

# Access the Arts

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## UKE LESSONS ARE POPULAR!

Thanks to generous grants from the Ohio Arts Council, GPD Group Employee Foundation and several of our private supporters, we continued our Ukulele lessons with the residents at the Medina County Home and the Medina Juvenile Detention Center. Rolando holds weekly lessons with both and even had a concert and sing-along around the bonfire for friends and family at the County Home this fall.



LEARNING NEW CHORDS



CHRISTMAS CAROL  
SING-ALONG



A BRIGHT SPOT IN THE  
DAY



## LUMINARIES LIGHT UP THE COUNTY HOME

Joan Zacharias literally helped bring light to the folks at the county home this Thanksgiving. They had a good time designing leaves on jars with mod podge and lighting the luminaries. Better than the art project is the time spent joking, laughing, and eating Janet's pumpkin muffins while we all worked on it together. We love building relationships with these friends.



COZY LIGHTS



CRAFTS ARE GOOD  
THERAPY

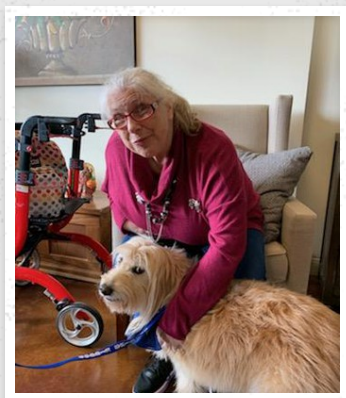


MUFFINS BRING SMILES

## WE HAVE NEW FRIENDS AT AC PASSAGE DAY CENTER

In the fall, we began music and art/craft programs at ACP Day center. Chris, Nancy, and Stephanie and other AtA volunteers visit every other Friday to do a fun activity with their

friends. From guitars and dancing, to crafts and therapy dogs, the projects are varied and always fun! Thanks to Amber Clark for inviting Access the Arts in and being so welcoming.



CHRIS'S THERAPY DOG  
WAS A HIT



CHRISTMAS FUN



SINGING AND DANCING  
WITH FRIENDS

## ATA RECEIVES AWARD FROM MEDINA JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Ron Stollar, MCJDC Superintendent, and Leann Vandever, Youth Fulfillment Coordinator, awarded members of Access the Arts an award for working with the troubled youth of Medina County. We love working with Ron and Leann and especially love bringing some light to the young people there through the Arts. Thank you Ron and Leann!!



While Covid kept us away at Christmas, Logan Spait and Ryan Steinmetz still found a way to touch lives. They assembled activity kits for the incarcerated youth over their Christmas break.



JANE ACCEPTS THE AWARD FROM LEANN



ACTIVITY KITS FOR JDC YOUTH DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK





RYAN AND LOGAN ASSEMBLE KITS

## YOGA FOR A CAUSE

Join us on January 15th for our gentle yoga session and then brunch at Blue Heron Brewery and Event Center. This donation event is for all levels and brings us together in the large ballroom of Blue Heron. You can win door prizes and all will get a free mimosa! Thanks to Roots Yoga for donating the instruction at all of our yoga events and Blue Heron for generously donating their space. Register ahead by emailing Jane at [JaneBack@AccessTheArts.net](mailto:JaneBack@AccessTheArts.net)



Roots  
**YOGA**  
 @ Blue Heron Brewery


Roots Yoga is offering a donation-based class to benefit Access the Arts (suggested min. donation \$15). Grab your mat and a friend and join us at Blue Heron Brewery for an enjoyable yoga experience. No experience needed!

FREE Mimosa and door prizes will be available (you must be registered prior for door prizes). Afterwards, lunch is available to purchase at Blue Heron Brew Pub.

All proceeds will help Access the Arts bring free arts programs to The Medina County Juvenile Detention Center and to the Medina County Home.

**WHEN:**  
 Saturday, January 15th  
 at 10 AM

Register ahead by going to [www.RootsYogaOhio.com](http://www.RootsYogaOhio.com) or RSVP to [JaneBack@AccessTheArts.net](mailto:JaneBack@AccessTheArts.net).



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## DIGITAL ART CLASSES IN 2022!

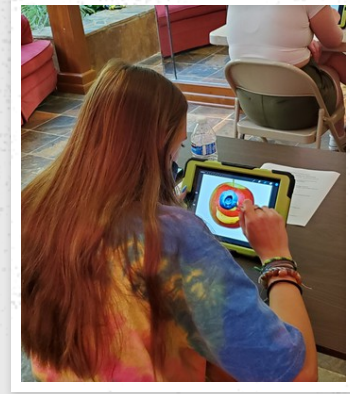
Exciting news for 2022! Access the Arts will be purchasing i-pads for free digital art classes. These classes will be offered to the youth at the Medina JDC as well as the residents at the Medina County Home and adults at ACP Day Center. Thank you to Cliffside Artists Collaborative for offering their experience and advice, and to Alex Hitch who will be our digital art instructor. Cliffside, located in Hinckley, is providing free digital art classes using the Procreate App to any high school student who registers. Go to <http://www.cliffsideartistscollaborative.org/> to register for these classes. Access the Arts has begun a partnership with Cliffside and the Medina County Arts Council to bring more programs to those in need. Collaboration is the key to serving more people. Stay tuned to see what comes of this connection!



CLIFFSIDE DIGITAL ART STUDENTS



MCAC, CLIFFSIDE AND ATA PARTNERSHIP



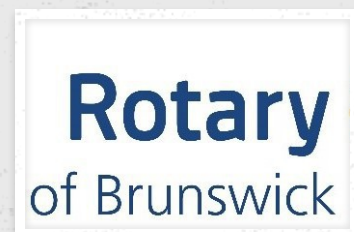
PROCREATE BASIC CLASS

## ATA IS GROWING!

We are actively looking for some heated storage space for our art supplies, musical instruments and i-pad charging station. If anyone is willing to donate a small corner in an office space or storage unit in Sharon Township or surrounding areas that would be accessible to our volunteers, please let me know by emailing [JaneBack@AccessTheArts.net](mailto:JaneBack@AccessTheArts.net).

## THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

Thanks to generous grants from The Ohio Arts Council, The Hillier Family Foundation, GPD Group Employees Foundation, the Medina County Arts Council, and the Brunswick Rotary, we have been able to plan an exciting year full of free programming for underserved groups in our community. And we really appreciate the local businesses who support us each year as Sponsors of the Arts: Brush Tips Studio, Roots Yoga and Barre, Blue Heron Brewery and Event Center, Marigold Wellness Collective, Green Mountain Horse and Tack, The Ruhlin Company, AC Passage Enterprises and BKO Distillery. Our board and members are 100% volunteer, so the funds we collect go directly to help those in need. If you would like to support our programs, please visit our website link below to donate.





**Sharon Center Community - Arts...**

[accessthearts.net](http://accessthearts.net)

We are a non-profit organization bringing education, arts and entertainment to communities in Northeast Ohio via music concerts, festivals and teaching events.

