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Subject: Photos of Fun EECS Art Show at MHNO; Spring Equinox 3/20; Historic Tax Workshop 4/10; MHNO Earth Day Cleanup 4/22; and More

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Proudly serving Portland's Munjoy Hill neighborhood since 1979.

MHNO/EECS ART SHOW FUN FOR ALL!

The Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization and the East End Community School (EECS) arts program joined forces to produce a fun show on March 10 and 11. Student artists brought parents, grandparents and siblings to the Hill House to enjoy their creations. This may be the first of a continuing annual event.

The show is being left up for the month of March in celebration of Youth Art Month. Some EECS classes may take walking field trips to view the show.

The photos below feature some of the young artists. While the youthful energy will be missing, you might still be able to schedule a special appointment to visit by emailing info@munjoyhill.org.

Big thanks to EECS Art Teacher Melissa Maher, MHNO Board Member Carol Connor and the creative EECS students for making this possible.



Esben, K, "Junk Printing" patterns



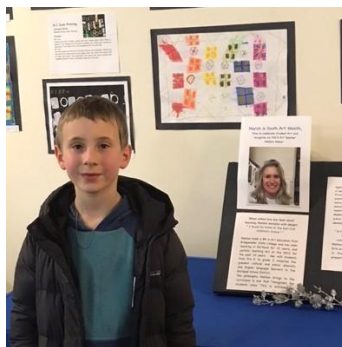
Candie, Pre-K, painting, police car



Elliot, Pre-K, ice cube painting



Kevin, Grade 1, "Junk Printing" over woven paper color transfer



Asa, Grade 1, "Junk Printing" over woven paper color transfer



Artist Zyan, Grade 2, layered landscape (Zyan's creation is not pictured)

March is Youth Art Month,

Time to Celebrate Student Art and
recognize our EECS Art Teacher
Melissa Maher



When asked how she feels about
teaching, Melissa exclaims with delight,
" I found my home at the East End
Children's School ! "

Melissa holds a BA in Art Education from
Bridgewater State College and has been
teaching in Portland for 15 years, and
joyfully teaching Art at the EECS for
the past 10 years. Her 400 students
from Pre K to grade 5 comprise the
greatest cultural and ethnic diversity
and English language learners in the
Portland School District.

The philosophy Melissa brings to the
curriculum is one that "recognizes the
students voice "This is achieved by

approaching the content and skills thru
a variety of mediums such as:
Print making - ceramics - collage-
painting - observational drawing and
more. This all comes to life in a 45
minute class once a week all while
meeting the mandated State Standards.
Melissa recognizes Art as an important
piece of the social and emotional
development of students.

" Art is how we share with each other,
think about who we are and
communicate our lived experience "
Melissa's enthusiasm and passion for the
Arts program is inspiring and is reflected
in the creative variety of works
presented in this show.



Abdallahman, Grade 3, 4-section
foam printing



Nik & family, Grade 3, 4-section
foam printing



Believe, Grade 2, layered
landscape, volcano with snow



Hollis, Grade 3, 4-section foam printing (orange)



Una, Grade 3, 4 section foam printing (blue/green)



Jesse, Grade 5, gel print, foxes



Inspired kids made their own art while others viewed the show.



Enda, 2, collagraph, tree with bird



District 1 School Board Member Micky Bondo admiring creations

MHNO TO CO-SPONSOR A SESSION ON HISTORIC REHABILITATION TAX CREDITS FOR INCOME-PRODUCING PROPERTY ON APRIL 10TH

Now that the National Park Service certified that the locally designated Munjoy Hill Historic District meets the requirements for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, owners of income-producing Contributing or Landmark buildings within the Munjoy Hill Historic District now have the option of applying for State and Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits. For appropriate projects, these credits can collectively total up to 45% of the value of qualified rehabilitation expenses on a project.

The MHNO is collaborating with Greater Portland Landmarks to host a workshop to explore how owners might be able to take advantage of these state and federal credits. The session is planned for April 10th and will be offered as a hybrid workshop, with both in-person and remote participation options. It will also be recorded for future viewing. More details, including time, location of the in-person session and how to register in advance, to follow soon.

Coffee & Climate 2023 Series

Friday, April 14th, 9 am via Zoom:

Sharing Economy & Electric Tools

The City of Portland Sustainability Office is hosting a monthly speaker series called Coffee & Climate. Each session explores a sustainability or climate topic with the help of guest speakers.

The guest in April will be Brie Berry, described as an economic & environmental anthropologist. Sessions are remote, via zoom, starting at 9 am.

To register for the virtual event, go to:

<https://portlandmaine-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZl0cu2hqj8vGNAD2NWj35piKvt2yclRbln>

For more information and to see the entire list of sessions for 2023, see www.oneclimatefuture.org.

***WELCOME SPRING THIS MONDAY!
FRIENDS OF FORT SUMNER PARK
SPRING EQUINOX CELEBRATION MONDAY, MARCH 20TH***

**FRIENDS OF
FT. SUMNER PARK
SPRING EQUINOX
CELEBRATION!**

**MARCH 20, 2023
AT 5.15 PM**

**PLEASE JOIN US
TO WELCOME SPRING!**

FREE EVENT!

**FORT SUMNER PARK
64 NORTH STREET, PORTLAND**

**HANDCRAFTER
GATHERINGS
CONTINUE EVERY
SUNDAY
AFTERNOON, 3-5 AT
THE
MHNO'S HILL HOUSE,
92 CONGRESS STREET**

The MHNO Handcrafters weekly Sunday afternoon gatherings are ongoing every Sunday for the foreseeable future.

All levels and types of hand-crafted projects are welcome. Bring your knitting, crocheting, hand piecing, darning, etc. Or just bring yourself and join in the conversation. Hosted by MHNO President, Maggy Wolf.



**Knitters!
Crocheters!
All hand needlecrafters!**

**The MHNO welcomes you to our
Needlework Sunday afternoons!**

**Sundays from 3-5
92 Congress St**

For more information, contact:
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**PLEASE SAVE THE
DATE:
ANNUAL EASTERN
PROM EARTH DAY
CLEANUP SATURDAY
APRIL 22ND**

Please plan to join your neighbors for this annual MHNO Earth Day event. Kick off spring by helping to clear the Eastern Prom Park of accumulated trash. This year Earth Day falls on a Saturday, which should make it easier for more people, including children, to participate.

To volunteer to help with event coordination, email info@munjoyhill.org. Pickers, trash bags, and tasty treats provided. Best to bring your own gloves and dress warmly.



Photos are from Earth Day Cleanup of 2022. Invasive bittersweet, debris from fireworks, and food wrapper trash were big targets last year. What will be the most prevalent this year?

Details to follow about times for work shifts, geographic areas of focus, and whether eradication of invasives will also be included.

All ages welcome! But any children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Questions: info@munjoyhill.org.



President's Message:

Greetings fellow Hill-folk!

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to those who celebrate it!

After some weather cancellations got our winter schedule off to a slow start, the "Hill House" was once again full of life this past weekend, and in the very best way, with young artists from the East End Community School and their families. It was wonderful to finally kick off our 2023 art exhibitions with this celebration of Youth Art Month. If you missed our Opening Receptions Friday and Saturday or if you would just like another look at our neighborhood youth art talent, please drop us an email and we can arrange for a private showing during the month of March.

The Hill House has not been totally dark, however, as we have been open every Sunday afternoon for community crafting and have had a stalwart core of crocheters, knitters, embroiderers and hand-sewers. These gatherings are very casual and we would love for any of you to join us any Sunday – just drop in between 3 and 5 and check it out!

The response to our last newsletter's mention of the city's new Sustainable Neighborhoods program has been very favorable and we are in the process of collecting signatures and filling out the application. In these times when global problems may seem overwhelming, it is important to remember that we can make small changes locally which add up to make a difference. We think Sustainable Neighborhoods has the potential to be a very exciting direction for the city and will provide opportunities for more people to come together for their community and for the planet. Please email us if you are interested in helping Munjoy Hill participate in this new program.

Until next time,

Maggy Wolf
President, MHNO
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To join or rejoin as a member, or make a contribution to support your neighborhood organization, please visit www.munjoyhill.org and click on "Join Us" or "Donate." We are a 501(c)(3) organization. All memberships and contributions go to support the work of the MHNO.

Members are welcome to sit in on the monthly meetings of the MHNO Board of Directors. They have resumed in person at the MHNO's "Hill House", 92 Congress Street, Portland, Maine. The meetings are generally held at 6:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, except in the case of Monday holidays; in that event they are held the second Monday. The next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Questions: info@munjoyhill.org.

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