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Project Jericho: Sculpting A Community

Project Jericho youth recently refurbished the "play pumpkin" at Cliff Park. Weekly since August 15, youth worked hard cleaning, sanding, repairing, priming and then painting this community milestone. The project, led by artist Keith Skogstrom, was unveiled to the community at a public celebration on Wednesday, September 24th at 3:30 PM. About 50 people attended, and applauded the youth for their hard work.

The project drew the interest of many park visitors, who wanted to share their own stories about the pumpkin—"This is where my husband proposed to me" "This is where I got my first kiss." "This is where I used to come when I felt sad." It's a special place of memories for many people in our community, and Project Jericho is proud to be a part of its restoration!

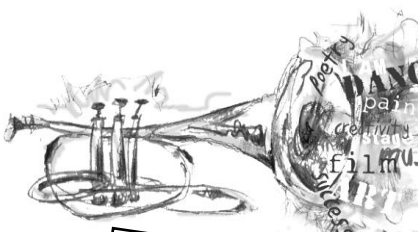
PROJECT PUMPKIN: UNDER CONSTRUCTION



SEE THE ART IN ME SCULPTURE TLC

Keith Skogstrom also collaborated with Project Jericho youth in refurbishing a previous project: In 2004 Project Jericho built the "See the Art in Me" sculpture that stands in front of the Performing Arts Center. Since its creation the years and weather have worn it down and this August students gave the sculpture some much needed TLC. They worked hard sanding and repainting it as well as making their own mixed-media sculptures. The sculpture is back to new thanks to the hard work of all our participants!





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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Family:

Complimentary Tickets: Look out for a mailing on the upcoming 2009 shows with performances by Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Vicki Lawrence, Aaron Tippin and more!

Story Quilt Presentation: November 20th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Job and Family Services (1345 Lagonda Ave.) a presentation of hand-made quilts by Project Jericho families will be held.

Ginger Bread House Workshops: To be held in early December - Register now by calling Jerome at 327-1758!

Youth:

Photo/Poetry Presentation: After the completion of a six-week intensive project students will display original photography and perform their own poetry. Please join us at the Turner Studio Theatre on November 19th at 5:00.

Bucket Band: Bucket Band rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 PM for beginners and 6:00-7:00 PM for advanced participants. New members are always welcome. Call 328-8044 to sign up.

Holiday Card and Music Workshop: Join two favorite PJ artists, Kristi Limes and Michael Kelsey, to create watercolor cards and a hit holiday single (song) at this workshop Dec. 4. Call PJ at 328-3869 to sign up!

A.S.A.P. Presentation: Will be held on Dec. 10th from 5-6 pm and will include a performance by the Bucket Band!

Holiday in the City: Saturday Nov 29th, call 328-3869 to volunteer. And - look for us at the Great Tree Auction!

PJ Holiday Party: Our annual party will be held on December 6th in the Clark State Cafeteria (in Rhodes Hall) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us!

First Ever Bucket Band TOUR A Huge success!



On Saturday October 11th the Bucket Band boarded the tour bus and performed at Wittenberg Homecoming and then an after-noon set at the Yellow Springs Street Fair. Great Job Everyone!!



A Note from
Scott Dawson
Community Outreach
and Education
Director

I hope you are all having an AMAZING start to your school year! There are some incredible things happening with EXODUS that I wanted to let you know about. EXODUS will be performing at the Clark State Performing Arts Center in the spring of 2009. You might be thinking to yourself....big deal, they performed at Family FunFest last year. I'm not talking about Family FunFest (although they will be performing again this year at FunFest). EXODUS will perform in the 1500 seat Kuss Auditorium. Do I have you curious? Do you want to know how to audition for EXODUS? Keep your eye on www.project-jericho.com. There will be a residency where interested dancers will get a chance to be a part of EXODUS.

I also wanted to say THANK YOU! Project Jericho was recently selected again as a semifinalist for a 2008 Coming Up Taller Award (as you may remember, we were selected as a semifinalist in 2007)! Project Jericho was one of 50 semifinalists selected out of a total of 350 organizations in 47 states. Henry Moran, Executive Director of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities states, "Clark State Community College's Project Jericho is recognized among the top programs in the country." Coming Up Taller Award winners will be notified in fall of 2008, and the First Lady will present the Coming Up Taller Award in a formal ceremony at the White House in Washington, D.C. I say THANK YOU because you make Project Jericho what it is today. If we win, it is because we get to work with so many talented local youth and families. You demonstrate the power of the arts in all the wonderful work you do at Project Jericho programs. In other exciting news, 2009 will be the 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY of Project Jericho. Wow! Ten years of transforming work through the arts! From what I hear, Sarah has some great plans for our TENTH ANNIVERSARY! I won't spoil the surprise. Gee....if we win the Coming Up Taller Award, 2009 will definitely be a year of celebration!

- Scott

I look forward to seeing you at a project. Let's make some ART!

Building Our Youth And Community

The B.O.Y.A.C. program is a uniquely creative collaboration. Through a joint effort by Clark County Juvenile Court, Project Jericho, Clark State Community College and Habitat for Humanity, BOYAC has grown into a program that is greater than the sum of the individual partners.

The young men in BOYAC are not only learning how to build houses, they are also learning responsibility, accountability and to confront their lives and build new dreams and visions. The intent of this program is to help the youth develop character, job and life skills and self value.

Project Jericho's Artist in Residence Erica Thomas, with the help of Program Director Matt Wilson, utilizes her time by empowering the program participants through visual art. These young men are creating one of a kind personal and group mixed media artwork, while learning about themselves in the process. Their creations are also their way of giving back to the community by donating all finished pieces to our community residences, programs, buildings and charity auctions.

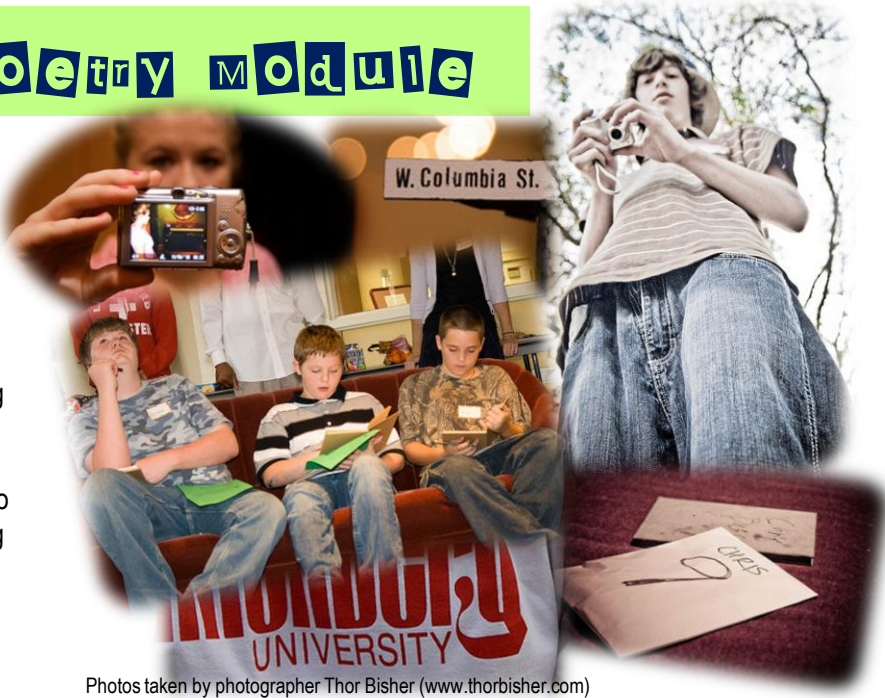
We are heading into fall with the design of an installation mural in the BOYAC classroom titled "We Live Within the Shelter of Each Other ." Our current project, "Life is a Mosaic," will be displayed at Clark State Community College during the month of November.

**Check out a special presentation featuring art by Mental Health Court and BOYAC artists:
Wednesday November 19 at 3:30pm, at the Clark County Juvenile Court main courtroom.**

PJ PHOTO/POETRY MODULE

PJ Youth have embarked on a 6-week journey with one mission: tell the world "Where I'm From" and explore "Where I'm Going."

With photographer Shawn Ankrom and spoken word poet Ocean leading them on their way the students are learning about photography and poetry and using both to tell their stories. They have already learned about their city at the Heritage Center and explored the road to college at Wittenberg, with more exciting opportunities to come! See the 'Upcoming Events' section for dates and times of the show!



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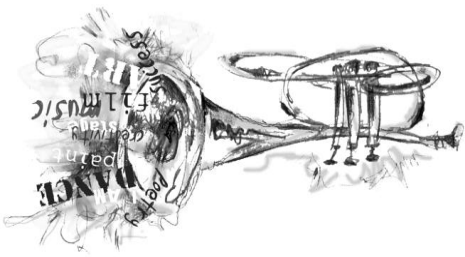
Who Am I?
By: Chris Bass

Who am I you say?
I am a person who likes to be outside,
with my friends and playing baseball outside
Havin' fun with my cousins
laughin' and tellin' jokes playing in the pool
that's who I am.

For more poetry and PJ art, visit
www.project-jericho.com

Project Jericho is a collaborative program of the Clark State Performing Arts Center and Job and Family Services of Clark County with additional funding provided by the Ohio Arts Council and the Turner Foundation. Project Jericho's "Inside the Walls, Outside the Box" program at the Clark County Juvenile Detention Facility is funded, in part, by RECLAIM Ohio, the Ohio Department of Youth Services and the Clark County Juvenile Court.





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	<i>Story Quilts</i>	
	Project Jericho and Job and Family Services began a 7 week program with nine families to explore their history and a rare art form, so that at the end each family will have created together a memorable experience and keepsake.	
	The 'Story Quilts' will be created with the help of fabric artists Diane Murphy and Amy Korpieski. The first week the families traveled to Columbus to visit an exhibit of old and new quilts to see different techniques and how much can be accomplished with just some fabric and a needle! The second week professional story-teller Eric Wolf taught the families some helpful strategies for finding the stories in their lives and they began to map out their quilts. The weeks to come will be filled with sewing and story-telling!	