

Creative Community Connections

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Spotlight

Inside the Historic
Pennsylvania Soldiers'
and Sailors' Home

Join Us June 13th -
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Meet the Artist
Kathe Umlauf



You're Invited!

Imagination Awaits!

Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

invites you to join them in their culminating event to celebrate the new community of care they have been involved in. Join the residents, Teaching Artist Kathe Umlauf, and Activities Staff as they unveil several months' worth of creative engagement. Prepare to be inspired!

Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Time: 2 p.m.

Address: 560 E. 3rd Street, Erie, PA 16507

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:

Katy Dilling, *TRSS, Activities Director*

Angelo Philips, *ADC, Assistant Activities Director*

Ken Vybiral, *Volunteer Resources Coordinator*

Kathe Umlauf, *Teaching Artist, Erie Arts & Culture*



"Dog" by Ed. Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.
Medium Magic Clay and pom poms. (Air Hardening Clay)



Meet the Artist

Kathe Umlauf is a visual artist and recipient of numerous arts awards and arts education grants who resides in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, with her husband and numerous pets. As an artist of diversity, Kathe is primarily a sculptor, her work being representational. She prefers natural forms as the main structure for hosting the fleeting elements of emotion and personality in animals. Kathe also believes that creativity is essential in keeping life stimulating and rewarding. Her work can be found in private and public collections regionally and nationally. She has taught in a wide range of capacities and is currently a Rostered Artist with Erie Arts & Culture. She presently divides her time between working on commissions and projects in her studio and bringing the visual arts into the community.

Connecting Through Creativity

Inside the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home



TimeSlips brings some wonderful, unexpected comments from many of our residents. I love when a quiet resident comes out with a great comment that really makes the story. - Katy, Activities Director

Our residents truly enjoy and find value connecting through creativity. When we move from improvisational art to visual art, and share that expression with one another, we engage our minds and connect on a deeper level.



"I enjoy all of the interesting pictures and the stories we make up." - Joe, Resident

(Photo Left)



A resident jokingly "mugs" as an unhappy card player in a reenactment of the original TimeSlips picture in a March creative engagement group. Much laughter was had by staff and residents alike.

(Photo Left)



"You never know what's going to happen during a session." - Angelo, Assistant Activities Director

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 locations:

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

About Erie Arts & Culture

Founded under the legal name, **The Arts Council of Erie**, in 1960, Erie Arts & Culture is the oldest arts council in Pennsylvania. Erie Arts & Culture represents the collective voice of hundreds of creators, investors and volunteers and is a proud partner to the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and an Erie County Lead Asset as recognized by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. Our mission is to strengthen the vibrancy and vitality of the Erie region, and our goal is to enrich the lives of the people of Erie through the advancement of arts and culture.



The TimeSlips exercises, co-led by Kathe Umlauf and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home's staff, seemed to awaken participants by providing them the chance to be creative, funny, sassy, and heard."

Melinda Meyer,
Erie Arts & Culture Program Director

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