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Boardman Arts Park: *CREATE! A Community Art Making Event*
Boardman Arts Park, Where Community and Creativity Meet

CREATE! A Community Art Making Event returns to Boardman Arts Park on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 12:00-4:00 PM.

All are invited, at no cost, to join Boardman Arts Park for a collaborative art making experience in which everyone will have the opportunity to create something that will live on at the Park! The community can look forward to once again working on several collaborative art projects, with guidance from skilled instructors, enjoying demonstrations of a wide variety of art making techniques, and participating in crafts that include take home art.

Participants can come anytime during the event period (12-4:00 PM) to capture and enjoy all the fun activities and demonstrations planned. None of the creative activities require a participation fee; all are completely free! The collaborative art projects will include: a large-scale paint by number led by Columbus artist and environmentalist Brooke Ripley; "bottle cap art", utilizing community-collected caps, led by Robin Clay of Buckeye Valley Schools' Art Program; an installation featuring hundreds of eyeglass lenses created by Delaware artist Kris Hyland Kolb; and an installation of recycled material inspired by the way slaves found their way to freedom, envisioned by Mary Weiler Williams, of Delaware.

Demonstrations at *CREATE!* include: "Paper Ghost Writing", the lost art of ghost signature; web painting; pottery throwing; the technique of paint pouring; wood carving; Tai Chi; blacksmithing; square dancing; Zumba dancing; origami; chainsaw art; and Author Tracy Blom; Additionally, there will be hands-on arts and crafts by Kelli Wildman, of Delaware: artistic magnets and face painting. Attendees are also invited to creatively paint a car belonging to Roxanne Amidon, Director of Boardman Arts Park.

"*CREATE!* Is a wonderful free art-making day where families can make memories and take home some fun pieces of art too!" says Amidon.



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If you will be attending, Boardman Arts Park asks that you RSVP to assist in their planning and preparation for the event. You can RSVP by searching for '*CREATE! A Community Art Making Event*' on eventbrite.com or through the link at boardmanartspark.org. Food and drink from a selection of food trucks will be available for purchase at the event. A selection of the featured artists will also be selling some of their work.

Boardman Arts Park is a nonprofit, funded by the Ohio Arts Council, and through grants and community support, they are able to offer low cost and free events. *CREATE!* is made possible, and free, by grants from Finley's Smith Foundation, William Street United Methodist Church, and the Ohio Arts Council, as well as a generous donation from Richwood Bank, . For details on projects and demonstrations to be featured at *CREATE!*, and other event news, visit boardmanartspark.org.