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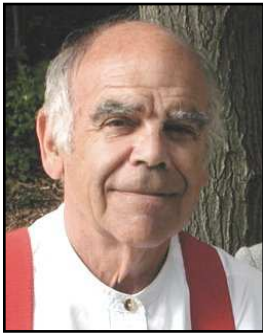
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President's Corner - John Croft

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I recently read a column in the Columbus Dispatch, that is so full of food for thought that I wanted to share it with you.

As most of us are aware, art education in our public schools is one of the first areas under attack when financial problems arise. We are also aware that

most of our schools are suffering financial stress. This is true in Ohio, as well as many other states. Art education is often thought of as a luxury, or unnecessary frill, thus something that can be curtailed with little or no consequence.

Those that try to mount a defense, usually site statistics that show that those schools that have a good arts program usually have a higher percentage of students excelling in the basic subjects. Experience has shown that this usually falls on deaf ears when money becomes tight, and administration is looking for ways to cut expenses.

Dennis W. Griffith, the president of the Columbus College of Art and Design, in his Dispatch article of Feb.4, 2006, has a slightly different approach in his defense of art education.

While he recognizes the importance of teaching the basic skills, namely science, math, and writing, he states that we must pay attention to what is going on in the rest of the world and "add another basic skill set to the current core curriculum."

That skill, he states is "creativity, and it is essential to our economic health as a nation."

Wow! That's the first time I have ever heard a defense of the arts tied to our economic survival. Usually we

think of it as a necessity to the development of a well rounded person. Something that's nice to have, but something we can limp along without. After all, how many well rounded people do we really know.

But when you think of art education as the development of creativity, then I believe it takes on much more importance. Suddenly it ranks right up there with math, science, and writing.

Let me quote directly from the article.

"If our children cannot develop their creative skills and learn to apply the things they see and admire in popular culture (music, entertainment, art, design, and fashion) to their nascent professional lives, they will be stuck in the 20th. century, and this is most certainly a 21st. century world. Other countries will eat our lunch. We must be the innovators if we are to lead. Creativity and innovation come with exposure, practice, and personal growth. It is madness to ignore the cultivation of these skill sets and aptitudes in an entire generation of children."

As I discussed this article with my son-in-law, an art teacher, he directed me to an article in today's paper.

House Bill 254, in an attempt to give the schools some flexibility in making up for calamity days, changes the requirement from days to hours of school per year. In doing so, they reduced the required hours per school year. One school in central Ohio has immediately proposed taking advantage of these reduced hours, by shortening its school day by two hours. The proposal then called for the laying off of two-hundred teachers. It didn't say what courses would be eliminated, but its not hard to guess which ones. The article closed with the statement that this bill has passed.

Yes indeed, it truly is madness!

John

March 31 - April 9. Stark County Arts Comes Together

Stark Arts Coming Together 1 (ACT 1) is a new arts initiative created by a group of artists and arts enthusiasts from the Stark County community. It is an initiative designed to celebrate the wealth of artistic excellence in the community by bringing numerous arts events together for one amazing week. During the week of March 31 through April 9, 2006, everyone in Stark County will have an abundance of opportunities to enjoy the arts-as creators and as audience members. Events have been planned in Eastern, Western, and Central Stark County, making ACT 1 the first countywide effort to celebrate the arts for an entire week.

ACT 1 celebrates all of the arts, including music, dance, theater, visual arts, etc., and everyone is invited! In addition to arts organizations, many schools, civic groups, social service organizations, churches, and businesses are participating in ACT 1. In an effort to bring the arts to the people of Stark County, events are happening right in their hometowns, and most events will be free or low-cost. There is no requirement for having a sophisticated arts background- persons of all levels of art expertise and age groups will enjoy ACT 1!

According to Robb Hankins, President & CEO of Arts In Stark, "We live in a county richer in creative activities than any of us know." ACT 1 is an effort to bring visibility to the rich arts culture in Stark County, so that it can be recognized for its distinctive excellence in the region. The arts inspire individuals, build communities, and enhance the quality of life for all people. Bringing attention to the arts in our area through ACT 1 will help define Stark County as an arts-oriented community, which will enhance its attractiveness as a tourist destination and business location. Stark County can develop a nationally known arts identity and potentially be listed in the book of 100 Best Art Towns in the United States by John Villani. Mayor Francis Cicchinelli of Massillon, Mayor Janet Creighton of Canton, and Mayor Toni Middleton of Alliance, have all embraced this vision through their participation as honorary chairpersons for ACT 1.

ACT 1 highlights include: musical, dance, and theatrical productions; arts exhibits for professional artists and youth; artist studio tours; chalk-art activities, and many other activities. An interfaith activity entitled "Sacred Meals" invites members of various faith communities to join in creating pottery pieces to represent the different faith traditions' expression of sacred meals. "Picture It" is a photography experience open to youth all over the county. Coffee houses around the county have worked together to schedule "Readings" at different times and different days throughout Stark ACT 1, and the libraries in all areas are planning events. The Carnation City Players is offering a "Look Behind the Curtain" to see a play being put together. And SARTA will have poetry and arts displays on

buses travelling about the county.

Our goal of the Arts Coming Together is already being achieved. This is just the beginning! We hope as we grow, everyone will want to be an active part. We hope that you will join us!

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I have always loved old things, primitive and vintage. I love going to sales, auctions and antique shops and any grandmother's attic. My other love has been scented treasures whether it be candles, wax melts, wax grubby loafs, cupcakes, primitive scented ornaments, gingerbread men, grubby stars, hearts and fantastic scented lotion bars for



the body and scented lip balm. Lets not forget potpourri with rosehips fixens and wonderful wax melts in the same scent. So I decided to combine the two.

My candles are all handmade one by one with love by me. They are hand poured, dipped, and whipped to create a wonderful all around old fashioned creation. Due to this, candle colors & homespun fabric may vary a little. They are truly maximum scented throughout the whole candle not just the top. I use only the finest of waxes, proper additives and 100% non diluted fragrance oil. Top of the line scents for lasting aroma and lead free wicks. I have spent a lot of time searching and found top of the line ingredients. Great even burn and creamy good looks and the aroma will fill your senses. So combining the two I have also made homemade



unique creations in wonderful reproductions like berry buckets, pails and other great finds. Really neat rustic candles in glass primitive jars. Plus authentic items I have purchased from my different adventures for the

primitive lover in you. Vintage graniteware, enamelware, glass jars, bowls, tins and baking containers and anything else I think I can pour a candle in. I will have no two alike in these so when sold it is gone. I



take a lot of pride in all of this. This is my old fashioned store. I always tell visitors that if you are looking for something I don't have please call or email me

and maybe I will be able to find it and add it to my store. All products are handmade so due to this all sales are final unless a refund is requested due to an error that I made.

I have started to expand my primitive soaps into old fashioned looking pears, apples, sheep and other looking scented time worn treasures that I also love to add my special blend of spices to give



them that added primitive touch. I just love the old looking, grubby, grungy, primitive and old fashioned scented charms of yesterday.

Please visit my web site to see quite a varied selection of my candles and primitive scented treasures. I am always working on different types of primitives. From old coffee tin candles, old fashioned fabric covered boxes to old graniteware bowls with scented sprigs filled with a number of my gingerbread boys.



So I hope you will stop in. One of my favorite shows I do is Shaker Woods. This year will also be my first year at The Yankee Peddler Show. Please stop by and say hello.

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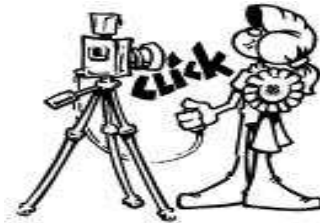
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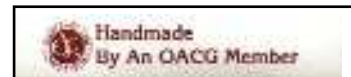
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