

We've been busy... a bit of history

After school high school art club: This was our first project and occurred even before we were incorporated. It started as a SOLVE project and spurred the creation of H2A as a 501 (c)3 nonprofit for the arts.

District wide student poetry and art contest. This was a fantastic opportunity for our young artists and poets to see their work in published form. We gathered their material and created note cards and posters from their work. Then we had a gallery event to showcase the results.

CanyonArts Festival: This is by far our biggest and busiest project. For four years, this festival brought people to our community to enjoy the art gallery, craft bazaar, live entertainment, literary events, kid zone, and street fair.

Spring Awakening: Blossoming out of CAF, this show became its own successful entertainment fundraiser.

Peace Mosaic Workshop: We were pleased and proud to have brought Artist Lynn Takata and her group out for a workshop so that local rural citizens could create individual pieces for the Peace Mosaic, a permanent display mounted to the YMCA wall in Salem Oregon.

Big Band Dance Night: For this event we hosted the Keizer Big Band for a night of music from the 30s and 40s. It was a great chance for young and old alike to dance to the oldies. We even had dance instructors on hand to teach and help those shy beginners.

National Night Out: As part of a national campaign, neighbors and friends gathered at Kimmel Park in Mill City for a night game activities, BBQ, Monster Truck, and civic pride.

Pony-Up for the Arts - This is our signature fund raiser where we create and sell felt head candy cane ponies for sale at local bazaars.

Theater Outreach Program: We bring regular live performance to rural areas with our partnership with David Berrier, director producer of such family friendly plays such as Sarah Plain and Tall, Anne of Green Gables AND with Aumsville Community Theatre's production of Nunsense.

First Book Giveaways: At every opportunity such as Christmas, CAF, Preschools or community events, we partner with our local First Book Advisory Board to get books to children. This is about book ownership and its proven effect on kids and their future. We have provided thousands of books to local children.

Black History Event: Santiam Canyon Community Chorus, Santiam Pop Culture Class, Speakers from Northwest Black Pioneers, and an excellent media presentation came together to exemplify the collaboration of Music, History, and Technology to entertain and inform the community.

Ethos Percussion Workshop: SH2A partnered with Ethos Music Center of Portland to bring a weeklong percussion workshop to Mill City Middle School where kids explored drumming and also many other instruments while they learned basic music theory.

Fish Fence: Every student at Gates Elementary School, along with other community members, came together to paint cedar fish which were recently mounted on the fence near the entry to the new Santiam Elementary School. Each child had free reign to demonstrate his or her creativity to the maximum. This project offers each child a part in the legacy of a marvelous display.

Ethos is back for the 2012-2013 School year with four two week sessions of music programming, and we continue to support the school pop culture class in guitar classes, chorus, and drama activities.

Clowning Around with Chris Corrado : This was a series of three clown skills workshops where kids learned to juggle, make balloon animals, spin plates, and do pratfalls and comedy. They got to showcase their new skills in an evening event to entertain the community.

Love in Any Language : This was the 2013 tolerance event. The Santiam Community Chorus, joined by the pop culture class guitars and chorus played and sang with backdrop of multimedia presentation. The Kids performed poems, quotes and other tolerance readings.

Santiam Elementary Mural Project : In progress, this started as an elementary school art contest. The five winners were chosen and their paintings are being lovingly reproduced in large scale by the kids and our board member artist Denise Sanders. Since Denise is so soft-hearted, she could not forget the runners-up and has decided to add their paintings as borders for the mural. This has extended the project duration, but with three of the five planned panels completed, we expect the whole project to complete in the upcoming school year. Check under our Supplemental Arts Education Program to see pictures of the winners and progress on the artwork.

Ethos is back again for the 2013-2014 School year with even more music programming. We are starting to see the influence this program has had on our kids. It's great to see the excitement that is generating as we plan further activities with the school pop culture class in guitar classes, and chorus.

The Great Pumpkin's Ball: In this freaky fun family event, we brought the high school dance team out to teach the public the "Thriller" dance routine. The Flextones

performed and zombies and pirates and Lego People joined in for a Halloween party for the whole community.

Irena Sendler – Life in a Jar: During the Nazi occupation of Poland in WWII Irena Sendler, a Catholic social worker, managed to smuggle 2500 Jewish children out of the Warsaw Ghetto. Through this exciting project, Santiam Hearts to Arts shared the story of Irena Sendler with nearly 1000 local area high school students. We brought a theatrical performance and seminar created by three Kansas high school students who discovered her.

Student Mural Project: Five panels created directly from student art are mounted at Santiam Elementary School . The kids did such a marvelous job with their artwork, and Champion Artist Denise Sanders worked diligently with them to recreate their art on the mural.

Acoustic in the Mountains: This event has been a semi-annual fundraiser that is held on the grounds of Elkhorn Valley Bed and Breakfast. With local acoustical talent, art show and raffle, it is a local favorite.

Abba/Queen: The Portland Gay Men’s Chorus brought their outreach concert series to Stayton for a fantastic concert featuring the music of 1970’s band Abba and Queen. Seventy-five singing and dancing men and women wowed the canyon with a grand upbeat musical extravaganza.

KYAC: See KYAC webpage on this site and website: kyacfm.org.

Santiam Canyon Community Chorus: See the Chorus webpage on this site.