

ART AND THE GARDEN

A Quarterly Update on Metroparks Toledo and the Artist Village at TBG

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VILLAGE VOICES

Summer at Scrap4Art was busy with creativity! Scrap4Art continued its mission of giving donated materials a second life while providing opportunities for people of all ages to create.

During June and July, Scrap4Art welcomed young artists for its summer Creation Camps. Campers spent time exploring the gardens, learning about the environment, and creating art using a variety of reused and donated materials. Favorite projects included recycled paper, sewing pillows with button eyes, treasure box altoid tins, and more. The camps were a wonderful mix of creativity, imagination and outdoor fun.

In September, the organization welcomed its newest mascot, Whinny, a donated hobby horse that was given a colorful new life through a creative makeover. Repurposed paint, ribbon, can tabs, zipper pulls, bottle caps and more turned her into a work of art. Whinny now greets visitors at the shop and is a perfect example of what Scrap4Art is all about: seeing possibilities in things that might otherwise be thrown away.



QUARTERLY CALENDAR

November 14th 11am-4pm – Second Saturday Open House

December 4th 4pm-8pm – Heralding the Holidays

December 5th 10am-5pm – Heralding the Holidays

December 6th 11am-4pm – Heralding the Holidays

December 16th 11am – MVHS Annual Christmas Potluck – Conference Center - Meat is provided; please bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share



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It has been a busy summer at the Toledo Artists' Club! From exhibitions and classes to special events, the Club continued to bring artists and the community together at the Toledo Botanical Garden.

The summer began with Birds, Bugs & Blooms, an exhibition celebrating the beauty of nature and the many small details found in our gardens and surroundings. The show featured work by both members and non-members in a variety of styles and media.

In June, the Toledo Artists' Club also presented the Toledo Festival of the Arts at Toledo Botanical Garden. More than 100 artists participated in the juried festival, giving visitors an opportunity to shop for original artwork on the Bancroft side of the Toledo Botanical Garden! Many visitors enjoying the beautiful gardens as they walked from the Elmer side, while others took advantage of the TARTA shuttle from Meijer. Musicians and food trucks provided a great atmosphere for all! Plein Air artists painted on the grounds to an amazing Plein air competition. TAC looks forward to our next festival in June of 2027.

In July Elaine Scarvelis welcomed young artists to the Toledo Artists' Club, Little Picasso Summer Camp. These young artists learned new tech while exploring different mediums.

September brought a new kind of exhibit to the gallery. TAC held an exciting exhibition, Four Women, Four Visions, featuring the work of Pamela Kate Arnos, Ruth Matthews, Susan L. Dhaenens and Brenda Hofbauer. The exhibition offered four very different artistic perspectives and gave visitors another opportunity to experience the variety of work created by artists in our region. TAC looks forward to holding several solo and small group shows along with the regular monthly shows in 2027.



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