Did you know . . .
The mission of RRCAA is to provide people of all ages in Northeast Ohio the opportunity to participate in quality and affordable programs, education and presentations in the fine and performing arts.

RRCAA is a comprehensive fine arts organization providing year-round instruction in all the major disciplines of the fine and performing arts as well as numerous arts and cultural opportunities to the public.

RRCAA also operates Rabbit Run Theater, one of the few barn theaters in operation in Ohio. Every summer theater lovers come to "the barn" to not only enjoy quality live entertainment but to also enjoy the beautiful theater grounds near the shores of Lake Erie.

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Rabbit Run Theater
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Another summer of outstanding entertainment at Rabbit Run Theater—Ohio’s premier barn theater!

For season tickets visit rabbitrunonline.org or call RRCAA at 440-428-5913.
NEW! Flextix Season Tickets—buy your season tickets now and pick your dates later. Allows for greater flexibility.

Welcome to our newly formatted newsletter! Many of you already receive our email blasts. But sometimes it’s just nice to have something in hand to read. Everything you need to know about what’s going on at Rabbit Run in the next couple of months, whether it’s about a production at the theater or a fine arts class in the village, you’ll find it right here. So, read on and enjoy!

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Last February Rabbit Run Theater produced the wonderfully, heartwarming musical *Quilters* at the C. K. Rickel Theatre on the grounds of Lake Erie College. The production met with an equally heart-warming response from the community.

Prior to the opening performance on Friday, Feb. 9, a reception celebrating the opening of the exhibit, “Weaving and Sewing Early Lake County” was held with State Senator John Eklund in attendance.

The exhibit, in the lobby of the C. K. Rickel Theatre, complimented the performance of *Quilters*, and was a collaborative effort by the Lake County History Center, the Western Reserve Spinners and Weavers Guild, Lake Erie College and Blakely Insurance.

“Weaving and Sewing Early Lake County” displayed quilts, coverlets, furniture, clothing and spinning and weaving tools of Lake County’s pioneer era while telling the stories of American pioneer women. In addition, the Western Reserve Spinners and Weavers Guild loaned many modern textile art pieces to demonstrate how the pioneer skill has translated to modern times.

“It was tremendous to watch visitors enjoy the exhibit before the beginning of the play and learn about pioneer women in Lake County,” says Lynn Vundervolt, collections manager of the Lake County History Center. “Though Lake County pioneer stories differ from those of the prairie depicted in the play, the pioneer women of Lake County faced the same kind of challenges and demonstrated the same kind of spirit.”

Several members of the Spinners and Weavers Guild were on hand to do live demonstrations of how yarn is spun and woven.

*Quilters* tells the story of a mother and her six daughters as they recount the rigors of pioneer life, taken from the handwritten diaries of women who helped settle the west.

Throughout the production of “Quilters”, Rabbit Run partnered with Lake Metroparks Farmpark and the Ashtabula County Convention and Visitors Bureau for several pre-show events. These events included a visit to Quilts 2018 at Lake Metroparks Farmpark as well as self-guided tours on the Ashtabula County Barn Quilt Trail. These collaborations and the musical were made possible in part through grants from the Lake County Visitors Bureau Arts and Culture Fund and the Ashtabula County Convention and Visitors Bureau as well as through collaborative efforts with Lake Erie College.

Brint Learned, executive director of RRCAA, “This project has been such a pleasure for everyone involved,” said Learned. “What an amazing opportunity to partner with both Lake Metroparks Farmpark and the Lake County History Center to share the inspiring histories of these pioneer women through theatrical storytelling and quilting symbolism.”

...a smashing success!

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The art show runs from Wednesday, Apr. 4, to Wednesday, May 2, at the Madison Public Library and is open to all visual artists from high school students to adults in Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula counties.

We are delighted to once again welcome Linda Merchant and Mary Urbas as the jurors for the show.

Linda Merchant is a visual arts faculty member at the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning, the Fine Arts Association and the Ashtabula Arts Center and has also taught visiting artist classes in area public schools. She has worked as a gallery representative in a high-end art gallery environment and has participated in juried show planning committees and coordinated gallery events.

Mary Urbas is the gallery coordinator, exhibition curator and installation designer at The Gallery in Lakeland Community College. Urbas has 38 years of experience in the professional art world as a gallery owner, curator, teacher, consultant, and exhibiting fiber artist. She received her BFA from the Cleveland Institute of Art with a major in Textile Design and Silk Screen Printing and minors in Weaving and Printmaking.

Awards were granted to the artists at the Art Show Awards reception on Wednesday, April 11 at the library.

Congratulations to the following artists:

**Adults**

**Best of Show** - Nancy Nelson Brotz for “Last Breath of Fall”, mosaic

First Place Painting - Robin Borrer for “Marsh on a June Morning”, plein air O/C

Second Place Painting - Mary Gut for "Even the Vegan", acrylic

Third Place Painting - Tracy Zahraysek for group of digital paintings, "Luna Moth", "Leafy Sea Dragon" and "Green Turtle".

First Place Photography - Dee Davis Riley for "Winter Fantasy"

Second Place Photography - Richard Bailey for "Adirondack"

Third Place Photography - Sally Malone for "Driftwood Lane"

First Place 3D - Nancy Nelson Brotz for "Sunflower on Lockwood"

**Students**

**Best of Show** - Halle Leroux for "Fragrance to Free", acrylic

First Place Painting - Isabel Quinata for "Grimpa", acrylic

Second Place Painting - Isabel Quinata for “Keep Quiet”, watercolor

Third Place Painting - Halle Leroux for "LeBron James", acrylic

First Place Drawing - Hayley Petro for "One More Light", graphite

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Many thanks to our sponsors - Wit & Whimsy and the Friends of the Madison Public Library!
Rabbit Run’s Annual Summer Benefit
Saturday, July 14, 2018
5:00 p.m.
Rabbit Run Theater
$60 per person
$520 per table of 8*
*Includes reserved seating in the picnic pavilion and preferred seating in the theater

Fun & Festivities await you at Rabbit Run’s Annual Summer Benefit. Start your evening out with a garden party on the beautiful grounds of Rabbit Run Theater. Heavy hors d’oeuvres including a variety of sandwiches, salads and more will be served. Join the fun and games including a silent and live auction as well as Chinese auction items. Want to wear your fanciest hat? Please do! Prizes for the best hat will be awarded. (Hats are encouraged, but not required.)

The Loverly Evening tops off with a performance of the musical My Fair Lady.

Already ordered your season tickets? No worries—you can still tack on tickets to this amazing event by calling the box office beginning May 23 at 440-428-5913.

Canvas Art for Everyone!
It’s amazing what you can create in one hour! Come to the new Canvas Art workshops and take home a beautiful seasonal acrylic masterpiece painted by YOU! Throughout the year five one-hour workshops are offered. The original is provided with instruction given to guide you through painting a copy of the original. All workshops are held at the old Red Bird Elementary School, 1956 Red Bird Rd., Madison.

MONDAY, May 14, 5 - 6 pm – Cinco de Mayo Workshop fee - $12

Homeschool Art
Home-schooled students learn the elements and principles of art which are the building blocks of all great art. Each week will concentrate on a different “tool” in the toolbox of art.

SATURDAY, May 19, 10 - 11 pm
Class fee - $8/week; material fee: $2/week
Location: RCCAA, 49 Park St., Madison Village

Canvas Art workshops are encouraged, but not required.

2018 Community Partner Program
Our Community Partners for the 2018 summer season at Rabbit Run Theater stand out in a crowd because of their generous support of the arts in Northeast Ohio. A big shout out and a hearty “Thank You” go to the following Community Partners:

Sustaining Partners ($3000)

Supporting Partners ($750)

Presenting Partners ($1500)

Supporting Partners ($250)

Participating Partners ($250)

There’s still time to be a Community Partner this year!
By joining with RCCAA as a community partner, you will help to support Rabbit Run’s artistic and educational programs while reinforcing your company’s philanthropic impact throughout our community. What a wonderful opportunity to enhance relationships with your customers, clients, and employees while showcasing your support for the arts!
Community Partners receive numerous benefits in return, from ads in the Rabbit Run Theater program book, to logo display on our large marquee signs at the theater and on our website, complimentary tickets and much more.

Call RCCAA at 440-428-5913 to become a Community Partner today!
Tour of Duty: Team Match & Team Match Show Off - Performance Tuesday, July 9, 10:30 - 11:30 am.
Registration deadline: one week prior to start of camp.
Camp location: Madison Village Square Park Pavilion
Camp counselor: Nancy Brotz
Early Bird Discount: $10 per camper may be taken if payment is received in the office at least two weeks prior to the start of camp.
Sibling Discount: $10 off for each additional sibling attending same camp
Registration deadline: one week prior to start of camp.

Preschool Art Camps • Preschoolers ages 3 - 6 yrs. (not yet in kindergarten) will paint, draw, make collages and much more in these hands-on fun camps.

Preschool Camp (ages 3 - 6 yrs.)
Aug. 6 - 10, Monday - Friday
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Camp fee: $40 (no discounts available)
Location: RRCAA recital hall, 49 Park St., Madison
Camp counselor: Nancy Brotz

Mommy and Me Camp (ages 18 months - 3 yrs.)
Aug. 6 - 10, Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10:00 am - 10:45 am
Camp fee: $40 (no discounts available)
Location: RRCAA recital hall, 49 Park St., Madison
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Preschool Camp (ages 3 - 6 yrs.)
Aug. 6 - 9, Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Camp fee: $40 (no discounts available)
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Music Lessons & Classes • all ages and skill levels
A full range of private musical instruction is available from beginner to advanced levels for all ages. Many convenient lesson times are available. Call RRCAA for specific lesson availability.
Brass • Guitar • Percussion • Voice • Woodwinds • Music Theory
Piano/Keyboard/Organ • Viola/Violin/Suzuki Violin
For specific lesson availability call 440-428-5913