

05/27/10: PERRYSBURG AREA ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THE 3RD ANNUAL FIBER ART SHOW

The Perrysburg Area Arts Council will present the 3rd Annual Fiber Art Show on June 5th and 6th at The 577 Foundation in Perrysburg. This juried art show and fiber festival kicks off a month of fiber art-related programming that includes a series of public art exhibits and hands-on workshops that focuses on the diverse world of fiber art.

The Fiber Art Show at The 577 Foundation is a two-day celebration of all things fiber related and fun for the whole family. This juried art exhibit showcases innovative uses of fiber media from a wide variety of talented artists. Over 70 pieces of contemporary art will be on display, including art quilts, needle arts, wearable art, experimental fiber, textile collage and weaving. Attendees can enjoy live musical entertainment with performances by Tim Oehlers, Dan & Don, Kerry Clark and Tapestry. Children's arts and crafts activities will be offered throughout the weekend. Everyone can participate in the creation of a bio-degradable community weaving project.

Several fiber producing animals will be on display at the show. Greg and Linda Carter from Stoney Creek Farm in Metamora will again be bringing their very popular llamas and alpacas. Stop by to learn more about these animals and get a free fiber sample. Angora rabbits from the Critterville Woolery of Hudson, MI will be on exhibit on Sunday as well.

Local artisans will be on-hand to demonstrate a variety of fiber-related activities such as spinning, knot-tying and natural dyeing. On Saturday, the Toledo Area Weavers Guild will present a Sheep-To-Shawl demonstration. Over the course of the day, Guild members will transform wool from local sheep into a finished product – watch them card, spin and weave on-site.

This year's show also features a special exhibit of fabric murals created by residents of the Josina Lott Residential Community, a home to adult individuals with developmental disabilities. The sewing program at River Crossings Day Hab Services provides an artistic, creative skill for many of the adults who participate.

The Fiber Art Show is free and open to the public and will be held from 10-5pm on Saturday, June 5th and noon-5pm on Sunday, June 6th at The 577 Foundation (577 E Front Street, Perrysburg). This year's event is sponsored in part by the Kingston Residence in Perrysburg, St. Ursula Academy, and generous friends of the arts. The Fiber Art Show committee is comprised of Frances Parry, Anne French, Sandra Jane Heard, Mary Mennel of The 577 Foundation and Jennifer Solon of the Perrysburg Area Arts Council.

After the Fiber Art Show, many pieces from the show will be on extended public display until the end of June at the Perrysburg Municipal Building and the Perrysburg Municipal Courthouse. Also during the month of June, the Way Gallery (lower level Way Public Library) will feature the 2009 Breaking Traditions exhibit. Curated by Michigan artist Lynn Krawczyk, this exhibit features 84 art quilts honoring the qualities and special moments that define what a home means.

The Perrysburg Area Arts Council will also be presenting an entire weekend filled with fiber art workshops on June 26th and 27th. Classes will include: Nuno Felting, Card Weaving, Coiled Fiber Jewelry and Screen-Printing Techniques on Fabric. All classes will be held at The 577 Foundation in Perrysburg. Registration forms are available on the PAAC website (www.perrysburgarts.org) or by contacting the Perrysburg Area Arts Council. Space is limited so please register early.

The 577 Foundation board member and Fiber Art Show committee member Frances Parry mentions that "these workshops offer local artists hands-on creative experiences that truly fulfill the vision my grandmother Virginia Stranahan had for the community when creating The 577 Foundation. The collaboration between the Perrysburg Area Arts Council and The 577 Foundation allow us to offer many expanded creative opportunities, including the Fiber Art Show and this exciting new series of workshops."

The Perrysburg Area Arts Council was founded in 1989 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of cultural arts. It is funded through the Ohio Arts Council, the City of Perrysburg, Perrysburg Township, corporate sponsors, other community-minded businesses, and through its membership. With the help of these supporters, PAAC strives to present free and low priced events that make Perrysburg a cultural destination in northwest Ohio. For more information, contact PAAC at 419-873-2787 or perrysburgarts@bex.net.