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Boardman Arts Park: *CREATE!* Returns to Delaware

Boardman Arts Park, Where Community and Creativity Meet

CREATE! A Community Art Making Event returns for a fourth year at Boardman Arts Park on Sunday, September 14, 2025 from 12:00-4:00 PM. This year's theme is Animals! All activities this year are inspired by your favorite creatures from the water, earth, and sky!

CREATE! is an immersive, hands-on experience where everyone can create something that will live on at the Park. All are invited, at no cost, to join Boardman Arts Park for this collaborative art making experience. Attendees can participate in large group art projects with guidance from skilled instructors, enjoy demonstrations of a wide variety of art making techniques, and create take-home crafts.

Participants may stop by anytime during the event period (12-4:00 PM) to enjoy all the fun activities and demonstrations planned. None of the creative activities require a participation fee; all are completely free! This year, *CREATE!* will feature four large collaborative projects, in which everyone is invited to participate. "Climbing Caterpillar" is an art installation project which will be led by Dina Zaman, a Bangladeshi-American visual artist and storyteller whose work spans across continents, cultures, and communities. Zaman invites the community to assist in painting eight tires to create an interactive caterpillar sculpture. Delaware artist Kris Kolb will be assisting children and adults with making decorative tags to hang on the new Rainbow Bridge within the Park. The Rainbow Bridge is designed to honor our pets and offer a space to heal and reflect. Participants are invited by artist Patricia Quinn to add a button to the "Button Panda", a sculpture constructed of plywood, which will ultimately be sealed in epoxy. "Wings of Wonder", a community butterfly mural, will be led by Delaware artist Kelli Wildman, who finds inspiration in vibrant colors. The vision is a colorful, lively butterfly that visitors to the Park can stand in front of and become the butterfly!

Demonstrations at *CREATE!* include: theatre performance, improv comedy, pottery throwing, wood carving, hula dancing, and a visit from children's book author Tracy Blom. Additionally, there will be



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hands-on arts and crafts including painted blocks by Brooke Ripley, geometric animal designs by Benny Shoults, animal rocks by Mary Weiler Williams, seashell magnets by Carole Schuler, felt bumblebees by the North Central Ohio Pollinator Pathway, and face painting by Lauren Clevenger. The Humane Society of Delaware County will also be present at the event with adoptable pups to meet!

“We are thrilled to welcome the community back for CREATE! this year—a celebration that embodies our mission of connecting people through creativity,” says Rachael Montunna with Boardman Arts Park, “Join us at the Park to make art together, create lasting memories, and take home a piece of the experience.”

If you will be attending *CREATE!*, Boardman Arts Park asks that you RSVP to assist in their planning and preparation for the event. You can RSVP by visiting GiveButter.com/CREATEAnimals. 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. Interested in volunteering? A link can be found at BoardmanArtsPark.org!

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 to the public, by funds from the Ohio Arts Council, as well as a generous donation from Heartland Bank. For details on projects and demonstrations to be featured at *CREATE!*, and other event news, visit BoardmanArtsPark.org.