

Port Jervis Middle School

Community Involvement through the Arts

2017, 2018

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SUMMER ART ACADEMY

2017



During the 2nd annual PJMS Summer Academy, Mr. Doyle, PJMS art teacher, started an art academy for incoming 7th grade students and several 8th grade mentors. Throughout the several weeks of the program murals were designed and created by Summer Academy students to brighten up the Port Jervis Community. The theme of each project was to emphasize love and pride. One mural is on temporary display outside of Machackemach Village, a retirement home in Port Jervis. Along with creating the piece of art, students learned about Keith Haring and his pop art movement in Pittsburgh, PA. The second mural, representing the tri-state landscape that surrounds Port Jervis, was donated to Bon Secours Community Hospital. It can be found in the waiting room of the Roberta Glinton Medical Building on East Main Street.

These students proudly used their passion for art to create a better, more compassionate and creative world around us.



DUNKIN DONUTS MURAL

2017



HAVEN 4 HEROES

2017

Local Business, Haven for Heroes, Brings a Haven for Art to PJMS

Last week, students in Mr. Doyle's art classes started a project based on pop artist Robert Rauschenberg's work. Rauschenberg coined the term "combine" in which his artwork would consist of found materials that would be assembled into one piece of art. From Rauschenberg's perspective, anything in life or found in the environment could be considered beautiful. Students put this concept into action with the help of a local business. Haven for Heroes, a local comic book store located on Front Street, generously donated several hundred comic books to the Art Department. Students used the comic books, and their imaginations, to create something new and artistic of their own. The finished pieces of art will be displayed at Haven for Heroes in April!

A very special thank you to Emmet Garnham, owner of Haven for Heroes, for the generous donation to our Art Department!



MAGAGKAMACK SIGN

2017

More than 40 Port Jervis Middle School students partnered with Port Jervis Mayor, Kelly Decker, for a community clean-up project at Magagkamack Churchyard on Saturday, October 28. The Magagkamack Churchyard sign, originally produced by Jerry Walters of Jerry's Signs, was refurbished by Port Jervis Middle School art teacher, Ryan Doyle. The wood and paint used for the sign was donated by Jim Rohner and Neversink Lumber. PJMS

technology teacher, David Gibaldi, cut the sign to match the original template, as well.

Students were joined by PJMS Assistant Principal, Anthony Lazzaro; Social Studies teachers, Trish Aumick and Kyle Ross; Art teacher, Ryan Doyle; School Secretary, Nicole VanBenschoten; and parent volunteer, Melissa Stewart.



PORT SCHEMES

2018

Jason Harripersad

*"If they love
[skate boarding]
that much, there's
a future for a lot
of kids in it."*

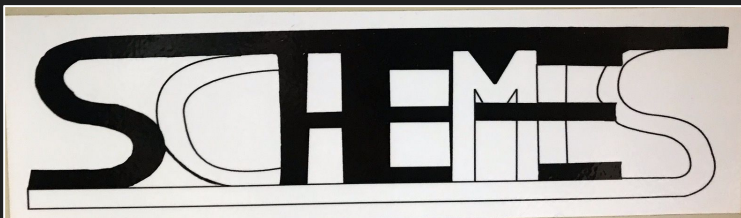


Jason discovered Port Jervis about twenty years ago when his family started camping in the Valley and then bought a summer home in Barryville, NY. About ten years ago Jason's oldest brother moved here to open a photography studio. Later, his children started a juice and salad bar in town, and Jason watched and decided to give his new baby a better quality of life than Queens could offer. So three years ago, his young family made the move to Port Jervis.

"In the beginning, I wasn't sure. Things were not very clear and open as far as businesses [in Port Jervis]," but it turned out to be a "natural transition." Jason soon found "his people" and on November 25 – on Small-business Saturday'17 – he opened Port Schemes. The "community has been very warm and welcoming," Jason says. "I was worried at first. But I don't feel the need for roll-down gates," and that matters to Jason because his young customers need our support.

Jason also held a middle school competition. "The teacher wanted to have a template and I said, have them go wild with imagination – and it was amazing." Alongside the Principal and the Art teacher, Jason chose the winners and printed stickers with their work. You can buy these, too, and celebrate those kids "getting involved, hopefully proud, hopefully seeing they're in a place where art is the big thing."

*"Lots of kids do art in Port, and they
are really good at it."*



ADAC CONTEST

2018



The Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County (ADAC) hosted the 31st Annual Substance Abuse Prevention Poster Design Contest.

This year's contest theme was, "The Best of Me is Alcohol & Drug Free!"

There were approximately 1,000 entries and the competition was fierce. PJMS 8th grader, Juliet Figorito, was invited to the ADAC Poster Contest ceremony to receive an honorable mention for her entry into the Orange County School Districts 7th – 9th grade category. Juliet's artwork was also displayed at the SUNY Orange Art Gallery. Mr. Doyle, PJMS art teacher, introduced the contest to his students and accompanied Juliet to the ceremony in Newburgh in May.



-Juliet Figorito 2018

PJ LIFE: ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

2018



What Kareem would say to those trying their hand at art

"Give it a try. If you see that it's not something you like to do, find something else. But if you like it, keep putting in the effort. Practice makes perfect. If you practice, you get good."

ABOVE: Basketball. Copy markers, Sharpie, ink pen. September 2016.
LEFT: Basketball. Copy markers and ink pen. Spring 2016.
OPPOSITE: "Warriors, his friends and other people who hang out at Church Street Park."



Festivities calendar. Food & wine to nurture body and soul. Books by local authors.

PORT JERVIS LIFE

Tri-state trial law:
all you need to know

Finding your perfect property

Warming Station:
give back this season

Ageing:
help your home keep you young

Young talent:
Kareem Haynesworth, Jr.

Port Jervians out in the world:
Marc Maiorana

Business in the spotlight:
Neighborhood Storage

Holidays:
reflect, commemorate set intention, nurture

Repurposing our buildings for the future

Young Artist in the Spotlight: Kareem Haynesworth, Jr.

"My art describes me as a person. It's something that I live and die for."

Kareem is a Freshman at Port Jervis High School. He moved to Port Jervis from Sullivan County in 2016 and lives with his father and step-mother.

"My family has a lot of pride in me and what I do; lots of confidence in my art work. And all my siblings have talent, too, where it comes to art."

Kareem started drawing when he was only two years old, but "never took it really seriously until second or maybe third grade, when [he] realized that [he] had a talent and wanted to use it." About a year ago, Kareem started focusing on representative art and found that his friends made great subjects. "I realized that my friends don't look the same. They are different colors and different styles, so it helps me expand my artwork."

In addition to visual art, Kareem plays the piano and has recently started rapping. "It's all art. I use it to express myself. I want to be an all-around artist."

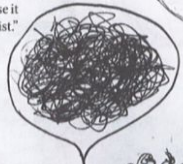


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Pen. Summer 2017

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

"Students like Kareem make my job as an art teacher such a pleasure - not only teaching what I love but seeing how essential it is to incorporate the arts and ways of positive expression into students' lives at a young age."

Ryan Doyle,
Art Teacher, Port Jervis Middle School



Sleeping.
Copy markers, pen.
August, 2018.
Created for Elijah Starns.

PJMS STUDENT SHOWCASE

2018



SHOWCASE PJMS Presented Their 1st Annual Port Jervis Middle School Showcase

Showcase a huge success

June 14th, 2018 - Port Jervis, NY- The PJMS Showcase 2018, held on Thursday, June 14, was an opportunity for our 7th and 8th grade students to exhibit some of their most prized work from all content areas. PJMS students displayed their work, explained the content in terms of NYS and Common Core Learning Standards, and described the process that led to such exemplar creations. This was an exciting event at the Port Jervis Middle School. Parents and community members were impressed with our students' and teachers' accomplishments during an amazingly successful 2017-2018 school year.

Art in the Park draws artists to Port

By Pat DeMono
For the Gazette

Bright sunshine, classical music, and a charming town square setting contributed to the ambience of last Saturday's Art in the Park, presented by the Port Jervis Tourism Board in conjunction with the River Valley Artists Guild.

Some 20 artists participated in the daylong display and demonstration of fine art, including paintings in various mediums, handcrafted jewelry, quilting, and handspun clothing.

Co-coordinators William Schill of the Port Jervis Tourism Board and landscape artist Susan Miller each declared the event, held at historic Orange Square, an important opportunity for area artists to integrate with each other and with local art enthusiasts.

Art in the Park was funded in part by the Orange County Arts Council's Community Arts Grant Program.

Right: Dani Cooney was one of some 20 artists displaying their works at last Saturday's Art in the Park. [PAT DE MONO/FOR THE GAZETTE]



Rachel Fuller, eighth-grade student of PJMS art teacher Ryan Doyle, created a Picasso-esque self-portrait in oil pastel. [PAT DE MONO/FOR THE GAZETTE]



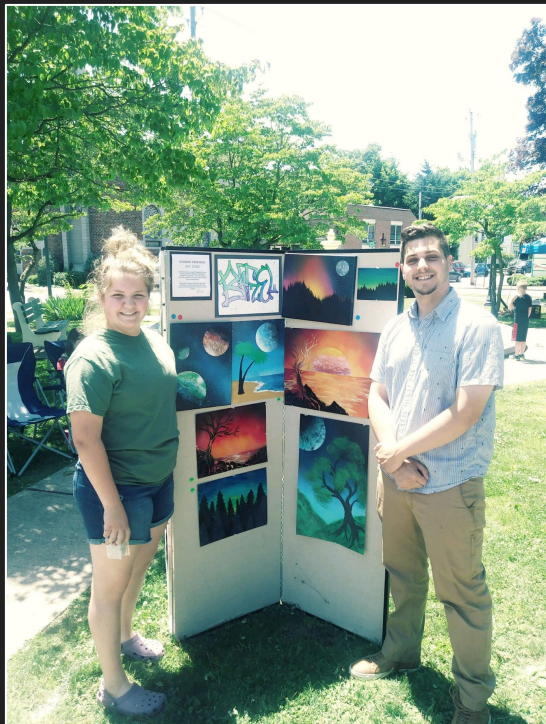
Airbrush artist George Centamore of S&G Graphics demonstrates his craft. [PAT DE MONO/FOR THE GAZETTE]



Port Jervis Middle School student Erin Batzel displays her works created with spray paint. [PAT DE MONO/FOR THE GAZETTE]

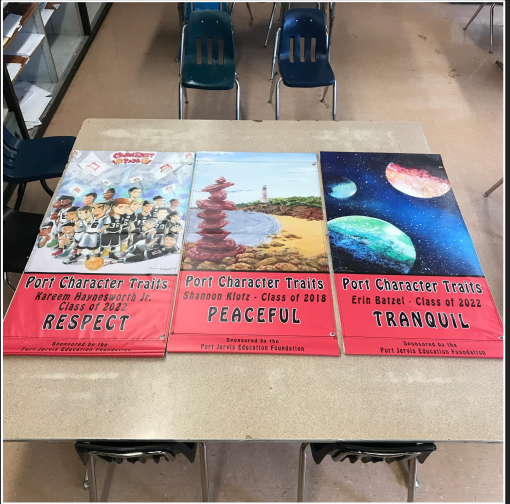
ART IN THE PARK

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PJ BANNER INITIATIVE

2018



(Contributed Photo)

Three character trait banners created by Port Jervis School District art students.

Port Art Students' Banners Celebrate Character, Heroes

By Chris Jones
PORT JERVIS — The Port Jervis Education Foundation recently awarded Middle School art teacher Ryan Doyle an \$800 grant for a Banner Initiative Program.

The Port Character Trait Banner Program exemplifies the positive traits observed within their community.

The initiative split into two categories, one recognizing local veterans (Hometown Hero Banners) and the other celebrating character traits that students admire and want to emulate.

Talented students create artwork that represents the positive traits observed within their community.

The Hometown Hero banners include a military portrait, name and era of service for recognition.

Banners are currently hanging on East Main Street for the year of 2018. As the program grows, Hometown Hero Banners will hang on Jersey Avenue, while the Port Character Trait Banners will cycle out between East Main Street and eventually the High School entrance.



"It is the hope that through this initiative, the city can visually thrive, creating positive vibes while respecting the ones who created a legacy before us," Doyle said.

The character trait banners feature original art by students from all four district schools: High School, Middle School and ASK and Bicentennial Elementary Schools.

Doyle said he reproduces the artwork and then photostops them onto a template that goes to a company in California that mounts everything on the vinyl banners. The City DPW mounted them on light poles along East Main.

Hometown Heroes in the first batch are: Sgt. Henry Dunn, U.S. Army, Vietnam; William Egan, U.S. Navy, Vietnam; Cpl. John Gould, World War II, and Greg Collette, Iraq veteran.

(Contributed Photo)
 A banner honoring Vietnam veteran Sgt. Henry Dunn hangs on a light pole near the Port Jervis Middle School.

Student artists include Genevieve Gumaer, Kareem Haynesworth Jr., Erin Batzel and Shannon Klotz.

SUMMER ART ACADEMY

2018



2019... WHAT'S AHEAD? (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- CONTINUATION OF BANNER PROGRAM
- DUNKIN DONUTS MURAL (PART II)
- ART IN THE PARK 2019
- STUDENT SHOWCASE 2019
- PJ REC BOWLING ALLEY MURAL
- SUMMER ACADEMY 2019
- T-SHIRT COMPETITION 2019



(2018 T-SHIRT CONTEST)

"THE ARTS EMPOWER.
THE ARTS GIVE A VOICE TO THE VOICELESS.
THE ARTS HELP TRANSFORM AMERICAN COMMUNITIES,
THE RESULT CAN BE A BETTER CHILD,
A BETTER TOWN, A BETTER NATION AND CERTAINLY A BETTER WORLD.
LET US CHAMPION OUR ARTS ACTION HEROES,
EMULATE THEM AND MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES EVERYTHING WE WANT THEM TO BE."

~ ROBERT L. LYNCH, PRESIDENT, AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS



THANK YOU.