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15 Cleveland Arts Prize winners are included in the Art Therapy Studio "George Streeter Circulating Collection"

In 1984, the Art Therapy Studio Board of Directors and key Artist volunteers established the George Streeter Circulating Collection. Today, the Collection is comprised of more than 250 pieces including works created by 15 Cleveland Arts Prize winners, 30 graduates or instructors of the Cleveland Institute of Art, 17 art therapists, and other well-known Cleveland artists.

Cleveland Arts Prize winners whose works are included in the Collection are H.C. Cassill, David Davis, Mort Epstein, Masumi Hayashi, Hildur Asgeirsdottir Jonsson, Joseph McCullough, Mickie McGraw, Joseph O'Sickey, John Pearson, Christopher Pekoc, Viktor Schreckengost, Phyllis Sloane, Julian Stanczak, William Ward, and Ralph Woehrman.

The Collection also includes 23 pieces created by participants in Art Therapy Studio programs. Works by stroke survivors who have learned to paint with their non-dominant hand and watercolors by individuals learning to paint as a distraction from the negative effects of multiple sclerosis stand side by side with works created by professional artists. Each person represented in the Collection is an artist, regardless of his or her life experience.

Art Therapy Studio opens the George Streeter Circulating Collection to guests at its "ArtLoan" fundraiser every other year. Guests may view the Collection and rent spectacular original artwork for their homes or offices. The proceeds are used to further Art Therapy Studio's therapeutic art programs.

The next "ArtLoan" will take place in September 2011. You may contact Karen Peterson, Executive Director at Art Therapy Studio, at (216) 791-9303 or Karen@ArtTherapyStudio.org for more information. A complete artist catalog is available at www.ArtTherapyStudio.org/eventsArtLoan2011.

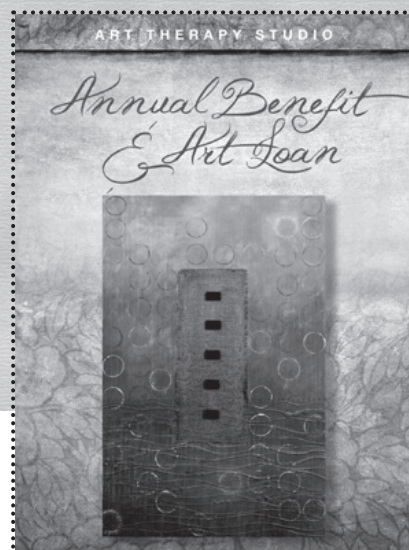
The mission of Art Therapy Studio is to enhance the quality of life for children and adults affected by spinal cord injury, brain trauma, stroke and multiple sclerosis through the therapeutic use of art.

Founded in 1967, the Art Therapy Studio is the oldest expressive arts therapy program of its kind in the country. Since its inception, programs have been developed around the philosophy that art making is central to healing and wellness. In the safe, creative space of the studio, individuals are invited, guided, and encouraged by highly trained, licensed artists/therapists to rediscover themselves through the art making process.

"As a small business owner with big walls and limited budget, renting original art is a great solution to fill those walls.

Thank you for providing a fun venue to allow us to borrow such wonderful art."

Lucille Fisher
Quality Resources, LLC



Featured art by Erica Weiss

Saturday, September 10, 2011
Shaker Heights Country Club
7:00 - 10:00pm

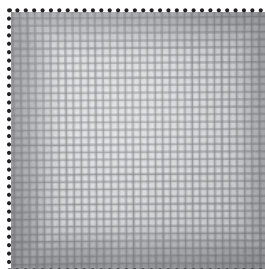
Please visit our website to purchase tickets
www.ArtTherapyStudio.org



O'Sickey



Stitt



Stanczak



Dali



Schreckengost



Evening Reflection

*The tree is mysterious. It represents the illness.
You never know what's going to come up.
This tree shows strength and survival through the tough times.*

SUE

After learning about the Art Therapy Studio from a friend in July 2010, Sue started attending classes specifically for people with Multiple Sclerosis. From day one, Sue thoroughly enjoyed the “Media Exploration for Those with MS”. It was the one day of the week that she knew she had a reason to go out. Art therapy allowed her to express herself in ways she didn’t know she could.

Multiple Sclerosis has changed Sue’s life. She used to bike, roller blade and be a dog sitter, but now her balance is too poor to do any of this. Sue says art therapy is a good outlet. “It lets you be yourself whatever state you’re in. It gives you an opportunity to get out and be independent without anyone hovering over you, being afraid you’ll get hurt. With art you get to make your own decisions, but you have an Art Therapist to guide you.” Sue does the art for herself. Socializing with classmates allows Sue to relate to others experiencing the same condition, even though they are at different stages of the disease. “We empathize with each other – we don’t pity one another. We compare our symptoms, medications and doctors”.

Art Therapy Studio classes help people like Sue understand techniques of working in different media and develop their own artistic talents as they deal with multiple sclerosis or recover from a brain injury or stroke. To learn more about what we do and how you can enroll yourself or someone else in a class, please visit our website, www.ArtTherapyStudio.org.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: SHERWIN-WILLIAMS WOMEN'S CLUB

The Art Therapy Studio is pleased to highlight one of our many fantastic corporate supporters: Sherwin-Williams Women's Club (SWWC). The SWWC, along with the Sherwin Williams Foundation, recently donated more than \$1,000 in art supplies and funds for additional supplies. These supplies were used for children's art therapy services to help those with behavior or emotional issues.

Lorie Davenport, a member of the SWWC and an Art Therapy Studio volunteer, provided more information on the SWWC and the donation.

How does SWWC typically choose its charities to support?

SWWC strives to support effective 501c3 health and human service organizations within our community and beyond that emulate our core values by supporting a diverse population, provide for an immediate need or vital service or focus on helping women and/or children, promote education programs which empower clients to reach their potential or achieve self-sufficiency.

Why did you choose Art Therapy Studio?

I was very impressed by the dedication, compassion and work I was shown while at the Art Therapy Studio. This increased my desire to volunteer there.

What type of art supplies did SWWC provide?

We supplied various types of paint (acrylic, tempera) as well as adhesives, tape, mat boards, drawing, watercolor and mixed media paper, oaktag, canvas paper and boards, poster board, oil pastels, paint brushes, clay and a portable easel.

Does the SWWC have any additional involvement with Art Therapy Studio?

SWWC members have hung art installations at the ATS, been patrons, crafted and donated raffle items, served as volunteers and on committees for the Sweetest Day Delights dessert competition event and upcoming ArtLoan event. The Art Therapy Studio was also selected as the recipient of a monetary donation for its educational programs which was double matched this past club year (9/2010-5/2011) by the SW Foundation in honor of the SWWC's 100th anniversary.

What else should people know about the SWWC?

The purpose of the SWWC is to engage in philanthropic endeavors and to provide a climate where members can expand their leadership talents and develop an awareness of community needs through educational activities, training, acquaintances, friendships, fund-raising and volunteer activities. ALL monies raised by the Club are donated to charities. SWWC is supported by The Sherwin-Williams Company and for each donation made by the Club, that amount is matched by The Sherwin-Williams Foundation. This allows the Club to double the help given to the charitable organizations.

Get Involved

Art Therapy Studio thanks Sherwin-Williams, and all of its great corporate supporters, for all of their generous assistance. If your company would like to get involved, contact Karen Peterson at (216) 791-9303 or Karen@ArtTherapyStudio.org.



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

"I am honored to be a part of the Art Therapy Studio" said Chris Treu, ATS Chairperson, Art Loan 2011. Chris Treu was first introduced to the Art Therapy Studio through her husband Kurt, a previous board member. Both he and Chris are strong supporters of the arts and especially of the Art Therapy Studio. Their daughter Libby is a recent graduate of NYU's Gallatin School of Individualized Study, where she pursued

a degree in Music and Writing as Tools for Activism.

"The beautiful artwork offered at the event and knowing the proceeds will allow people to create their own beauty" are two of the reasons Chris offered to chair the event for a second season. Chris believes strongly in the mission of the Art Therapy Studio and supports the valuable service the staff and volunteers bring to the community by giving a voice to people who may not have one!

"For this year's event" Chris explains, "I would like to focus on inviting small companies to attend our event. It will provide them with a low cost solution to enhancing their cubicles and offices with beautiful artwork!" The Art Therapy Studio is honored to have Chris Treu bring her much needed creative and organizational skills to our ArtLoan Benefit and commitment and enthusiasm for our mission.

Chris encourages everyone to attend this "Art Inspiring" Benefit which will be held on September 10, 2011 from 7:00 - 10:00pm at the Shaker Heights Country Club.



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

As part of the recent strategic planning initiative undertaken by Art Therapy Studio, we are pleased to announce the addition of Linda S. Merriam, Business Development Specialist. She will be responsible for selling Art Therapy Studio's therapeutic arts programs to healthcare organizations, social service organizations, and corporations. Her primary target market areas include traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke and multiple sclerosis. Her major job responsibilities

will include developing marketing plans, generating leads, developing proposals and finalizing business contracts.

Prior to joining Art Therapy Studio, Linda worked with numerous not-for-profit organizations, including the Cleveland Orchestra, Playhouse Square Foundation and the Syracuse Stage. She also worked for Northern Ohio Live magazine for many years. She received her Masters of Arts in Arts Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Business and Bachelor of Music from Bowling Green State University.

In addition to her work with Art Therapy Studio, Linda is currently active in the community as a board member of the Inlet Dance Theatre and formerly as a Sunday School teacher for developmentally disabled adults, a Girl Scout Leader for 13 years and a board member for Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio.

Linda can be reached at Linda@ArtTherapyStudio.org.

MISSION STATEMENT

Enhancing the quality of life for children and adults affected by spinal cord injury, brain trauma, stroke and multiple sclerosis through the therapeutic use of art.

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DISCOVER THE ARTIST WITHIN YOU Media Exploration for those with MS

9 Classes (June 27 to August 29)
Mondays from 1 to 3pm

Art Therapy Studio
Fairhill Partners Building, 1st floor
12200 Fairhill Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44120

Facilitator: Kate Strazisar, ATR-BC, LSW
Fee: \$108 (\$6/hr including supplies)
To Register: Contact Lynn at (216) 791-9303 or Info@ArtTherapyStudio.org

Join others with MS and explore a variety of art media. Under the guidance of a highly trained art therapist you will experiment with painting, collage, printmaking, and sculpture.

- Meet others with MS in a safe, supportive environment
- Discover new ways to communicate and share the creative process
- Explore how art making can help you connect with your feelings, express yourself, and enhance your sense of purpose

Beginners are welcome—no previous experience in art is necessary!



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The MS Ohio Buckeye Chapter may be able to assist those with limited resources. Contact Kincaid at (216) 503-4176 or kincaid.early@nmssoha.org.

Can't make this class?

Try another "Discover the Artist Within You" class at one of our four studios. Go to www.ArtTherapyStudio.org, and click on "Classes."

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Donate items from our wish list

- Paper Shredder
- 12 chairs for the studio
– padded with straight backs
- Bigger Flat Screen Monitor
for use in Studio
- Scanner Large Enough
to Scan Artwork
- LCD Projector
- Flat File Drawer Cabinet
- Artwork Hanging System
- Acrylic / Watercolor Paints
and Brushes (artist quality)
- Canvas Paper and Boards
(various sizes)
- Lightweight, portable, retractable
logo banner with stand
- Artwork drying racks
- Gift cards to Nasco, Utrecht,
Prizm or Pat Catan's
for art supplies

Remember the Art Therapy Studio in your will & estate planning

Make a donation

Your donation helped lower fees in our community studio classes for economically disadvantaged clients by \$4,300 in 2010.