



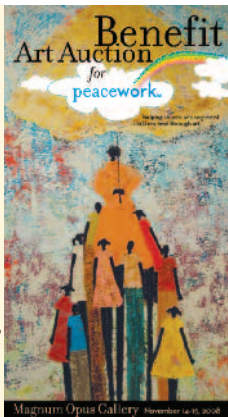
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helping abused and neglected children heal through art.

First Live Art Auction Held

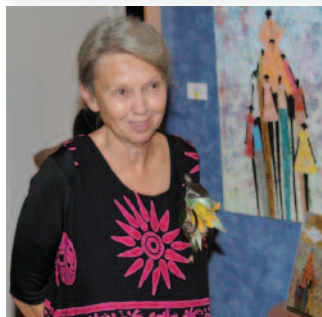
Thanks to Kamille Catchings, owner of the Magnum Opus Gallery in Chadds Ford, Pa., we hosted our first live auction! It took place on Fri., Nov. 14 and Sat., Nov. 15 – a magical two days of PeaceWork volunteers, art lovers, and PeaceWork Friends sharing the PeaceWork message of helping children heal through art, enjoying the tasty treats from Talula's Table and The Country Butcher and bidding on many art pieces donated from local Chester County artists, among others. Over 30 pieces were donated with proceeds going directly to PeaceWork! We raised \$2600.00 and look forward to holding more fun events in the supportive community in which we've made our PeaceWork home.



PeaceWork, Ltd. is a local volunteer supported, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization based in Kennett Square, PA. Our mission is to provide abused, neglected, and homeless children with the tools to create art within a safe and nurturing environment. For more than 10 years we have worked with thousands of children throughout the Brandywine Valley and collaborated with over one hundred other non-profit organizations to help these children express their daily experiences through art.

There are still a few items left (including works by Volker Kuhn and Melanie Taylor Kent). You can see thumbnails at www.peaceworkltd.org.

Thanks to our many friends and sponsors who helped us pull off a noteworthy event including: Bower Web Solutions, Inc.; Chaddsford Winery; Conner Printing, Inc.; Designer Events; Fairfax Liquors; Gaadt Perspectives LLC; Green Man Gardening; Joseph Felice Auction House; Longwood Art Gallery; Longwood Fire Company; The Paper Market; THG Transport; THG Logistics, Inc.; and Tom Fennelly, Photographer.



PEACEWORK LIVES ON BECAUSE...

By Barbara DesJardins

One day in 1995 while visiting an elderly friend my eye caught a small article in an open newspaper on her kitchen counter, "Ministry of Caring has Day Care for Homeless Children." For the rest of that day and into the night I could not stop thinking of the children. The next day I knew where I needed to be. A phone call and then an interview a few days later with the Director of the Day Care Center granted me permission to begin a program working with the children.

Every week I arrived with my big art bag filled to overflowing with paints, brushes and paper. In the beginning the children were sometimes too shy to paint, some were too angry to wait their turn, and other little eyes just looked at me blankly as if they were in another place and could not understand what I was offering. But as the weeks flew by and the colors emerged – sometimes brilliantly, sometimes wildly – the little children, as well as myself, found ourselves on an 'art high'. Soon they began to call me the Art Lady.

After many months and hundreds of priceless artworks had been created, I knew I needed to share with the world what I was being privileged to witness. My friends Denice Kingery, Diana Snyder and Joan Sacks came on board and shared in my excitement to create a huge exhibition of the children's artwork in the gallery of Opera Delaware entitled "Be it Ever So Humble."

Our first president of PeaceWork was Craig Greer, a bright young lawyer who listened to our stories about the children's needs and gave our newly formed Board a meeting place in his beautiful office overlooking downtown Wilmington. PeaceWork would not have gotten off the ground so quickly without Craig's expertise and guidance and his most important gift – a compassion for the children we served.

Our second president, Lisa Fieldman, put endless energy into every facet of our fledgling organization... lifting, moving, bookkeeping, mixing paints... all while her dear young daughters played in my farmhouse yard, creating their own exquisite works of art from sticks, acorns, stones and leaves. After a number of exceptional years, many exhibitions and hundreds of children's lives touched through our collaboration with the nonprofit, Prevent Child Abuse Delaware, PeaceWork became a popular stop on many Wilmington Art Loop nights. As Lisa's daughters began moving into their teen years, Lisa stepped back from her role as President to allow more time for her growing family.

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ANNUAL GIVING 2008

In November, Barbara DesJardins organized letter signing parties to raise funds for PeaceWork. Volunteers brought their address books and gathered at the PeaceWork house to add personal notes to the Annual Giving letter written by Jude Misurelli, President.

In the Annual Giving letter, Jude wrote about the impact of the economic turmoil gripping our nation and the world and how the impact is most deeply felt among the mothers and children PeaceWork serves. The last paragraph of the letter stated, "Please know that any gift is gratefully received, be it monetary or a gift of your time or simply your kind and supportive thoughts directed towards our organization and the children we strive to serve."

In personal notes, volunteers asked for support and described how PeaceWork makes a difference in the community and in the lives of children.

Barbara also delivered packets of letters and envelopes to volunteers who preferred to work on the letters from home. The result has been successful fundraising of over \$3000.00 as of January 2009.

"The child must know that he is a miracle, that since the beginning of the world there hasn't been, and until the end of the world there will not be, another child like him."

PABLO CASALS

**"If we are to teach real peace
in this world, and if we are to
carry on a real war against war,
we shall have to begin with
the children."**

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of children's art for viewing
on the website?

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Once again we were blessed when Board Member Susan Scott agreed to become our leader and president. Susan's talented young children, Caroline and Andrew came along as part of the beautiful package. Susan's kindness and compassion were a balm to us all and she was willing to tackle any task... ride on the Kennett Square Mushroom Festival float with Caroline... muck out a flooded cellar to rescue a mountain of art supplies... visit the shelter and shower our little homeless friends with sweet and quiet compassion. But children seem to grow up and before long the teen years were upon the Scott family. Susan, a wise mother, wanted to treasure that time before her children marched into adulthood.



RECENT BEQUEST TO PEACEWORK

PeaceWork Ltd. is the grateful recipient of a \$50,000.00 bequest from the Drinkard estate. This gift specifically benefits PeaceWork's programming and exhibition of the children's artwork.

With the promise of full Board support, Jude Misurelli became the next president of PeaceWork. Her leadership has involved all aspects of our program with a concentration on her passion for children's literature. Jude has ensured through the Art Lady, Book Lady program that the most exceptional and beautiful books are gifted to the children at every visit. She puts tremendous energy and love into PeaceWork and her heart has become so entwined with the abused and homeless children that although she is the mother of only one child, in her heart she is now the mother of many.

Consultant Ann Barton Brown has volunteered her extraordinary skills and experience to guide PeaceWork through our first strategic planning and office organization.

In addition to those mentioned above, PeaceWork lives on because of each and every person who has served as a Board member and volunteer and of those who have so generously



donated their time and funds to nurture a humble idea from so long ago, into a community of caring that continues to touch the lives of so many deserving children today.

PAINTING PARTY/SPIRIT DOLL WORKSHOP

On February 7, 2009, PeaceWork invited Las Hermanitas and Los Hermanitos to participate in a Painting Party/Spirit Doll Workshop hosted by Barbara DesJardins and Teri Marks. The workshop was our way of saying "Thank you" for their tremendous help at our annual summer Fun Fest celebrations.

Wish List:

- Donations for videography project to capture the history & spirit of PW
- High quality art materials: tempera paints, acrylics, watercolors, paper, brushes, polymer clay, markers, glue, colored tissue paper, etc.
- Art portfolio for travel and storage
- Ink cartridges
- Scanner
- HP Laserjet 1600, color printer
- Folding art rack for prints (24" x 24" or 36" wide x 42" high)



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