, inspire, and tell some really great stories! I am open to all age groups - the experiences of expression, inspiration and discovery are not defined by our age or ability.

Lynne Magee

Visual Arts – Painter

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle/Junior, High
School, Adult, Senior

References:

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Stephanie L. Hosier, Galaxy, 814-237-3003



My educational background includes a bachelors degree in studio art and art education from William Smith College and graduate studies at SUNY Brockport and Penn State University. I have seven years of teaching experience in the public schools of New York and Pennsylvania. As a resident artist for well over ten years, I talk to students of all ages about my life as a painter, discuss the history of the medium to be used, and facilitate a painting experience. Sometimes that experience is with watercolor. Students work with painting techniques and design theory. Members of the core group create individual watercolor paintings or work in groups to create large watercolor collages for permanent installation. Other times I facilitate the design and creation of permanent wall murals using latex paints. My residencies make ties with the Pennsylvania Academic Standards, not just with the arts & humanities, but also with science, history, math and language arts.

Heidi Manfred

Visual Arts – Oil and Watercolor painter

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle/Junior, High
School, Adult, Senior, People with disabilities

Counties:

Blair, Bedford and Cambria



Heide Manfred is an accomplished professional with a strong foundation in figurative drawing, watercolor, and a keen interest in mixed media. She is a licensed behavior specialist in Pennsylvania and has dedicated most of her career to the clinical side of mental and behavioral health. Integrating art into her therapeutic approach has been a priority, ensuring that most individual and group treatment sessions include some form of creative expression. Additionally, she has developed and led multiple therapeutic activity camps focused on fostering self-awareness and encouraging creativity.

Laura Jean McLaughlin

Visual Arts – Murals/Sculpture/Ceramics

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle/Junior, High
School, Adult, Senior

References:

Sherry Morningstar, The Village at Morrison's cove,
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Jennifer Anto, 724-238-3560



Working collaboratively with groups of students and adults (all ages) is truly amazing and yields memorable experiences and impressive pieces of artwork that will last for ages. It is my passion to make these experiences and artwork come into fruition by creating large-scale mosaic murals, mosaic sculptures, personal mosaics as well as ceramic artwork along with the participants involved and provide them with new skills, beautiful artwork and lasting memories. Working collaboratively with groups of students and adults (all ages) is truly amazing and yields memorable experiences and impressive pieces of artwork that will last for ages. It is my passion to make these experiences and artwork come into fruition by creating large-scale mosaic murals, mosaic sculptures, personal mosaics as well as ceramic artwork along with the participants involved and provide them with new skills, beautiful artwork and lasting memories.

Thomas McCarty

Visual Arts – Murals/Sculpture/Ceramics

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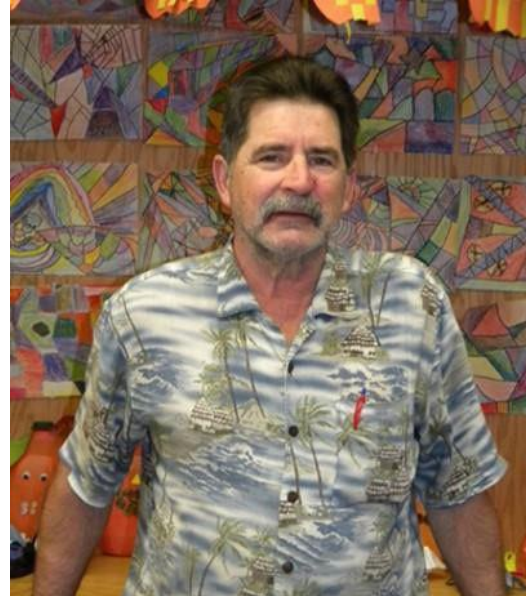
814-886-4221

Age Range for Residencies:

Adult and Senior

References:

Upon Request



I am a self-taught and self-employed sculptor. Due to a minimal amount of formal art education, my work is unhampered by convention and preconceptions, making it original and alive. I try to incorporate the natural beauty and design of the wood into my artistic statement. My greatest joy comes from seeing students light their creative fires through hands on work on their own sculpture. I conduct workshops and residencies in sculpture. Students are taught the basics of sculpture and are encouraged to express their own unique creativity through it. Student's design, create, and carve their own projects. They are also able to work collaboratively with me on one of my sculptures. I instruct students in the “hands-on” approach to the creative process and expressing their own individuality. I also conduct introductory slide lectures and sculpture demonstrations to enhance student art appreciation.

Bridget Mayak

Visual Arts – Clay Pottery and Tiles

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Age Range for Residencies:

Elementary, Adults, Seniors

References:

Upon Request



- ▶ The experience of teaching art in the public school system, as well as in various arts organizations has provided me with the ability to develop meaningful art curricula for all ages. My specialty is clay pottery and tiles.
- ▶ I love to incorporate art history and multi-cultural themes that are meaningful to participants. I also strive to incorporate a wide variety of materials, tools, and techniques into my lessons, with an emphasis on discovery, collaboration, and enrichment.

Stephanie Oplinger

Visual Arts – painting, printmaking, sculpture

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Age Range for Residencies:

Elementary, Middle/Junior, & High School,
Adult, Senior

Counties:

Fayette, Somerset and Westmoreland



Stephanie Oplinger works professionally with figurative subjects in painting, printmaking, and sculpture. She is passionate about teaching and building upon foundational art skills for all ages, helping students to become confident in their abilities by building a toolbox of art skills and conceptual techniques. Ms. Oplinger has taught K-8 in school settings as well as taught ongoing workshops at local art centers for both children and adults. Stephanie readily adapts projects incorporating clay, fibers, drawing, painting, or printmaking for individual or collaborative classroom projects.

Kathy Trexel Reed

Visual Arts - Paper

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Age Range for Residencies:

Elementary, Middle/Junior, & High School,
Adult, Senior

References:

Raymond Wolfe, Hollidaysburg Area School District,

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Debbie Aretz, McKee Middle School,

724-527-1591



Kathy Reed uses folding and cutting techniques to transform paper into pop-up, two- and three-dimensional creations in which positive and negative space enhance one another. She guides students in the creation of individual artistic expressions and/or interdisciplinary group projects. Reed has worked as a teacher in Department of Defense schools outside the United States. She holds a Baccalaureate degree from Gettysburg College and a Master of Arts from Michigan State University.

Emily Russell

Virtual Artist – Watercolorist and Painter

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood and Elementary School
Adult, Senior and People with Disabilities

Counties: Blair, Bedford and Cambria



Emily Russell is an artist and educator with a background in early childhood and elementary education. Specializing in process art, she believes that creativity is inherent in everyone and strives to integrate art into the curriculum in meaningful ways. Emily is passionate about helping children build confidence and creativity through artistic expression. With years of experience working alongside young learners, she has witnessed how art allows children to discover their unique talents, voice, and passion, while fostering a deeper connection to themselves and the world around them.

Lynne Suprock

Mixed Media Artist

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Age Range for Residencies:

Adult, Seniors and People with disabilities

Counties:

Somerset and
Westmoreland



Lynne Suprock specializes in mixed media art, incorporating techniques such as journaling, paper making, and soldering with glass and metal. She expertly combines various artistic processes and methods to create unique and intricate projects.

Sandra Trimble

Visual Arts – Fiber Artist

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle/Junior,
& High School, Adult, Senior

References:

Upon Request



Ann Van Kuren

Dance - Choreographer

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle/Junior
& High School, Adult, Senior

References:

Paulette Stratico, Loyahanna Elementary School,

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Lynn Cruse, McGhee Elementary School,

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With Ann Kuren, Students explore the elements and principles of dance to create and perform a unique movement piece of their own, inspired by an area of study in their curriculum, while schools address the PA Academic Standards for Arts & Humanities (in Dance). Recent topics include weather, air and aviation, Native American studies, Japanese folk tales, and writing stories. She has a B.A. in Dance/Mathematics from Butler University; and an M.A. in Dance Performance/Choreography, from Ohio State University. She has recieved the PCA Choreographer's Fellowship. In addition to being artistic director at Pennsylvania Dance Theatre for 10 years, she is the founder, of VanDance, Inc. and has broad touring/residency experience teaching at 41 elem. and middle schools, 4 high schools, 6 colleges through Feb. 2006, Stephens College, Penn State, Ohio State, professional schools; performed: throughout US/Europe.

Susan A. Wilson

Visual Arts – Clay, Pottery and Photography

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Age Range for Residencies:

Elementary, Middle/Junior
& High School, Adult, Senior

References:

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Laurel Arts 814-443-2433

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Susan Wilson believes that the creative process is an important part of an individual's mental growth and well being leading to self discovery at all ages. She has taught in both public school and private settings working with multimedia including clay, gyotako printing, painting, drawing and the specialty of tying art to stories. The “Art of Being Kind with Your Flat Friend” telling a local story of Tori McClure, first woman to paddle the Atlantic, who was bullied on the playground and a boy named Eric Fee who defends her. With this empowering story students create a “flat friend”, are asked to do something kind and then take a selfie of the kind act. Printed images of these kind acts are displayed and encourage art and positive energy with the family and community.

Bob Zabrosky

Visual Arts - Ceramics, Jewelry

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Age Range for Residencies:

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle/Junior
& High School, Adult, Senior

References:

Old Bedford Village, Bonnie
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My personal goal is to share my wealth of pottery-making experience with students and teachers. I have served as an art instructor for 28 years, and that experience allows me to teach the potter's wheel from a different perspective. My pottery program is geared toward teaching beginners. My other uses of clay include tile-making and murals that highlight school and community. Currently, I am the resident potter at Old Bedford Village where I specialize in historical interpretation of early Colonial pottery. Clay making is an important part of human growth through hands-on manipulation of creative ideas in a three-dimensional way." Bob also has an extensive background in jewelry making, such as creating cabochons (dome shaped, flat bottomed stones) from rocks in the rough. He also specializes in casting medals with the lost wax method.