

# Creative Community Connections

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## Spotlight

Southeastern Veterans'  
Center, "Woven in  
Artistry" Edition

Join us June 22nd -  
*See Inside for Details!*

Meet the Artist:  
Cassandra Gunkel



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# We're Creating a Tapestry of Life... Together

**Southeastern Veterans' Center's team** has woven creativity into their residents' days! They invite you to witness the artistry Friday, June 22nd. In addition to storytelling groups and one-on-ones with staff, and groups and one-on-ones with teaching artist, Cassandra Gunkel, residents have used multiple textile media to create beautiful art (silk, wool, and paper, as examples). This includes berets, booklets and scarves, which will be on display. Join them in June to witness the fabric of their efforts in this gallery of art and stories. Families of Southeastern residents, staff and administration are all welcome to put their stamp on this event!

## *Tapestry of Life Culminating Event*

**Date:**  
Friday, June 22, 2018

**Time:**  
1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

**Room:**  
Tilghman Hall

**Address:**  
1 Veterans Drive, Spring City, PA. 19475

**Inquiries:**  
For event information, contact Hildy Kulp at [Hkulp@pa.gov](mailto:Hkulp@pa.gov)

## The Southeastern Veterans' Center Team

The following team members are building this community of care. In addition to intensive online trainings last December/January, since February they have attended an on-site workshop, coaching calls, team meetings and several webinars while planning weekly creative engagement sessions:

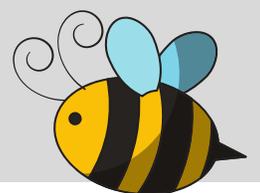
Coleen Joswick	<i>CTRS, TRSS, Activities Director</i>
Hildy Kulp	<i>TRSW, Therapeutic Recreation Service Worker</i>
Sheila Larkin	<i>MAAA, Military Affairs Activities Assistant</i>
Bruce MacGregor	<i>MAAA, Military Affairs Activities Assistant</i>
Emily Shore	<i>MAAA, Military Affairs Activities Assistant</i>
Mark Watson	<i>MAAA, Military Affairs Activities Assistant</i>
Jackie Williams	<i>MAAA, Military Affairs Activities Assistant</i>
Cassandra Gunkel	<i>Teaching Artist, PAEP</i>



## Meet the Artist

**Cassandra Stancil Gunkel** has been a rostered Teaching Artist for 25 years; 20 years with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. In 2014, she took part in a pilot project to promote Pennsylvania's Creative Aging Initiative. Since then, she has worked primarily with plus-55 populations, using the arts to nurture creativity, build community, and help the state's largest demographic group grow and keep active. Her medium is fiber art and textiles. She works in wool, silk and cotton, the fibers at the heart of many creative traditions.

In their program, "**BEE URSELF,**" calendars have listings for both the TimeSlips Creative Storytelling and artist-led programs marked with a "Bee" icon (see "bee" low). The Southeastern team encourages individuals to BEE URSELF, based on the TimeSlips philosophy that everything is accepted during a creative engagement session: words, movements, gestures, sounds, created art and the community being formed. You can "BEE URSELF" at Southeastern Veterans' Center!



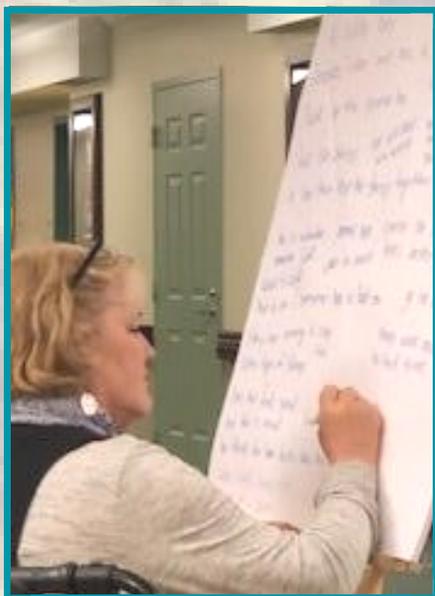
# Connecting Through Creativity

## The Fabric of Our Creativity: Just "Bee Urself"

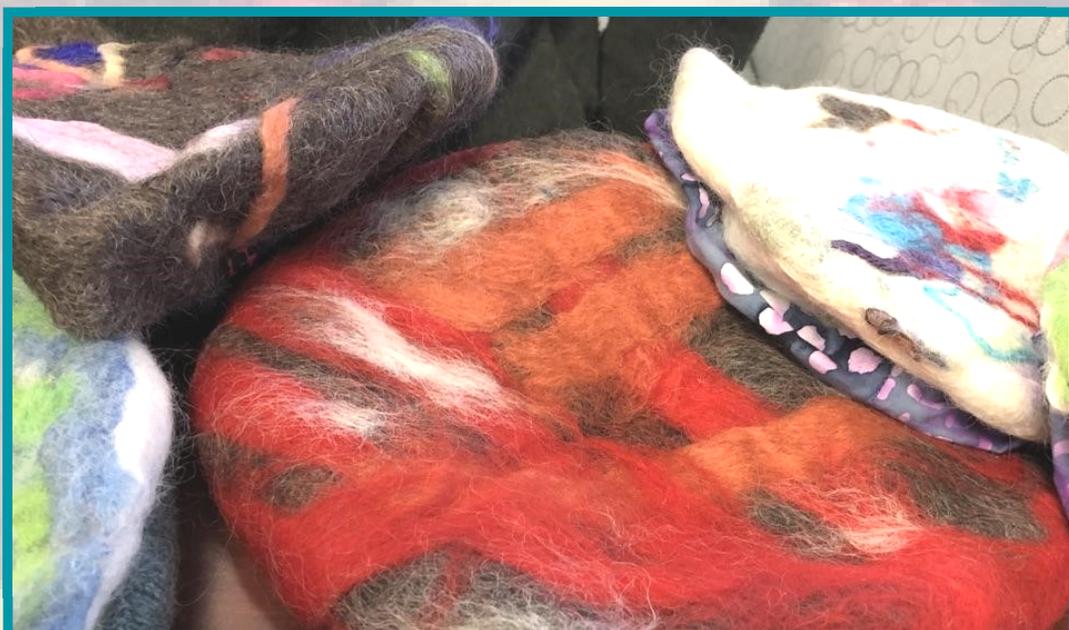
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I enjoy sitting down and talking with the residents. This does give them a sense of accomplishment when you repeat the story the way they have told it and you thank them for their assistance.”

- Hildy Kulp, TRSW, Southeastern staff member



Hildy Kulp scribes for a TimeSlips story in this March photo.



Residents felted wool in threads mid-winter, creating designs for what would later become their berets.



John shows off his painted silk hanky (image right).



Dwight and John designing paper for their handmade books in which they will place individual art and stories (image left).

(Photo credit top right and bottom photos, C. Gunkel)

# Funding for this Creative Community of Care

**The Pennsylvania TimeSlips Creative Community of Care project is a collaboration with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. The PCA is funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal Agency.**

## Sixty participants are training at these six locations:

- Delaware Valley Veterans' Home
- Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center
- Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home
- Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home
- Southeastern Veterans' Center\*\*
- Southwestern Veterans' Center

*\*\* Featured in this newsletter*

## About the Philadelphia Arts and Education Partnership

The mission of the Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership (PAEP) is to promote learning in and through the arts for Pre-K to grade 12 students, seniors, and special populations in school and community site environments throughout southeastern Pennsylvania. PAEP encourages excellence in arts education practice and is grounded in the belief that the arts are integral to the comprehensive education of all learners.



“ It is wonderful to see how the arts positively impact learners of all ages.”

- Pearl Schaeffer, CEO, Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership (PAEP)

“ The amount of imagination - and the memories featured in these stories! - stand out to me.”

- Sheila Larkin, MAAA

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