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HAPPENING NOW AT THE
PARKERSBURG ART CENTER
FEBRUARY 2010



ONLY THE BEGINNING

Oil Paintings by Mary Jo Neely,
Opening Feb. 5, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Art on the Mezz Series

As the new intern for the Art Center, I have to say I was a little scared to begin with... but we all have to try new things or we will never know what is out there for us in the world. I have really enjoyed it so far, and like Mary Jo Neely, I have also found a new love and appreciation for art.

Growing up, Mary Jo was always creating something....finger painting, sewing....and as time progressed, so did her range of talent and interest in varying types of art. Throughout the next decades Mary Jo tried her hand at ceramics, stained glass, and painting.

Four years ago, Mary Jo found her calling when she went to the Art Loft in Canal Winchester, Ohio and met Robert Warren, whom she now refers to as her teacher, critic and the friend who inspires her to try her hardest. She took her first oil painting workshop at his studio and is hooked on the medium. She enjoys painting realistic landscapes, seascapes, and still lifes that she feels people can relate to, or that evoke a pleasant memory. Her work definitely achieves this because just by looking at the piece at the right I can remember the Christmas long ago when my cousin Rocco got a wagon just like this one.

Mary Jo Neely's art will be the featured "Art on the Mezz" exhibit opening Friday, Feb. 5 from 5:30 -7:30 and **THIS IS YOUR INVITATION.** We hope to see you here! When you view Mary Jo's work, you will think she has been painting forever, but she feels it is only the beginning. She says that she is a beginner and can't see herself as NOT being a beginner...there is so much to learn and to try. So Mary Jo and I have something in common. She is at the beginning of her career in painting and I am in the beginning of a career in PR. We can learn a lot from Mary Jo: if you have passion for something you should just get out there and do it!

—amy snodgrass

Souper Troll Sunday! at the Art Center from 1:00-4:00 on February 7

Hosted by Buttermore Jewelers, the galleries will gleam with thousands of Trollbeads! Admission is just \$15, and includes a buffet meal from Panera Bread, a gift bag AND a **Trollbead valued at \$25!** The silent auction features gift baskets and more (including some retired Trollbeads) and prizes, too. The Grand Prize is a Trollbead necklace valued at \$500, and it's a wow!

Get your tickets quickly...they are limited, and available only at Buttermore Jewelers and the Art Center. Please note: 100% of the proceeds will be split between the Art Center and the Humane Society—thank you Buttermore Jewelers!—so please plan on being here. Unlike that football game, this is a win-win proposition!



CASINO NIGHT! Feb. 27, 7:00 - ???

\$20 per person; \$35 per couple
Lots of games and cold ones in the cooler...
dress is casual! TICKETS ON SALE NOW

In March: Two new shows, more classes and Purse Bingo! Watch these bytes.....

The Art Center is a GREAT place to hold a big event. Call 485-3859 and ask for Deb, the Rental Queen.