

2021 Newsletter

Welcome 2022 Board Members! —>>

2022 will bring a couple of new board members to the board of trustees, including Randall Breden, Nicole Bayman and Michael Brendel. In addition, Mike Cox (Past Treasurer) was elected Vice President, and Ann Epperly (Past Vice President) as Treasurer. These two will continue to serve with Mike McCorkle (President), Aaron Scott (Past President) and Brittany VanHorn (Secretary). Other members on the board of trustees include Mark Greenwood, Melissa Leingang, Joe Shaffer, Melanie Walker, Tim Wells and Tom Younce.

Nicole Bayman, mother of two, grew up in Piqua and has been a faithful citizen to this day. She currently works at Koverman Staley Dickerson Insurance, and before then, was an employee at Dan Hemm for 28 years.

Randall Breden has a B.A. in Arts and a Juris Doctorate from Ohio Northern University, and currently works as an attorney with an office in Greenville, Ohio. Breden has been involved in many community organizations, as he currently serves as a board member of Wayne Hospital Foundation. His history includes board member of the Darke County Historical Society, past president and board member of Darke-Mercer Hospice, and a member of numerous Masonic organizations and professional associations.

Michael Brendel has an Associate's Degree in Radiologic Technology & Nursing, Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Management, Master's Degree in Healthcare Leadership, and RT & RN certifications. Brendel is the current president of Kettering Health Troy Hospital and Piqua Medical Center, with a history of executive experience with Kettering Health, experience with Centura Health (Colorado), 39 years as an RN, and 3 years as an RT.



Kick Off Celebration

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Piqua Arts Council kicked-off 2021 with their annual Kick Off Celebration. The event was held virtually on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 and featured a recap of the accomplishments of 2020, in addition to new programs and goals for 2021. Hosted by the Board of Trustees of the Piqua Arts Council and presented by the Executive Director Jordan Knepper, the event also served as the annual meeting and the installation of the new Executive Board of the Piqua Arts Council. The event can be found on PAC's YouTube and Facebook pages at www.Facebook.com/PiquaArtsCouncil.

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Welcome New Staff Member! ———

Piqua Arts Council expanded their personnel in 2021 with the hiring of Lily Stewart as their Marketing Director. Stewart joined Piqua Arts Council as the Marketing Director in March 2021. She graduated from Piqua High School and attended the University of Cincinnati. She went on to study at Edison State Community College in Piqua and Academy of Art University in San Francisco, California. She has explored a variety of art-centric opportunities, including starting her own photography business at age 16, and later expanding her skills at Ganger Images – a photography business founded by her and her partner, Erik Ganger.

Stewart is well-versed in graphic design and Adobe products, as well as being a professional photographer. At the Piqua Arts Council, she has worked on all of the graphic design and marketing processes for the organization. Stewart is a great fit for our organization, and we've enjoyed having her on our team.



Marketing Director
Lily Stewart

2022 calendar of events



Kick Off Celebration

(invitation only)

Thursday, January 13 | 6p

Fort Piqua Plaza

Poetry Out Loud

Thursday, February 10 | 7pm

Upper Valley Career Center, Piqua

Stan Miller Watercolor Workshop

March 7-10 | 9a-4p

Apple Tree Gallery, Piqua

Dancing with the Piqua Stars

Matinee

Dinner

Saturday, April 23 | 1p

Saturday, April 23 | 6p

Tickets \$10 ea.

Tickets \$30 ea.

Romer's Catering, Piqua

Rock Piqua Food Truck & Music Festival

Saturday, June 18 | 3p-11p

Downtown Piqua

Pastel Workshop

July/August

Apple Tree Gallery, Piqua

Awards Reception

30th Annual Piqua Fine Art Exhibition

Thursday, Sept 8 | 6p-9p

Tickets \$25 each

Apple Tree Gallery, Piqua

30th Annual Piqua Fine Art Exhibition

Sept 9 - Sept 30

Monday - Friday | 10:30a-5p

Saturday | 10:30a-4p

Apple Tree Gallery, Piqua

Community Night at Moeller

Tuesday, September 13 | 5p-9p

Moeller Brew Barn, Troy

Howard Friedland Oil Painting Workshop

October 3-6 | 9a-4p

Apple Tree Gallery, Piqua

Art for Everyone

October

TBD

Bourbon Affair

November 12

TBD

Sounds of the Season Concert

Saturday, Dec 3 | 5p

St. James Episcopal Church, Piqua

Holiday Open House

With: Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce,
Mainstreet Piqua, Grow Piqua Now & City of Piqua

(invitation only)

Thursday, Dec 8 | 5p

Fort Piqua Plaza

Events

Taste of Piqua

Last year, the Piqua Arts Council partnered with Mainstreet Piqua in a new event: Taste of Piqua. The event was a combination of PAC's Annual Arts & Ale Festival and Mainstreet Piqua's Taste of the Arts, and was held in Downtown Piqua on September 18 from noon to 10pm. With artisans from all over providing crafts and fine art for the public to purchase, live entertainment from some of Piqua's regional musicians, food and drinks from local vendors, craft beer from local breweries, a plein air competition, and a kid's entertainment area, this event was one of the "can't miss" attractions in the community.

Several artists demonstrated their techniques that they use in creating their works, such as watercolorists, oil painters, acrylic painters, ceramic artists and more. Other artists competed in the 4th Annual Plein Air Paint-Out & Wet Paint Sale, where participants wandered around Piqua and its nearby attractions, and completed paintings en plein air.

Many local bands and musicians performed throughout the day, with The Fries Band, known as the premier vocal band in the Dayton area, ending the night with a thrilling performance.



Other bands at Taste of Piqua included ReFlektion, Josh Webb and the Home Sown Band, John Simon, and Steven Gregory. Various local food trucks and vendors provided delicious food all day, including Susie's Big Dipper, St. Paul's Church, East of Chicago, B&V Eatz, 311 Draffhouse, Rosebuds Real Food, Dobo's Delights, and Winans Chocolates & Coffees. The kid's entertainment area consisted of children's activities, hands-on play, face painting, and special entertainment presented by jugglers from Celestial Circus, a magic show and balloon animals from Cincinnati Circus Co. The evening also featured Fire Performers from Celestial Circus.

Thank you to our sponsors: Fifth Third Bank, Upper Valley Medical Center, Polysource, Mutual Federal, Barclay's Men's & Women's Clothiers, Hartzell Propeller, Hartzell Industries, and Winans Chocolates and Coffees.



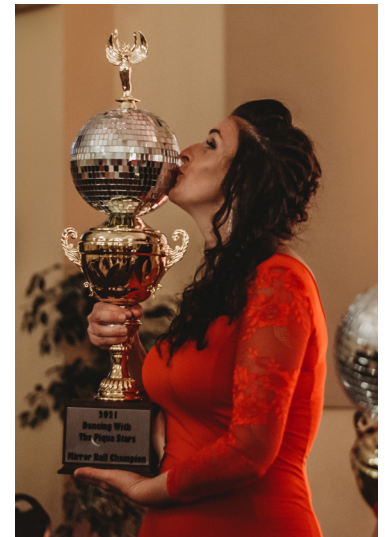
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Dancing with the Piqua Stars

Dancing with the Piqua Stars returned in its tenth year as Piqua Arts Council's celebrity fundraiser. To ensure a safe, in-person event, this year's performance took place later in the year on Saturday, August 28. Once again, the event occurred at Romer's Catering in Piqua, Ohio, where they catered wonderful food, and provided a beautiful stage and dance floor for the competition.

The tenth year's cast featured partners Liz Maxson & Kristie Dankworth, father-daughter duo Craig Smith & Tanya Stewart, partners Jose Guzman & Amanda Hayward, partners Bill & Christy Hayes, mother-son duo Dan & Tina Rudy, and partners Doug & Juli Smith. Judges for the Matinee were Lorna Swisher, Executive Director of MainStreet Piqua; Kari Foster, former dancer; and Kim Bulgin, Executive Director at Downtown Tipp City Partnership. Judges for the Dinner Performance were Jim Oda, Executive Director of the Piqua Public Library; Dan Rosenbaum, Broadway Performer & Lead Singer of Sugar Dust; and Cindy Mullins, owner of The Studio Outback.



The Most Entertaining Trophy awarded by the judges went to Dan & Tina Rudy with their hip-hop dance mash up of "It's Tricky" by Run DMC, "We Go Together" by Grease, "Stayin' Alive" by Bee Gees, and "Footloose" by Kenny Loggins, choreographed by Tammy Bellamy-Chaney. The champions of the night and taking home the coveted Mirror Ball Trophies were Craig Smith and Tanya Stewart. The father-daughter duo raised the most money for the Piqua Arts Council, and performed the Waltz to "Daddy's Little Girl" by Al Martino.

Additionally, a special thank you to our celebrity sponsor, Hartzell Propeller, and to our dance instructors Rick & Judy Bowerman of RJ Ballroom, Tammy Bellamy-Chaney of Bellamy's School of Dance, Sara Andrews of The Dayton Dance Centre, and Liz Maxson. This event wouldn't have been possible without the help of Jim Gover Jr. and AJ Ganger.



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Events

Poetry Out Loud

Piqua Arts Council was thrilled to host the annual Poetry Out Loud West Central Ohio Regional Competition on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at Edison State Community College in Piqua, Ohio. As part of the competition, students from four of the region's high schools participated in reciting poems. Competing students were Daniel Nauseef from Chaminade-Julienne High School, Hibachi Loukssi from Xenia High School, Lexi Gastelu from Piqua High School, and Abigail Lay from Springfield Clark Career and Technical College. The students competed in 2 rounds of poetry recitation, along with presentations from the judges.

Judges for the evening were Leroy Bean, author, poet, and co-founder of Underdog Academy and Baldwin Cafe Bookstore in Dayton, Ohio; Bridget Flaherty, award-winning storyteller and founder of LORE; Steven Gregory, Dayton musician, social worker, and adjunct professor of sociology; and Nate Funderburg, law and English graduate, and current lawyer at McCulloch, Felger, Fite and Gutmann. The winner of the 2021 Poetry Out Loud West Central Regional Final was Lexi Gastelu from Piqua, Ohio, with recited poems, *A January Dandelion* by George Marion McClellan and *Fate* by Carolyn Wells. Lexi went on to perform at the state finals on March 5 of last year.

Special thanks to our celebrity sponsors, Ohio Arts Council and Polysource, and gift bag sponsors, Winans Chocolates and Coffee, Scott's Family McDonalds, Jay & Mary's Bookstore, Elite Etc. and Upper Valley Medical Center - Premier Health.



Sounds of the Season

The 2021 Sounds of the Season Holiday Concert took place at St. James Episcopal Church on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 5pm, and featured various holiday songs from *Blue Christmas*, to *When a Child is Born*, to *Make Love*, to *Rockin' Jingle Medley*, presented by local performers and musicians. Performers this year included guitarist, John Simon; members of St. James Episcopal Church; Patti Haller (pianist), Jane Kretschmann (story-teller), Don Kutcha (vocalist) and Ryan Ramey (vocalist); guitarist, Jimmy Felts; and vocalist, Victoria Smith.

This year's event was a ticketed event, with the majority of the proceeds benefitting the Bethany Center: an ecumenical ministry in Piqua, manifesting God's love by sharing resources, offering guidance and education, and serving those in need. A special thank you to Mutual Federal for sponsoring the event.

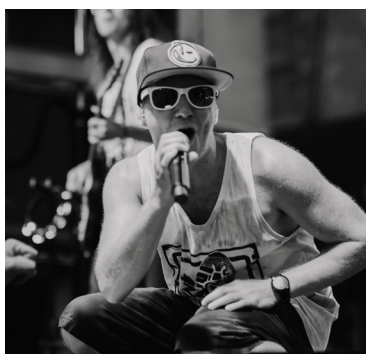


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Rock Piqua Food Truck & Music Festival

Piqua Arts Council and Mainstreet Piqua were thrilled to be able to host Rock Piqua in 2021 as an all-day food truck and music festival. The event took place in Downtown Piqua on Saturday, August 21 beginning at noon and running until 10pm. The 2021 Rock Piqua Food Truck & Music Festival featured two stages of music with performances from nine local bands, as well as five food trucks with various types of food for the community to enjoy.

Headlining the event was local cover band, Zack Attack! The throwback party band brought back the best hits from the 90s and more from various genres such as R&B, Rock, Hip-Hop, Pop and Alternative. Zack Attack! is known as the area's highest-energy live band, and delivered nothing less with their performance at the end of the Rock Piqua Food Truck & Music Festival. Other bands throughout the day included Jamie Suttle, What She Said, the Bucket List Players, Haywired, Matt Waters & The Recipe, Cole Ritter and the Night Owls, Rusted Reserve, and The Nautical Theme.



Food was provided by some of the greatest local food trucks, such as G Ques BBQ, Tin Roof Mobile Food, La Granja Mexican Food Truck, Susie's Big Dipper, and Raging Bull Wood Fired Pizza. Craft and domestic beer was also available for attendees, including three different craft brews from Crooked Handle Brewing Company (soon to be arriving to Piqua).

Headline Sponsors for the 2021 Rock Piqua Food Truck & Music Festival were the City of Piqua, Edison State Community College, Emerson Climate Technologies, Park National Bank, French Oil Mill Machinery Co, Polysource, Premier Health - Upper Valley Medical Center and Vectren Foundation. Opening Act sponsors were Buckeye Insurance Group, Morris Heating & Cooling Comfort Systems, Winans Chocolates & Coffees, Hartzell Industries, Koverman Staley Dickerson Insurance, A.M. Leonard, Heartland Piqua, and Piqua Paper Box Company. Stagehand sponsors were Piqua Harley Davidson, McColloch-Baker Insurance Service, Harmony Systems & Services, and Scott M&A Corporation. Roadie sponsors were Jackson Tube Service, McColloch Felger Fite & Gutmann Co, Sleep City, Susie's Big Dipper, Melcher Sowers Funeral Home and Piqua Battery.

Special thanks to everyone who participated in the 2021 event. We were grateful for the opportunity to gather together again in the name of the arts, and to be able to celebrate bringing the Piqua community and beyond together through the art of music.

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Artist Workshops



← Dan Knepper Foundations Workshop

In 2021, Piqua Arts Council hosted an additional artist workshop, aside from their traditional watercolor and oil painting workshops. In March of the year at the Apple Tree Gallery in Piqua, Ohio, Dan Knepper taught a 3-day Foundations Workshop, offered to artists of any and all skillsets, focusing on topics such as perspective, value, symmetry and composition.

Dan Knepper has been awarded at all levels for his watercolor and oil paintings. He taught at Jackson Center Schools and Botkin Schools for a combined 26 years, and is now a full-time artist, selling his paintings across the country. With galleries in Washington, Montana, Colorado, Ohio, South Carolina and North Carolina, his work is shown coast to coast. His exhibition history includes solo shows, group shows and competitions across the country. He has recently been invited to display his work in the National Wildlife Museum, and is currently working on a commissioned painting for the Coors family in Colorado.

Ken Call Watercolor Workshop →

Nationally awarded watercolorist Kenneth Call came to Piqua, Ohio from Wednesday, May 26 through Saturday, May 30 to teach a four-day Watercolor Workshop. Ken's workshop focused primarily on landscapes, along with a day of portrait teaching.

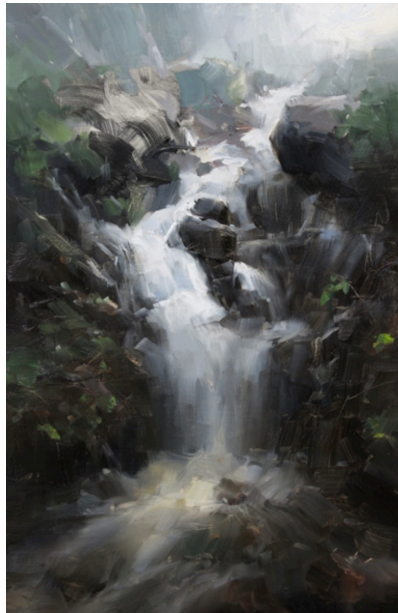
Ken graduated from the American Academy of Art in 1980 with an Associate's Degree in Illustration and Watercolor. He has worked as a national freelance artist for many years, as well as spending 2 years studying and painting in Paris, France. Ken's freelance career has led to the creation of over 500 illustrations for books, magazines, art publishers, advertising agencies and corporations. He has received many awards, such as Signature status in the National Watercolor Society, Missouri Watercolor Society, and Master Status with the Transparent Watercolor Society and Illinois Watercolor Society. Many of his original works are hanging in galleries and homes across the country.



← Dave Santillanes Oil Painting Workshop

In October of 2021, Piqua Arts Council welcomed nationally and internationally awarded artist, Dave Santillanes, to Piqua, Ohio to instruct an Oil Painting Workshop. The workshop was held at Apple Tree Gallery in Downtown Piqua.

Dave has received various awards, including Grand Prize Winner in the 9th Annual Plein Air Salon Competition, Artists Choice Award in Quest for the West Show, First Place Signature Division in Oil Painters of America, and more. Santillanes' work has been publicized in numerous magazines, including the Cover Page of Plein Air Magazine in January of 2021. As his painting style continues to evolve, Dave's goal with each piece is not a literal rendering of the scene, but to capture and convey its essence. He looks for simplicity in composition by seeking out big abstract shapes in the landscapes. In this way, he is able to describe the scene in his own "words".



NEW in 2021!

Events



Musicians' Benefit Concerts

Piqua Arts Council took on one of their biggest tasks yet with their Musicians' Benefit Concerts. Through this program, PAC's goal was to raise more than \$100,000 to support the musicians of Miami and Montgomery Counties who have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

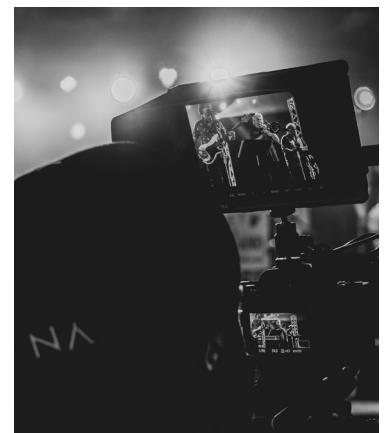
During the height of the pandemic, the arts had an unemployment rate of nearly 50% and even now, with most businesses back up and running, the arts are hovering above 20% with some theatres and music venues still closed and many restaurants unable to afford musicians with the changes in their seating capacities. Many bands and musicians struggled to keep their career alive, and that included Piqua and surrounding area's artists.



With the help of Indigo Life Media, Monika Sounds, Cookie Suttle, and Amber Lammardo of Lammardo Studios, Piqua Arts Council produced 6 concert videos that premiered each week throughout the months of April, May and June of 2021. Each concert video was used as a vehicle to create a fund for the musicians of Miami and Montgomery Counties. The first concert premiered on Friday, April 30 at 7pm with Zack Attack! and continued with The Fries Band, The Kid & The Riff Raff, ReFlektion, Jamie Suttle and Brother Believe Me. Each concert video can be found on Piqua Arts Council's Facebook and YouTube page.



Special thank you to our media partners, the bands involved, and our event sponsors. Donations are still being accepted.



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Piqua Arts Council partnered with Indian Nation Station in producing eleven short films: the Home Grown Arts series. These documentaries highlighted a wide range of different types of creatives from designers, to musicians, to performers, to photographers and more. Testimonials with these artists were hosted twice a month on the Piqua Arts Council's Facebook & YouTube page, and featured artists such as Jess Nielsen, Jimmy Felts, Tammy Chaney, Christian Starrett, Darby Bulp, Mike Underwood, Mike Wendeln, Bobbie DeBrito, Dan Rosenbaum, Mike Houser, and Jared & Justin Younce of ReFlektion.

With the success that the program brought the year, Piqua Arts Council has decided to continue the series into 2022. Special thanks to the 2021 sponsor, Neil's A. & Ruth Lundgard Foundation.

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Home Grown Arts

There's a big misconception that creatives can't thrive in rural communities. From the beginning, they face a lot of adversity with people telling them they won't be able to make it, so they often give up on the opportunity. Despite the unmeasurable use of creativity as children, in adulthood the lights tend to go out on our creative sides and we fall into the routine of life without experiencing all of the color it has to offer. The few that continue to paint with all the colors of the spectrum feel like they can't live in a small community to be appreciated, and many go off to get education elsewhere and then remain in those cities where it is easier to blossom.

This story is all too familiar in the rural parts of the country. But that isn't how we see the situation. We see creatives every day making a living in and around Piqua and we want to celebrate the individuals that didn't let life dim their sparkle. Through our Home Grown Arts series of short documentaries, we celebrated the creatives and showed how the arts have impacted their lives and shaped them into the individuals they are today.



2021 Results



Annual Piqua Fine Art Exhibition

With over 120 artists represented from all over the state, the 29th Annual Piqua Fine Art Exhibition featured more than 200 works of art across six different categories including drawing, oil & acrylics, water media, photography, three-dimensional works, and miscellaneous works.

The 29th annual show made Piqua Arts Council history, with it being the largest exhibition yet. The show kicked off at the Awards Reception on Thursday, September 9, where awards were announced and artists were celebrated. Held at Apple Tree Gallery in Piqua, Ohio, the exhibition was on display and open to the public through Friday, October 1.

A special thank you to our celebrity sponsor, Kettering Health, for making this event not only possible, but a grand success as well. Thank you to our event sponsors, Jackson Tube Service, Koverman Staley Dickerson Insurance, Buckeye Insurance Group, Ameriprise Financial – Mullenbrock and Associates, and Alley and Bradl LLC. Picasso award sponsors, French Oil Mill Machinery Co, Harmony Systems & Service Inc, Benefit Analysis Corp, Jamieson & Yannucci Funeral Home, Melcher-Sowers Funeral Home, Buffalo Wild Wings, Jim & Cathy Oda and McCulloch Felger Fite & Gutmann. Van Gogh award sponsors, Buffalo Wings & Rings, Soak-n-Suds and WoodsWalk Farm B&B. Rembrandt award sponsors, Eagle Printing, Adam & Eve, Galbreath Realty Service Inc, Romer's Catering and Riverside – Miami County.



Chewie
Sheryl Scott



Ebb Tide, Arabian Sea
Debra Joyce Dawson



Lidded Jar
Pamela J. Ridenour



It's in the Window
Kathy Moeller



Gold Rush
Rondell Fisher



Dreams
Anna Fisher

Best of Show

Knights' Last Customer
Steve Wohler

Drawing

1st Place
Chewie
Sheryl Scott

2nd Place
Still Life Vase
Carolyn Armstrong

3rd Place
Looking Down upon Three Bottles on Floor
Kathy A. Moore

Honorable Mention
Silent Embrace
Jim Moore

Water Media

1st Place
It's in the Window
Kathy Moeller

2nd Place
Stop and Drink
Meghan Nickerson

3rd Place
Low Tide
Diana Hoke

Honorable Mention
Our North Lake Canoe
Vivian Ripley

Honorable Mention
Family Affair
Regina Whipp

Honorable Mention
Mom's Basket
Jeanette Ferguson

Honorable Mention
Farmers Friends
Rhonda Sloan

Oil & Acrylic

1st Place
Ebb Tide, Arabian Sea
Debra Joyce Dawson

2nd Place
Blue Night
Phillip Erbaugh

3rd Place
Gray Repose
Jennifer Gundling

Honorable Mention
Waiting for Wings
Debby Gregory

Honorable Mention
Riverbend
Jennifer Sowders

Honorable Mention
Dusk in the Fen
Liz Beecher

Photography

1st Place
Gold Rush
Rondell Fisher

2nd Place
Field of Dreams
Paul Wilbur

3rd Place
Umbrellas
John Rausch

Honorable Mention
Yosemite Valley
Paul Hinds

Honorable Mention
Babcock Mill, Autumn
Arthur O'Leary

3-Dimensional

1st Place
Lidded Jar
Pamela J. Ridenour

2nd Place
Frog
David Rau

3rd Place
Dimensions
Lucille Gross

Miscellaneous

1st Place
Dreams
Anna Fisher

2nd Place
Ginkgo Skies
Zachary Baughman

3rd Place
Diamond Illusion
Carol Korros

Honorable Mention
Copper Casted Wild Flowers
Mike Behr

Honorable Mention
Hagameyer Tree #7
Alison Bour

Kathy Oda Memorial Award

Ice House
Jeff Doseck

Library Purchase Award

Chien Dior
Jan Lendino

Going to Work
Robert Schmidt

Lady with the Straw Hat
Jim Moore

Colocasia Three
Zachary Baughman

Best Piqua Artist Award

Ticket Booth
Erik Ganger

Events

Awards Reception

The Awards Reception for the 29th Annual Piqua Fine Art Exhibition was held on Thursday, September 9 at Apple Tree Gallery in Piqua, Ohio. Participating artists were invited to attend, as well as sponsors, members of the community, and more. The reception featured live music performed by Viva La Strings, and fall-themed hors d'oeuvres were provided by Stillwater Valley Catering. Awards were presented by Executive Director, Jordan Knepper, and more than \$4,000 in prize money was given away to winners across six different categories (excluding purchase awards). The Best of Show of the 2021 exhibition was awarded to Steve Wohler's oil piece titled, *Knights' Last Customer*.

Judging the show this year was Roy Boswell, an American Impressionist Artist from south-eastern Indiana. Through his art, Boswell aims to decorate the man-made environment with beauty, point out the truth and create a place of reflection.



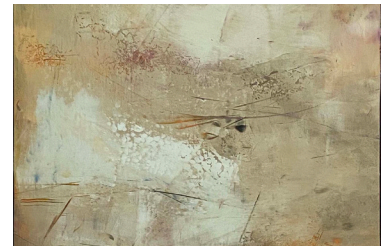
Best of Show
Knights' Last Customer by Steve Wohler



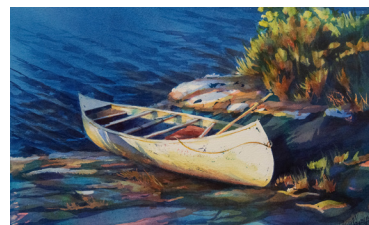
Best Piqua Artist
Ticket Booth by Erik Ganger



Miscellaneous Honorable Mention
Hagameyer Tree #7 by Alison Bour



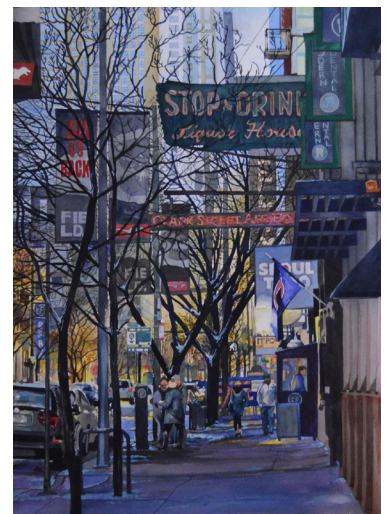
Oil & Acrylic 3rd Place
Gray Repose by Jennifer Gundling



Water Media Honorable Mention
Our North Lake Canoe by Vivian Ripley



Kathy Oda Memorial Award
Ice House by Jeff Doseck



Water Media 2nd Place
Stop and Drink by Meghan Nickerson



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Bourbon Affair

Coming in 2022 will be a high society style bourbon tasting event. The event will feature a combination of 6 common and hard to find bourbons available for sampling with food pairings. Additional bar offerings will also be available. A silent and live auction will also take place with many bourbon-themed items, including bourbon trail experiences and offerings from some of the larger bourbon distilleries in Louisville and Lexington. The evening will be musically accompanied by a symphony or string quintet styled group, and an art exhibition will be on display, featuring work from the Whiskey Painters of America.



The Whiskey Painters of America started in the late 1950s in Akron, Ohio, with a small group of professional artists from the area. The group now consists of a limited membership of 150 artists, requiring each member to be sponsored by an existing member. A genuine Whiskey Painting involves painting a miniature piece of art, no larger than 4" by 5", with watercolor by dipping your brush in some form of alcoholic spirits, then possibly sipping the alcohol, thereby enhancing the painting experience. The group encompasses these "unwritten rules", with another being that an applicant paints a watercolor by candle-light after 10pm. The Whiskey Painters of America promote the fine art of painting in miniature, good fellowship among imbibing artists, to permit an artist to enjoy two of the three greatest pleasures in life while sitting on a barstool or a dimly lit cocktail table, and to add interest to an otherwise dull evening.

The Bourbon Affair will take place on the 12th of November in 2022. Specific location to be determined. Tickets for this event will be limited, and we expect to sell this event out very quickly.

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Art for Everyone Fundraiser

Piqua Arts Council is excited to present a new casual, business after-hours style event, where attendees will have the opportunity to participate in art learning activities in a variety of mediums. The event will have stations, each containing activities that last roughly 20 minutes. These activities will consist of various disciplines like oil painting, watercolor, pastels, cartooning, ceramics, dance, and more for attendees to learn more about.



Appetizers and a cash bar will be available for attendees during the evening. The event will culminate in a live auction of six works of art created by local businesses. These businesses will be tasked with creating something for auction that represents their business in a way of their choosing. Some might utilize materials familiar to their work environment, or be a creation that represents the products they offer. The goal for these works of art is to be more in line with three-dimensional work, rather than paintings. Tickets for the event will be kept at a reasonable price.



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Grants

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Piqua Arts Council was the recipient of several grants in 2021. With the implementation of two new programs during the year - Musicians' Benefit Concerts and Home Grown Arts Series - PAC needed to raise more funds than usual. On behalf of the Musicians' Benefit Concert video series, PAC received grants from Ohio Arts Council and Dayton Power & Light Foundation. Neils & Ruth Lundgard Charitable Trust provided grants to support the Musicians' Benefit Concerts, Home Grown Arts Series, and a future, innovative program to be announced at a later date. Piqua Arts Council's new programs would not have been possible without these grants.

In addition, Piqua Arts Council also received grants from Vectren Foundation Inc, Miami County Foundation, Piqua Community Foundation, and various others from the Ohio Arts Council.



Ohio Arts Council is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically. The Council was created in 1965 to foster and encourage the development of the arts and assist the preservation of Ohio's cultural heritage, and has been providing leadership and voice for the arts to transform people and communities since then. The Dayton Power and Light Company Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation established in 1985 to invest in communities and contribute to the improvement of the overall quality of life. The Foundation focuses its grants in Poverty Reduction, Workforce Development, Economic Development and Arts, and Inclusion and Diversity.

Neils A. & Ruth Lundgard Foundation is a private foundation located in Cincinnati, Ohio, which was founded in 1991.

Funded by Vectren Corporation, the Vectren Foundation was established in 2000 to provide support for the many nonprofit organizations within the communities served by Vectren's utility operations. The Foundation provides funding for nearly 400 nonprofit organizations throughout its service territory, encompassing numerous needs and initiatives.

Miami County Foundation is dedicated every day to funding and supporting the not-for-profit community in the county. Funds raised here are invested to meet the current and future charitable needs of Miami County communities, not-for-profits, schools, and students.

The Piqua Community Foundation began with brainstorming by a focus group, and The Foundation was "born" on November 12, 1993. Their mission is to provide opportunities for any donor to be generous, and they welcome the chance to help all donors meet their charitable giving goals.



The Piqua Arts Council has experienced growth in almost every area of their organization in 2021. With the addition of a Marketing Director and various new events & projects, the association cultivated a 182% increase in revenue, 353% increase in total equity, and a 19% increase in sponsorship dollars. Furthermore, Piqua Arts Council's social media appearance made a huge impact on their network, engagement and virtual influence in regards to their online audience, with social media subscribers at an increased average of 50%.

*all numbers in reference to 2020

Piqua Arts Council's full 2021 Annual Report can be found on their webpage at www.PiquaArtsCouncil.org/who-we-are.





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Mission Statement

The Piqua Arts Council is dedicated to making the arts accessible to our community through education, support and presentation.

PAC has established the following guiding principles whereby programs will reflect:

- High professional standards
- High regard for the inclusion of a broad range of interest and age groups
- Equitable and fair payment or compensation opportunities for artists
- Proper recognition and show of appreciation for volunteers and supporters of PAC

Working Vision

Our vision is to enrich our community by presenting high quality, innovative and diverse arts and cultural programs.

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Art is for everyone



Shadow Selves by Lily Stewart

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