



Hexagon Project Interdependence Day 2010

Our reality, our hope, our change

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Hexagon Project to have International Flair

Scranton, PA: The 4th Annual Hexagon Exhibit will open on Friday, September 3, 2010 at the MAC Gallery 123 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA starting at 6:00 p.m. This will be our fourth exhibit, one of our most exciting exhibits, according to Beth Burkhauser, chairperson for the Hexagon Project.

This year's exhibit of hexagons from countries around the world – over 400 – demonstrate deeper understandings of what a culture of interdependence looks like by middle school and high school students in a wide variety of media. Of particular interest, this exhibit demonstrates the true purpose of Global Interdependence: ACTION!

The opening will feature “Hexagons of the Heart” –an installation representing the connection of hexagons made by Tunkhannock Area High School students with art teacher, Patricia Hahn, that traveled to Haiti in March with Keystone College Professor Dave Porter– and the Haitian children's responses. In their honor, a Haitian kite-making workshop will be held, headed by Kati Kameronski and Danielle Cady, Art Education students at Keystone College. Hexagons from Rebecca Rabel's students at Mid Valley Secondary School that traveled to and from Haiti in March with Marianne Milks' OneBigBoost Soup Kitchen will also be displayed.

This is the first year we have had a video entry about Interdependence – from a Mollie Siegle from Lackawanna Trail High School.

A second workshop – T-shirt decoration and design with Sarrah Dibble, Blue Ridge School District will enable you create a t-shirt for a donation of \$1.50 – and “save a girl.” Your donation will provide a Nepali translation of the book ‘Sold’ by Patricia McCormick. This book is the centerpiece of a major educational campaign in Nepal to establish a national anti-human-trafficking conversation. Along with our Nepali connection, a visual slide presentation will be available for viewing of the Interdependence Hexagon Workshop given to high school students in Butwal, Nepal by Beth Burkhauser and Marianne Milks during their educational mission there in January. All this accompanied by music by The Cuban Girls and refreshments!

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At 7:00 PM, the recognition program will begin with an introduced theatrically by Arts Engage Students of Electric Theatre Company's Zip-Zap-Zop and Nancy Hasty –proving that Interconnectedness can be expressed in all art forms!

This is a First Friday Event not to be missed!

Interdependence Hexagon Chair and Committee are as follows:

Beth Burkhauser, Chairperson and Co-Chairs,
George Barbolish, Mountain View High School,
Sarra Dibble, Blue Ridge High School
Dan Demora , Lackawanna Trail High School
Annette Palutis, retired Scranton School District

The exhibit can be viewed at other times by calling
570-499-5202 or e-mailing info@MelbergerArtsCenter.com

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Left to Right: Nancy Yamin, Art teacher, Scranton High School; Beth Burhauser, Chairperson; Liz Faist, Artist in Residence NEIU 19; Dan Demora, Lackawanna Trail High School and Sarah Dibble, Blue Ridge High School.

Also serving as co-chairperson are George Barbolish, Mountain View High School, and Annette Palutis, Retired Scranton School District.

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