



CITY OF MENTOR

*COMMUNITY ARTS COMMISSION
PRESENTS*

Mentor Rocks The Bears

May 31, 2019



The city of Mentor along with the Community Arts Commission proudly present Mentor Rocks the Bears as our first public art project.

- All the bears have been decorated by Lake County artists.
- The bears will be on public display throughout the City of Mentor during the Summer of 2019.

Program

Mentor Rocks the Bears Reception

7:00 PM

Viewing of the Artist's Bears and
Refreshments

7:35 PM

Welcome - Nick Standering

Remarks by - Marilyn Repasky,
Arts Commission President

Introductions - Frank Krupa

- Community Arts Commission
- Artists
- Sponsors
- Special Guests
- City of Mentor Officials
- Musical Entertainment

8:00 PM

Meet and Greet and Refreshments

We hope you enjoyed this special occasion as
Mentor Rocks the Bears

Thank You

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Stuart Abbey	Susan Peternelj
Jason Lea	Jonathon Ashby
Gail Peters	Catherine Meredith
Reneé Augusta	Jacqueline M. Sajewski

Thank You

Special thanks to everyone for their dedication and hard work organizing and presenting this public art project to the city of Mentor.

Special thank you to our sponsors

- Collision Customs Restorations for seal coating the bears.
- Jonny Joo for his donation of photography, video, and marketing presentation assistance for promotion of the bears.

Music provided by: Pianist Rachel Imhoff.

Watch for the Bear Auction in
September Presented By
Pamela Morse Auctions

H. Maria Armijo

Maria Armijo has been called many things including Artist, Designer, Teacher, Librarian, Activist, Humanist, #1 BTS Fan, and Momma Bear. When she is not teaching her high school students Visual Design and Computer Science, she is finding ways to create fun and meaningful art projects while pursuing technology avoidance. Her interests lie at the intersection of Art & Design, Culture, Community Building & K-Pop. Maria has been creating works in fiber and digital materials for over twenty years. She lives in Mentor with her three children (if you count her husband).



*Love Me Tender
(Bead-A-Bear)*

- 27,000 Glass Bugle Beads
- 200 ft of beading thread
- 1 gallon of clear Gorilla Glue

Britta Franz

Lake Co. artist and instructor Britta Franz started her freelance art studio in 1987 and has been teaching private art lessons since 2000. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in illustration and painting from the Cleveland Institute of Art. Britta has placed in many local and juried art exhibitions, taught workshops and has been an invitational judge at numerous art shows and student scholarship competitions. In addition, she has created commissions for private individuals and custom artwork for the Sunny St. Cafe in Concord, Oh. Britta's style is primarily representational yet some of her work is also derived from imagination. Her paintings express bold color, contrast and detail combined with a strong light source. She enjoys working with many different mediums, but prefers painting in acrylics and pastels. Her passion for the natural world inspires Britta to create pieces that reflect wildlife, landscape and garden themed florals as her favorite subject matter.

When Britta is not teaching or creating in her studio, she can be found outdoors tending her floral gardens where she gets much of her inspiration from. She also enjoys spending time with her husband, family, friends and her cat Tipper.



20 Bears

- Acrylics

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Cat Swartz

Cat Swartz is strongly inspired by nature mostly within her native hometown in Lake County. She typically sculpts in a variety of clays & fibers (polymer, epoxy, paper, cotton). She also uses paper & thermoplastic in some of her 3D work. Then pigments sculptures with pastels, airbrush & hand brushed in color layers with acrylics & inks. Cat is also an illustrator, painter, photographer, printmaker, doll maker, and jewelry designer. Cat donates & works with local charities for her community.

She actively exhibits her work & has been awarded numerous accolades throughout Northeast Ohio, including placing 3rd in Cleveland Scene's Best Artist Category 2019. She plans to launch private art instructions & workshops at Good Goat Gallery & she is currently preparing for her upcoming solo exhibition coming Sept 2019 at Art on Madison: The Familiar World of Impossible Curiosities Part II. www.catswartz.com



King of the Marsh

- Polymer
- Epoxy
- Airbrush
- Acrylics

Dorothy Geisert

Dorothy is a native of Massachusetts, Dottie was surrounded by a family of artists and musicians consequently, it came as little surprise that drawing and painting became her chosen career. Dottie has a degree from Massachusetts College of Art and studied at Marblehead Art Association in Massachusetts. Dottie majored in Education at Lake Erie College and taught middle school at Phillips Osborne School in Painesville, Ohio. She currently teaches classes at Wildwood. Dottie has exhibited at Marblehead Art Association in Massachusetts, Print Makers Association Boston Massachusetts, Euclid Exhibitors Club, Euclid, Ohio and Creative Artists Association, Painesville, Ohio. She has also exhibited at the Boston Museum of Art and Massachusetts College of Arts, Marblehead Arts Association, Marblehead Massachusetts, Lake Erie College, Painesville, Lakeland College, Mentor, The Upstairs Gallery, Chardon, Daniel's Gallery, Cleveland, The Imaginative Factor, Willoughby, Sawmill Creek, Huron, The Unitarian Church Invitational Art Show, Kirtland, The Christmas Show at the IX Center, Cleveland, The Pencil and Brush Studio Workshop, Mentor, and Analece Gallery, Fairport, Alabama.



The Majestic Bear

- Liquitex Heavy Body acrylic paint

Beth Gregerson

Beth has been an artist for over 35 years, having worked as an illustrator for many years at Cleveland's top studios as well as freelancing for clients such as American Greetings and Coca-Cola.

Along with illustration, Beth has created many murals, public art sculptures, paintings, drawings and graphic design projects. She has been a long time resident and prominent artist in Lake County and currently has an art studio/gallery located in the Matchworks Building in Mentor, Beth Lynne Studio, with her art for sale and she accepts commissions for paintings, animal portraits, home portraits, murals, custom designed repurposed furniture and more. After creating public art sculptures for Guitar Mania, Cleveland Asiatown and Art Fur Animals for many years, Beth initiated Mentors first public art project to showcase the artists who live in Lake County as well as the locations throughout Mentor where visitors can view the bears. When not creating art Beth is often involved in animal advocacy, fostering and rescue. www.BethLynne.com



Terre Bear

- Acrylic paint,
- Rocks from Mentor Headlands,
- Concrete

Tracy Parsons

Tracy Parsons is a London born artist currently residing in Eastlake, Ohio. A self-taught painter, who mainly creates works using oils and acrylics. The rich earthy colors and vibrant jewel tones found in nature largely inspire her pieces, which are often done in a loose impressionistic style. As the artist explains, "I often let color guide me rather than form...". While Tracy enjoys painting a variety of subjects, landscapes are a personal favorite. Tracy says, "I want my paintings to reflect the peace and solitude of nature...to give the viewer a visual 'break' from all of the info and data we are constantly bombarded with..." Tracy mostly exhibits her works in Northeast Ohio and has shown and sold pieces at several galleries winning awards and earning honors in many regional art shows. She currently has work hanging in the Brecksville Center for the Arts In Honor Of Trees show and The 43rd Annual Fairmount Center Art Exhibition. Mentor Rocks the Bears is Tracy's first public art project.



Woodland Bear

- Acrylic paint
- Polymer clay
- Apoxie Sculpt

Joan Milligan

As long as I can remember, I have drawn whatever caught my eye. Mostly horses until I started with Dotty Geisert. What a world that opened up for me, forms, shapes, colors, values, and more! I could now draw anything I wanted, so I did. What an inspiration Dotty has been for me, she makes me want to be the best artist I can be. I'm a member of the Euclid Art Association. I show my work in their shows, as well as, being their Program Director. I use many media but my favorites are pastels and watercolor.

Besides art, I love to sew - anything and can crochet all day. I love making afghans and gifts for friends and family. Outside of art my biggest passion is horses. When my husband and I moved to Florida in 2005, I found a place where I could volunteer to teach handicapped children how to ride. I loved it so much I volunteered with 3 programs including Special Olympics. I became a certified coach and instructor, I was in heaven. My art took a back seat and I didn't do as much art as I would have liked to, but the kids and horses stole my heart. After we moved back to Ohio, I switched gears and put my art in the forefront. I volunteer at a wonderful facility, Fieldstone Farms, and concentrate more on my artwork. I still take lessons with Dotty as well as college courses and workshops. I studied with Dorothy Geisert, BFA, from 2003 to 2005, and 2011 to the present at Wildwood Cultural Center in Mentor, Lakeland Community College and Cleveland Institute of Art from 2018 to the present. Studied art at Indian River College from 2006 - 2010 Florida.



***Real Heroes Don't
Wear Capes***

- Acrylic paint

Lauren Heuer

Lauren Heuer graduated from Kent State University with a Major in Art Education and a Minor in Fine Art & Education in 2012. She is currently working full time as a Graphic Artist for Giant Eagle Market District and selling her original art & designs on Etsy & in person at local art markets. She has a passion in realism and loves to dabble in many mediums and styles.

You can check out her website at laurenheuerdesign.com or follow her on Instagram @laurenheuerdesign



The Great She-Bear

- Acrylic Paint
- Gold Leafing
- Paint Pen

Leslie Edwards Humez

Leslie Edwards Humez is a pop surrealist who hand-builds sculpture and works with businesses to realize their ideas in three dimensions. She has exhibited on four continents. Noteworthy among her public art contributions is Asiatown's Year of the Snake sculpture now in the permanent collection of the Children's Museum, Cleveland. She's delighted to add Mentor Rocks the Bears to her oeuvre. "Watching an idea come to life in my own hands is a powerful and profoundly humbling experience," she says. Humez offers custom classes and collaborative studio time, and is the creator of PS...Preservation Silk, whose hand-stitched scarves are carried exclusively by Artisan Gallery in Little Italy. Her ongoing, innovative artists' collaboration - PATS - offers a tactile solution to bringing art to the blind. She is a member of the Artists Archives of the Western Reserve and the Northern Ohio Illustrators Society (NOIS), as well as being the resident sculptor at Gallery Plus in Cleveland's 78th St. Studios. Visit her there on Third Fridays. Contact/website: clevelandartsculpture.com



Carmine Bearanda

- Paper clay
- Golden acrylic paint,
- Lascaux varnish

Cyndi Konopka

I am a 1987 graduate, of the Cleveland Institute of Art, and have been working as a photographer/artist in Northeast Ohio since that time.

My art career has encompassed many mediums including, video, graphic design, sculpture, up-cycling, recycling, ceramics, painted rain barrels and most recently, epoxy resin.

I am inspired by nature which surrounds me in my amazing piece of property out in Chardon Township called Cynlandia.

I am always busy and never bored, creating something in my magically delicious workshop.

I Can't Bear A Day Without Honey



- Latex House paint
- Acrylic paint
- Spray paint
- Flo-trol
- Epoxy clay
- Solar lights
- Buttons
- Brass rivets
- Overall buckles
- Ribbon
- Plastic flower pot
- Acrylic plastic
- Wood