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Boardman Arts Park: Boardman Celebration Day

Boardman Arts Park, Where Community and Creativity Meet

There is always something to celebrate at Boardman Arts Park! Join the Park for Boardman Celebration Day on Thursday, May 1, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM!

On May 1, Boardman Arts Park will honor the Park's history with a unique celebration. Woodward Elementary's third grade class will demonstrate a maypole dance and sing, honoring Boardman School's long-held May Day tradition. This folk dance is performed around a tall decorated pole with hanging ribbons that are woven into patterns by the dancers. This year's pole features a colorful topper designed by Creative Foundations!

Proceeding the dance, there will be a special recognition for Boardman Elementary Alumni. This year, Delaware celebrates the 120 year anniversary of West/Boardman Elementary School. Boardman Arts Park is located where the old West/Boardman Elementary School stood from 1905 - 1979. It was tradition for the school to hold a special program on May Day and perform a maypole dance. Boardman Arts Park brought back that tradition in 2018, working with local elementary schools to perform the dance every year. The team at the Park are thrilled to continue the celebration this year with the honored Alumni guests.

"I attended West Elementary," recalls alumnus Vicki Brown Osborn, "My first grade teacher was Ms. Effie Weaver. I believe it was 1948. I [danced] the maypole many times. I remember a purple dress I wore one year."

All are invited to attend Boardman Celebration Day on May 1. Free popcorn will be available and the Ciao Cafe gelato cart will have gelato for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy the celebration *-there's nothing like a Boardman Arts Park event!*



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Are you an alumni of West/Boardman Elementary School? Let the Park know by sending an email to Rachael@BoardmanArtsPark.org -they would love to include you in the recognition. West/Boardman Alumni are also invited to join the Boardman Alumni level of the NEW Boardman Arts Park Membership Program. For \$20/month, Boardman Alumni will receive:

- a magnet picture frame gift
- your name (if you choose to be recognized) on a dedicated donor page
- invitation to Donor Appreciation Event
- invitation & recognition at our Boardman Celebration Day in May (includes gelato treat!)
- Coffee Mug designed for Alumni of West/Boardman Elementary School

...all in addition to supporting Boardman Arts Park and their programming!

For more information, visit: <https://givebutter.com/BoardmanMembership>.

The mission of Boardman Arts Park is "To connect people through creative experiences and unique events in an innovative park setting". To stay up to date on events, visit the Park's website BoardmanArtsPark.org and follow the Park on Facebook and Instagram: [/boardmanartspark](https://www.facebook.com/boardmanartspark).