Art In The Wild

Art In The Wild celebrates its 11th year and was conceived with the goal of presenting quality outdoor art using natural materials, providing educational opportunities, involving the community and harmonizing the art into the chosen site. The works of art are composed of mostly natural materials to blend with Wildwood’s nature setting. The project was open to all. The exhibit is one more way to bring awareness to Wildwood’s mission - preserving, enhancing and interpreting the Park’s resources.

Artists

Site 1: Sabrina Lay – 4th year
Sabrina expresses herself through drawing, painting, wood carving and glass mosaic making. She specializes in mosaic dog portraits. LAUGHTER EUPHETS

Site 2: Richard and Maria Joel – 4th year
Rick is a Licensed P.T. who is involved in local theater. He designs and builds sets, is an avid woodworker, a sculptor, painter, illustrator and caricaturist. Maria is a Medical Technologist who enjoys quilting, crocheting, cross stitching, oil painting, stained glass work and gardening. MERRIMENT

Site 3: Lurie, Ada, Eliza, Alicia, Alex, Hailey, Thomas and Scott – 1st year
Lurie Rutkowski lives in New Cumberland PA with her husband, six children and pel pig, Willow. Lurie and her family love nature and are so excited to incorporate art in nature at Wildwood for the first time! PEACE AND BEAUTY CAN NEVER BE DESTROYED

Site 4: Marcus Family – 1st year
The Marcus Family finds peace in the woods whenever they have the chance. They’ve been fans of Art in the Wild for years and are excited to be a part of it this year. Minons! WE’RE LAUGHING WITH YOU, NOT AT YOU

Site 5: Beau MacGinnis – 11th year, Jana MacGinnis – 6th year, Aubrey McNaughton – 4th year and Debbie Reinhart – 2nd year
Beau MacGinnis has been creating sculptures since the inception of Art in The Wild, working with only materials found within the park. In 2017, his mother, Jana MacGinnis joined him. This will be Aubrey McNaughton’s fourth year helping to forage and build. Debbie Reinhart, who met Beau and Jana at the AITW workshop at Wildwood, will join them again this year. OCTOPUS’S GARDEN

Site 6: Kathleen Swain – 2nd year and Blake Passa – 1st year
Kathleen and Blake are a grandmother/grandson team who have been enjoying Wildwood Park for years! Kathleen is a knitter and Blake, age 15, loves to work with wood. This year they combined forces to create their art installation. THE EARTH LAUGHS WITH FLOWERS

Site 7: Ava King – 2nd year
Ava is a 1st-year-old high school student who enjoys working with a wide variety of art materials. She likes expressing her interests through many different art forms. EARTHS BLISS

Site 8: Kristin Ziegler – 2nd year
Kristin uses nature, cycles, and human idiosyncrasies to inform her work, examining the nuances between craft and fine art. She has a passion for collaborating with artists and amateurs to explore the ways the world can be perceived. IF WISHES WERE FISHES

Site 9: Indie Kachle – 1st year
Indie is a gardener and an artist, who dedicates a lot of inspiration from plants and the natural world. She loves making bright, colorful, whimsical pieces. RADICAL GROWTH

Site 10: Eve Gerbracht – 8th year
Eve is an elementary art teacher at Commonwealth Charter Academy. She has a BFA in Art (Painting) from Daemen College. Eve specializes in portrait and landscape painting in addition to creating nature-based sculptural art installations. VICTORIAN TRUE

Site 11: Carol Reed – 3rd year
Carol Reed is an artist, natural dyer, teacher, traveler, maker of interesting mosaic with the occasional textile conservation thrown into the mix. JOYFUL NOISE

Site 12: Tracie Houston – 1st year
Tracie, age 39, Harrisburg area Artist and Creator. OH MY GLOBE

Site 13: Steven Reinhart – 4th year
Steven has a BFA from Slippery Rock University and studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Poland. He uses on site materials for his creations. UPON THE CLIFF

Site 14: Josiah Chesney – 1st year and Emily Kalf/Schulz – 1st year
Josiah is a 7th grade student at Linglestown Middle School, who loves to be in nature fishing, camping, hiking and a lot more. Emily loves fishing, hiking, camping, climbing and everything in nature! She is a 4th grader at Peatland Elementary. LAPP TRAK

Site 15: Seven Sorrows Middle School Students – 1st year
7th and 8th grade students of Seven Sorrows of the BVM School of Middletown, PA, where many of the students have been in the same class together since kindergarten. They join Mrs. Mindy, their art teacher, working with clay and paint. THE EARTH LAUGHS IN FLOWERS

Site 16: David Reese – 3rd year
Straddling art and craft, David enjoys working with both wood and fabric to create practical, unique items, giving traditional items a creative twist. WHAT’S UNDER THE TREE

Site 17: Loranay McPoyle – 4th year
Loranay, a sculpture teacher at Central Dauphin High School, hopes to inspire a love of the outdoors through her art, using non-traditional materials. NOT TODAY, WORLD!

Site 18: Raymond Curranly III – 5th year

For more information about each artist, please visit the Oolwin Nature Center.

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Managed by Dauphin County Parks and Recreation Department, Wildwood Park is one of Pennsylvania’s premier centers for outdoor recreation and educational opportunities. This public resource is located in the rolling hills of central Pennsylvania on the outskirts of downtown Harrisburg. Over 115,000 people use the Park annually. Its 229 acres are a haven for countless species of flora and fauna while providing important flood control with a 90-acre freshwater wetland. A popular three-mile loop trail encircles the park with side trails and boardwalks for a total of six miles of trails.

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Mike Pries, Chad Saylor and George P. Hartwick, III
The trail loop around Wildwood Park, including Wildwood Way and the Towpath Trail, is 3.1 miles.

**People’s Choice:**
Vote for your favorite art installation by scanning the QR code here. The People’s Choice Awards will be presented 9/23/23 at the Celebrate Wildwood Festival.

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The Art In The Wild video is shown at Wildwood's Olewine Nature Center and can also be viewed at explorewildwoodpark.org. It is a great way to see all the art if you do not plan to travel to the eighteen sites. The video was filmed and produced by the videography students at the Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School. Thank you to them and Mick Corman, CASA Film and Video teacher.