



THE MEDINA COUNTY  
**ARTS**  
COUNCIL



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

ADVOCATE | SUPPORT | NURTURE

The Medina County Arts Council, along with our friends and partners, is committed to inspiring each generation to experience and participate in the arts through outreach, promotions and to enriching the quality of life and celebrating our artistic heritage. We strive to make art accessible to all people throughout Medina County and to advocate for all forms of artistic expression essential to building vibrant, diverse, and inclusive communities. We encourage education, career opportunities, and entrepreneurship in the arts, and we will continue to sustain and grow the organization.



**“Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine, and at last, you create what you will.” – George Bernard Shaw**

Since 1983, The Medina County Arts Council (MCAC) has worked to promote creativity and build community excellence by advocating for, supporting, and nurturing the Arts in Medina County.

MCAC focuses on providing philanthropic support and increased awareness to all art disciplines and the variety of talent that exists throughout the county.

Our board of trustees includes art teachers, arts professionals, and community leaders whose passion is to encourage each of us to pursue the arts as a life endeavor or a journey of self expression.

*The MCAC Board developed this strategy to assist in the pursuit of the arts in these focus areas:*

### **Advocate for Artists and Arts Organizations**

- Provide grants to arts organizations
- Promote local arts activities and events
- Position the arts as a valuable community asset

### **Support the Arts in Medina County**

- Sponsor Arts Week annually as a free event across Medina County featuring local artists
- Partner with Medina County Show Biz Company and Medina County Historical Society to honor local history and raise funds by presenting Spirits of the Past reenactments
- Reward and celebrate local artists and arts organizations with Service to the Arts Awards

### **Nurture the Youth with Arts Programs**

- Provide annual scholarships to graduating seniors
- Provide tools for teachers to support arts education
- Provide educational arts activities for children

In our second annual report, we celebrate the talented and generous people of Medina County who along with us, strive to bring the arts to everyone!

George Sam  
MCAC President

## **Celebration of the Arts**

### **39th Annual Arts Week Festival**

MCAC hosted Arts Week from July 9-17, a celebration of local performances and arts activities in Medina, Homerville, Brunswick, Lodi, Sharon Center, Granger, Wadsworth, Valley City and Seville.

Musical performances were enjoyed all week across the county from James Marron (ORMACO), Little Steve O, Lodi Music Students, Ohio Crossroads, Rolando Latin Music, Remember Then, KS Vocal Students, Medina Community Band, Bufflehead, Any Road (ORMACO), Matt Sofranko + Michael Crawley, and Dave Klaehn Jr.

Local artists, crafters and vendors were supported at Mill Street Makers' Market, Medina Fest, Sharon Showcase and downtown Seville.

Visual arts exhibits were beloved by many: local sand sculptor Carl Jara (Planet Joy), Medina County District Library, and Art in the Park.

Interactive art activities were made accessible for both kids and adults all across the county, learning how to dance, act and create at the MCAC Kids' Camp, free art chalking, finger painting, face painting, a cartooning workshop, painting workshops, and a clay workshop.





## Student Art Show

Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Medina Co. Student Art Show. Judges for the show included local artists Elaine Lamb, Christal Kaple, Bobbie Foy, Carol Klingel, Craig Staufer, and George Sam. MCAC provided \$50 awards to these recipients:



Best in Show Grace Karas  
12th Grade, Medina High School



1st Place: Alida Leidy  
11th Grade, Evolve School



Middle School: 1st Place  
Chloe R., 8th Grade, Al Root



High School: 1st Place  
Izzy Castillo, 10th Grade, Medina



Elementary School: 1st Place  
Kyler M., 1st Grade, Waite

## First Annual Chocolate Walk

Participants walked Medina's Public Square to visit local businesses for chocolate treats on Sweetest Day. Proceeds raised from the Chocolate Walk helped MCAC continue to provide grants to Medina County educators, art programs, and scholarships for graduating seniors who have excelled in the arts.



## Deck the House Challenge

MCAC's Annual Deck the House challenge had a total of 24 spectacular sights for 2022's holiday season. This year's winner, selected by a public vote, was House #22 "Happy Howlidays" at 221 North Market St in Lodi, OH.



## A Walk with Spirits of the Past

For more than 20 years, the Medina County Arts Council has co-sponsored Spirits of the Past, the dramatic history walk featuring Medina's Historic Square, in cooperation with The Medina County Historical Society and Medina County Show Biz Co.

## 2022 MCAC Scholarship Recipients

We were able to increase our awards from \$1,750 to \$3,000 because of our generous donors. Here are this year's recipients:



**Georgia Nielsen**  
**Medina High School**  
**\$1,000**

Georgia attends The Ohio State University double majoring in Film Studies, with a concentration on Screenwriting and Arts Administration. She

will double minor in Human Rights and Media Production. She has been offered entrance into the humanities scholars program at OSU and will focus on strengthening and engaging communities throughout Columbus.



**Katrina Boyce**  
**Wadsworth High School**  
**\$1,000**

Katrina plans to major in Graphic Design to pursue a career that allows her to be creative and use her artistic skills. Katrina's goal is to learn and grow as a

professional artist.

**Emma Hetkey**  
**Highland High School**

**\$500**



Emma is pursuing a double major in Business and Communication with a minor in Dance at The College of Wooster. At her audition she was invited to take part in choreographing pieces for their fall and spring dance

concerts; an offer she was excited to accept. Emma says attending college is a great honor and being able to continue her passion for dance as well is a dream come true.

**Natalie Batey**

**Wadsworth High School**  
**\$500**



Natalie attends The University of Akron pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting, and taking business and marketing classes. After graduating, she wants to open her own art gallery

and store to promote her work and others in the arts community.

## 2022 MCAC Teacher Grant Recipients

The total grant funds provided this year for Teacher Grants totals to \$3,200. Here are the teachers, projects, and locations awarded this past fall semester:



**Nancy Dake**  
**Lodi Family Center**  
**\$400**

To be used for Kids' Maker Space in their Lodi after school program.



**Jennifer Vilimonovic**  
**Hobby Horse Preschool**  
**Medina, OH**  
**\$300**

To be used for updating their equipment for music program.



**Lisa Wallen**  
**Wadsworth Middle School**  
**\$400**

To be used for a Glow Art project with black lights and fluorescent materials.



**Amanda Montana**  
**St. Francis Xavier, Medina**  
**\$125**

To be used for Kindness Postcards to be sent out to community/school members.

**Sally Lucas**  
**Isham Elementary School (Wadsworth)**  
**\$358.37**

To be used for Isham's 100 year celebration cap/lid mural.

## 2022 MCAC Organization Grant Program Recipients

### **ORMACO - Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach - \$650**

To help with artists' fees for the 2022 Jazz/Opera under the Stars in Medina.

### **Medina Chorus. Inc. - \$325**

The funds will be used for general expenses for Fall/Winter choral concerts including 14 rehearsal sessions. Our concerts include one public performance as well as gratis performances of concert program music and Christmas carols at the Western Reserve Masonic Home, the Medina County Home and often other nursing homes.

### **Wadsworth Community Band - \$325**

For Fall Session- Winter Holiday Concert to compensate the band director, purchase of new music and equipment in order to provide free admission to our concert(s) for the public, and aid in funding of advertisements.



### **Brunswick Middle School Drama Club - \$786.50**

The purpose of this grant is to purchase the rights, royalties, scripts, vocal books, directorial guides, video licensing, and logo packets for the 2022-23 Brunswick Middle School Drama Club production of "High School Musical Jr". We look forward to sharing our performance with the community in our annual production. Drama club is a unique after school activity that promotes community pride, builds students' self-confidence and creates a safe space for all participants. Students have the opportunity to develop many of the Social and Emotional Learning Standards established by the state of Ohio. Our members will grow immensely in self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and responsible decision making. The skills they cultivate in BMS Drama Club are skills that help to develop more comprehensive students who are able to be successful in their future careers.

### **Access the Arts - \$390**

Access the Arts will be bringing live and interactive music sessions to the residents of the Medina County Home. We will be providing live music on a quarterly basis. The first quarter, the residents will be using iPads to create music in an ensemble setting. The second and third quarter concerts will be held outside at their covered pavilion. The fourth quarter, the residents will have a guided performance to showcase their ukulele skills. This is part of an ongoing project that we started in 2021 to provide ukulele lessons to the residents. The grant monies would be used to pay the guest musicians' fees.

### **Writers in Residence - \$650**

Writers in Residence will teach creative writing to the youth at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center to empower their voices and assist in their reentry into society. The organization will facilitate 24 creative writing workshops between 09/01/2022 - 04/31/2023. Each session will run for 60 minutes either in-person or remotely via Zoom, teaching the residents various writing techniques, texts, and themes from diverse and dynamic authors. At the end of every workshop, Writers in Residence publishes, showcases, and distributes chapbooks or anthologies filled with their residents' creative writing inside juvenile facilities, on campuses, and throughout the local communities to raise awareness about the juvenile justice system and advocate for juvenile justice reform. General operating support to contract a Teaching Artist who will facilitate 24 creative writing workshops at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center between two program seasons.

### **Wadsworth Community Radio - \$650**

With grant funding this year, we plan to produce two-minute "mini concerts" featuring various elementary school classes singing Christmas songs. We will also feature announcements throughout the holiday season that the mini concerts are "made possible by the support of the Medina County Arts Council" read by community and school leaders. We also plan to record performances of the Wadsworth High School Jazz Ensemble and High School Show Choir, along with Christmas concerts from various elementary schools in Wadsworth. Our hope is to also capture music from the Wadsworth Community Band and the Wadsworth

Community Chorus. We will continue to broadcast music by individual local artists: Emily Dorland, David Zuder, Gina Brooklyn and Steve Miracle, keeping local music alive for the community. "Six Degrees of Ohio" would continue to be underwritten in 2021 by the Medina County Arts Council should we be gifted this grant again. "Six Degrees" is a show that highlights music and artists birthed in northeast Ohio.

### **Integrated Community Solutions, Inc. - \$507**

We provide art classes for people with developmental disabilities on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. For many of our participants, this is the first time they have ever had the opportunity to be in such a class. It is our most popular gathering that we host with typically 30-40 participants in attendance. We have supply costs covered for these classes, but we do not have guest artist fees covered. This grant submission is to cover the costs of one of our guest artists for a 12 month period. The guest artist charges \$65 per class, and she instructs our group once per month.



### **Medina County Show Biz- \$143**

This year, MCSB is giving an opportunity to a local playwright or artist to present their original theatrical work on our stage during our regular season. The hope is to spotlight local artists and provide a stepping stone for them to get their work noticed while highlighting the artistic talent within our community. We plan to offer this opportunity to a local artist annually, beginning this year. We are asking for funds to offset the expenses of the local artist spotlight production taking place October of 2022, including set, costumes, tech, director's fee, and additional operating expenses.

### **Medina Community Band Association - \$650**

The MCAC grant will support the efforts of Medina Community Band whose purpose is to continue the 159-year-old tradition of presenting band concerts to Medina County residents.

## A Year to Remember

The Medina County Arts Council Trustees thank you for supporting the arts in Medina County. Your generosity has helped to make a difference for many budding artists and arts organizations over the years. Your engagement with local arts professionals and your attendance at local arts events has helped to improve our quality of life in Medina County. Because of the support like yours, the Medina County Arts Council had an amazing year! Here are some highlights of what we've accomplished in 2022:

### Youth Outreach - Jane Back, Chair

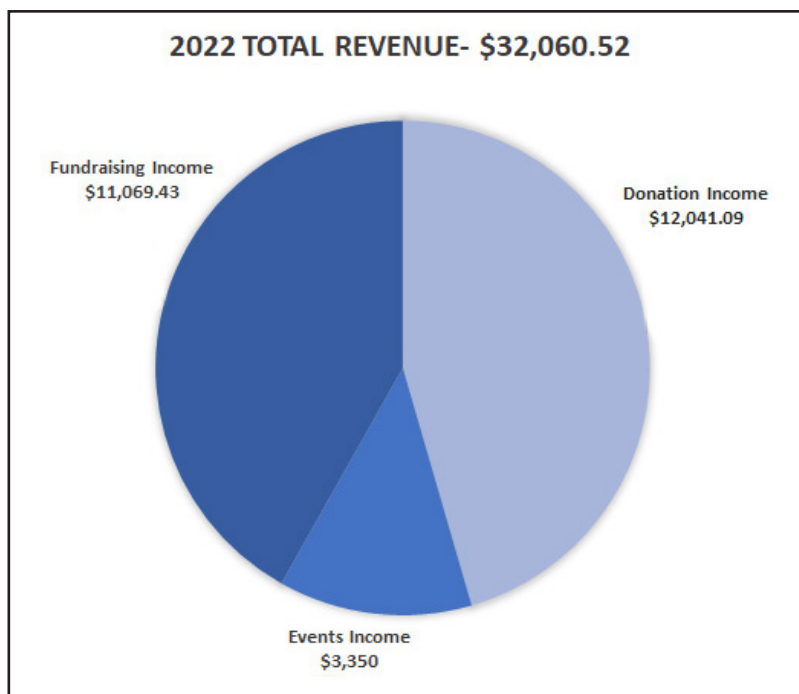
- Awarded \$3,000 in scholarships to four high school students in Medina County
- Awarded nearly \$3,200 in grants to arts teachers for student arts programs in Medina County
- Held our first Arts Camp & Kids' Fest from July 10-13 featuring dance, theatre arts, and visual arts

### Community Outreach - Linda Loveless, Chair

- Awarded over \$5,000 in grants to non-profit arts organizations in Medina County
- Formed the Arts Roundtable to support artists and arts organizations in Medina County
- Held the 39th Annual Medina County Arts Week from July 9-17 across nine communities
- Artists/Arts Organizations' Advocacy
- Community Partnerships
- Awarded ribbons to exceptional visual arts students during the Medina County Student Art Show
- Continued to share and promote local arts and arts organizations events and activities in Medina County

### Development - Craig Stauffer, Chair

- Business/Corporate Sponsorships continued
- Donor Campaigns raised funds to help support 2023 programs
- Fundraising Events/Activities goal surpassed
- Arts/Community Foundation Grants



### 2022 MCAC Officers

George Sam, *President*

Kelly Parks, *Vice President*

Kelly Butler, *Treasurer*

Dan Hostetler, *Secretary*

2022 MCAC Board of Trustees:

Jane Back, Brian Corbin, Kelly Harrison, Christal Kaple, Lauren Kuntzman, Linda Loveless, Donna Mittler, Sheila Noel, Barb Ortiz, Yvonne Sivard, Craig Stauffer, Abigail Sweigert and Jeff Young

### Special Thanks

We owe much gratitude to Dan Hostetler for committing over a decade of service to MCAC and our community as past president and current outgoing secretary. We are also grateful for our outgoing president George Sam for his commitments to serving the board and arts community.

We thank our outgoing trustees: Lauren Kuntzman for her support, Barb Ortiz for always volunteering, and Craig Shafer for his leadership and talents.

We honor the life of one of our founding members and former director, Nancy Sprowls, who passed away in 2022. The Nancy Sprowl Memorial Fund will begin in 2023 to help support art educators in her honor.

## Our 2022 Donors

### Platinum Level - \$500+

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Medina County District Library - \$75  
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Visitors Bureau - \$500



### Arts Week Sponsor - \$1500



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