



APOLLO-RIDGE Education Foundation

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Part of the mural created by Laura Jean McLaughlin on display at the Pittsburgh Zoo. Learn more at laurajeanmarclaughlin.com.



IUP Artist in Residence Apollo Mosaic

August-November 2017

Laura Jean McLaughlin, Artist
Matthew Ferguson, Secondary Art

The Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation is creating a public art display for the town of Apollo in conjunction with IUP's ArtsPath Artist In Residence program. A professional artist is working with grade 7/8 students in periods 6/7 art to create a high-quality, lasting mural that pays homage to our history-rich community.

The two-phase project began August 31, 2017, and ends in the Spring of 2018.

Phase I consists of creating 7 five foot oval mosaics that depict the past, present, & future of our town. Phase II's mural will tie the mosaics together.

The list of historical people and places includes the WCTU Building, Nellie Bly, the Maple Tree, the bridge built after the 1936 flood, the fur trader, Edward Warren, and the Apollo Space Program.

One mosaic honors the lives of those who gave all for their country with a special mosaic honoring Leonard Miller. Another depicts our natural resources.

The students have been introduced to the history of mosaics, highlights of the history of Apollo, how to nip tile, the

process of creating the layout for a mosaic, and how to adhere the tile to the concrete board. They've also had the opportunity work with a professional who shares her passion for art with them.

AREF's Mission

To foster partnerships with business and community leaders to successfully prepare Apollo-Ridge students for the workplace or post-secondary education.



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The community is invited to be part of the process of creating the mosaics during a special reception on November 16 from 5—7 PM in the High School Cafeteria.

You're Invited!

For details or to register for the reception, contact Cris Kostiuk at kostiukc@apolloridge.com or 724-478-6010.

This unique community engagement project is a collaboration between IUP's Artspath Program and the Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation with approval from Apollo Borough Council and the owners of the buildings to which it will be mounted, Rich & Michelle George and Jim & Vonne Andring.

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I think it's cool that we can be a part of something about Apollo that will be around for years. Making this also allows other people to learn about the history of Apollo.
—Sydney McCray

This project is about what Apollo is known for. I like that we were able to pick what went on the mosaics. I also like that we were able to help break the tiles. —Jayden Snyder

The mosaic does mean something to me. It means our children and our children's children will see something that I helped create and build. It is a piece of the town I love and a piece of me too.
—Ava Whitlinger

This class has given me the opportunity to put a piece of art in Apollo. I like the idea because it can show younger generations what this town was and is.
—Aaron Worst

The best part of this project is making Apollo look a lot better. Also breaking tiles & painting murals.
—Nick Cecchini

I think this project means a lot to us and the community. We get to learn a lot about our community and what was here before us. It never occurred to me that Apollo was so interesting, but this project helped me realize it is. This is a really cool project with a really cool artist and I'm glad to be part of it.
—Brienne Toland

This project is important to me because art is probably going to be a large chunk of my life in the future so doing this and being exposed to different types of art is a good experience for me personally.
—Emily Borja

I will gain the ability to break tile at school. I will show my children that I participated in this masterpiece.
—Mason Wyatt



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thank you

_____ I plan to attend! My son/daughter is part of the project. YES NO

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