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

Boardman Arts Park will be hosting *CREATE! A Community Art Making Event* on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

The community is 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! Participants can anticipate working on several 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. This is a family focused outdoor event and will be free for all.

Attendees can come anytime during the event period (12-4:00 PM) to capture and enjoy all the fun activities and demonstrations planned. There is truly something special for everyone! The collaborative art projects will include: a large-scale paint by number led by Columbus artist Brooke Ripley; Karen Weeks' "Heritage Weaving", weaving sections of the fence in patterns of color to represent Delaware's indigineous people and early settlers; a glass mosaic wall under the guidance of Delaware's accomplished artist and teacher Lynda Elias; and "Circle Painting", an open-ended artistic collaboration using circle motifs, led by Robin Clay of Buckeye Valley Schools' Art Program.

Demonstrations at CREATE! include: "Paper Ghost Writing", the lost art of ghost signature; batik painting; pottery throwing; caricature drawing; wood carving; Tai Chi; musical instrument exploration; blacksmithing; Author Tracy Blom; belly dance, and other dance demonstrations. Additionally, there will be hands-on crafts, including rock garden design, spin art, beaded sun catchers, painting on a car, and face painting. Various artists from the event will have pieces available for purchase.

"The Arts Park is bringing FREE community art making and exploration to Delaware through the generosity of grants from the Ohio Arts Council ArtStart and Finley's Smile Foundation. Families are encouraged to join us for a fun-filled afternoon," says Roxanne Amidon, Director of Boardman Arts Park. She adds: "If you will be attending, we ask that you let us know so we can better plan. 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. In case of rain, the scheduled rain date is Sunday, September 18th. If the date is changed, an announcement will be made on Facebook facebook.com/boardmanartspark and Instagram instagram.com/boardmanartspark. 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 a \$2,500 grant from Finley's Smith Foundation. For details on projects and demonstrations to be featured at *CREATE!*, and other event news, visit boardmanartspark.org.