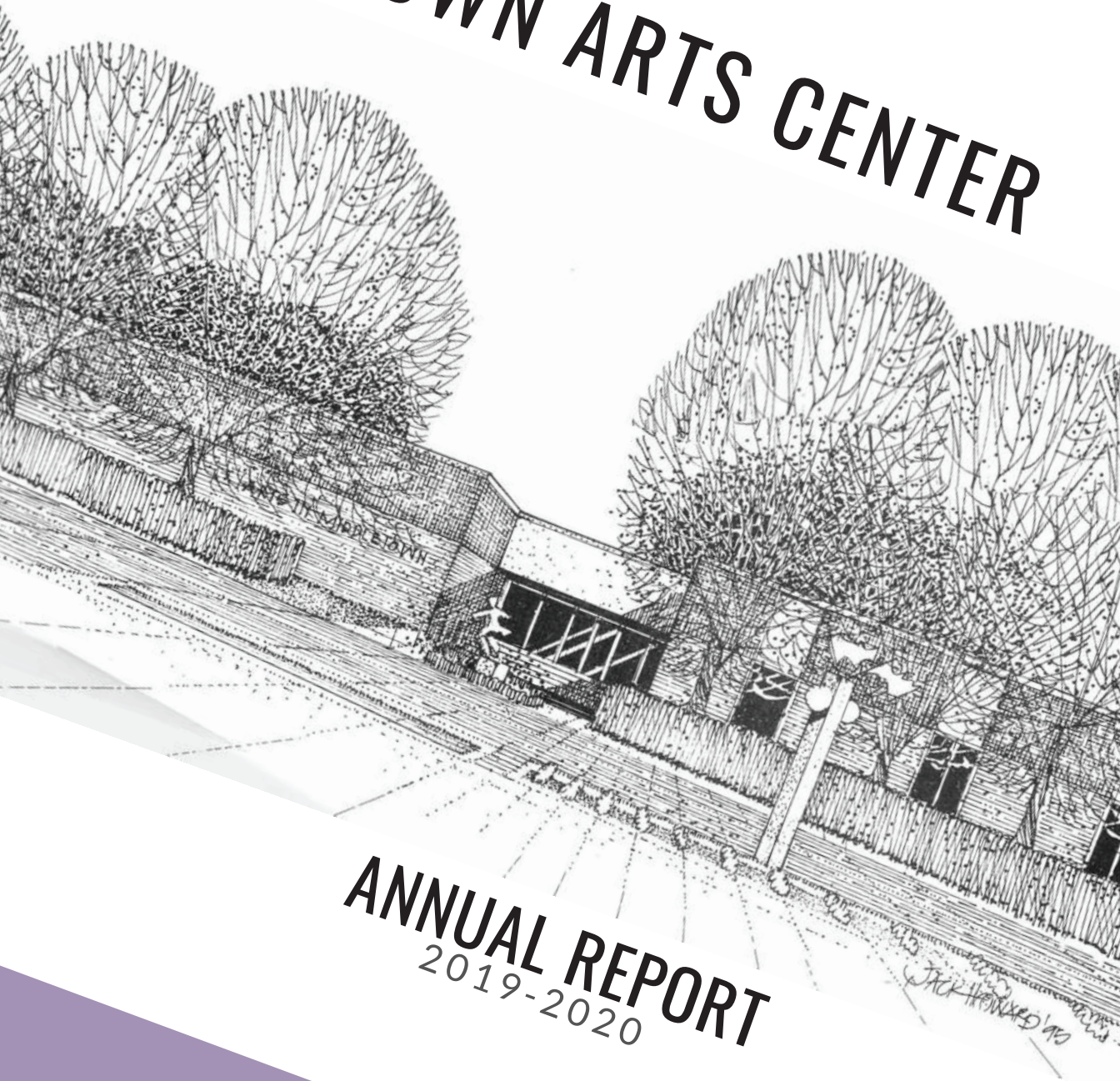


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# MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER



ANNUAL REPORT  
2019-2020

## ART EDUCATION

Classes in Ceramics, Drawing, Fiber Arts, Glass, Jewelry, Painting, Photography, Enameling, Watercolor, and more for all ages and abilities

## EXHIBITIONS

Offering over twenty free, family-friendly and diverse art experiences every year

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We nurture our mission and relationships in the area with our Art Around Town

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Fostering creative outlets and enrichment for area youth

## COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

Partnering with community organizations to bring essential arts education and outreach services

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year we award area children, teens, and adults with funding needed to pursue art education

## VOLUNTEERS

Filling a variety of integral roles, we value the people who dedicate their time to the MAC

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## KATE DYKES



Dear MAC Friends and supporters,

The 2019-2020 year has been filled with many accomplishments and challenges.

Our classrooms and galleries were filled with activity the first part of the year. The MAC staff and Board of Directors worked diligently to bring that vibrancy back!

I've enjoyed my first year serving as Executive Director, choosing to see the hurdles placed before our organization during this past year as opportunities to connect with our creative community in innovative ways. We explored new platforms to remain active and relevant, and engage with our community! We connected with you through social media over 85,000 times this year with posts, virtual exhibitions, community groups, and more. As we look toward the future, our expanding online presence will better sustain our mission "to promote art in our community by creating learning opportunities."

We are committed to providing our essential offerings of meaningful arts educational programming, diverse and exciting exhibitions, and arts access through our community partnerships and outreach efforts.

We are so grateful for the outpouring of support that we received this past year. Unfortunately, we will continue to face the financial impact of COVID-19 for some time. Safety protocols dictate restricted enrollment, costly disinfection supplies, and additional staff time dedicated to cleaning. Your community arts center continues to need your support to ensure a balanced budget.

We receive no government funding of any kind, and we rely heavily on the financial support of our donors to fulfill our mission.

BACK the MAC by donating now to safeguard the long-term health and vitality of arts and culture in your community.

Here's to a safe and art-filled 2020-2021!

Kate Dykes  
Executive Director

## SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1957



# A PROMISING YEAR, AND THEN COVID-19

The year began with great promise. We saw significant increase in class enrollment in January and opened the annual Tomorrow's Artist Today in February with one of the largest receptions in recent memory.

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

The MAC offers a wide range of meaningful arts programming for all ages and abilities: serving youth, adults and seniors. This past year we welcomed new art instructors to round out our teaching staff. Our classes provide students opportunities for creative expression, social interaction, critical thinking and collaboration. In the summer and fall we held diverse one day workshop offerings open to beginners and artists interested in trying new mediums. Artists of all ages tried their hand making Fused Glass Ornaments with instructor Darryl Berry at our Holiday Open House after they shopped for handmade, one-of-a-kind gifts by local artists in our Lobby Gallery. MAC awarded youth and adult scholarships to pursue art education with the support of the family of Reggie Finkelman.

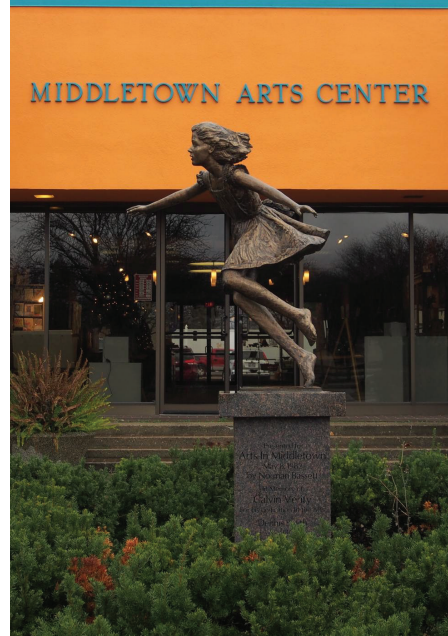
## COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the MAC Board to suspend Arts Center operations on March 16. The MAC community has responded with overwhelming support; many of our students donated their remaining Session 4 tuition to the MAC and many others credited their payments to future sessions. Our instructors donated most, in some cases all, of their Session 4 compensation. Because of the great generosity of the MAC Community we have been able to retain our staff and their employment.

## MAC REOPENED JUNE 15TH

The MAC reopened for classes on June 15 with restricted enrollment. With safety being paramount, the MAC implemented new Facility Guidelines with COVID-19 safety precaution protocols. We consulted with our local health department and our cleaning supplier on best practices for safety and disinfection of our facility. Following precautions recommended by the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health we are navigating our way through the pandemic. Response from instructors and students has been very positive.

**WITH SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE, OUR  
STUDIOS ARE AGAIN BURSTING WITH  
CREATIVITY AND COLLABORATION!**



# EXHIBITION SEASON 2019-2020

## EXCEPTIONAL ART EXPERIENCES

The MAC's juried shows provide both budding and established artists an opportunity to exhibit their work and receive recognition, with the excitement of awards ranging from Best of Show to Honorable Mention. Art enthusiasts can appreciate or purchase unique works by local artists at our ever changing free exhibits!



Main Exhibition Hall | Spring 2020

## MAIN EXHIBIT HALL

### Hughes Family Annual Reunion Show

Featuring multiple artists of the Queen City Art Club showcasing their artistry Mixed Media. This show is exhibited in memory of Gordon & Betty Hughes  
Sponsored by David & Becky Hughes

### The Diversity of SW Ohio Photo Exhibition & Competition

A stunning showcase of work celebrating the landscape, culture, history, and diversity of SW Ohio in photographs  
Sponsored by an Anonymous Donor

### Area Art Show

A juried exhibition featuring adult artists working in 2D and 3D media within a 50 mile radius of Middletown  
Sponsored by Patricia Gage

### Tomorrow's Artists Today

Area high school students are showcased in a highly competitive professional juried exhibition in a large variety of mediums  
Sponsored by Noonan, Brockman, & Pollock, DDS



Best of Show  
Tomorrow's Artist Today  
"Geometric" Regan Runtz

## LOBBY GALLERY EXHIBITS

### Mary Deas Wortley

Ceramic Art & Oil Paintings

### Pat Brewer

Watercolor Paintings of historic Middletown

### Greg Gibson

Oil Portraits

### Patty Clark

Oil Paintings

### Jan Holladay

Watercolor Paintings & Digital Art

### Tim Brown

Photography

### Eric Hatch

"Faces of Addiction" - creating a fresh understanding



Area Art Show  
Best of Show  
"Kinetic Motif"  
John Ferrando

## ART IN THE COMMUNITY

**Brown's Run Country Club** featuring 15 MAC Artists in two & three-dimensional works  
**Butler County MetroParks River Center** featuring Karen Ng Acrylic Paintings  
**City of Middletown Municipal Building** featuring Carol Lantz Watercolor Paintings  
**First United Methodist Church** featuring MAC Photography Students  
**Premier Health Atrium Medical Center** featuring selected works from MAC Lobby Gallery exhibitions



## VIRTUAL EXHIBITIONS

The MAC suspended operations for three months under Ohio's "Stay at Home" orders, but remained active, engaging with our creative community, and continued to fulfill our mission. Our virtual exhibitions provided friends and family an opportunity to celebrate their favorite artist's achievements, especially when they could not connect physically. Visit our YouTube channel to view our virtual exhibitions.

### 2020 Congressional Art Competition

Featuring high school artists from Warren Davidson's 8th Congressional District. MAC hosted this virtual exhibition with the support of Cincinnati State - Middletown Campus

### Uplifting Photo Exhibition

We challenged our social media community to share photos that uplift and inspire during Ohio's stay-at-home order. Many of our artists shared their personal stories about "staying at home". Uplifting photos were curated into a virtual video exhibition that was shared on our social media platforms and website.

## EXPANDED ONLINE PRESENCE

The COVID-19 Pandemic threatens public health and safety, but isolation impacts social and mental health as well. It's human nature to seek connectedness. Art is a wonderful unifying tool to express what words cannot and serves as an open gateway for communication.

In 2019-20 we expanded our online presence to connect with more people in our creative community.

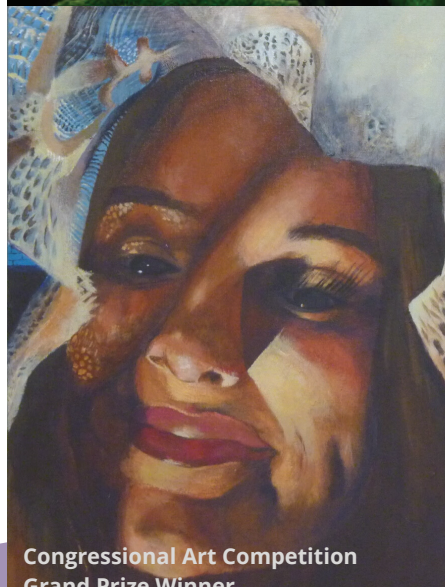
## JOIN OUR ONLINE COMMUNITY AND BE A PART OF THE ARTS!



Apart But Together:  
Art During A Pandemic  
Abigail Lindley, Self Portrait



Uplifting Photo Exhibition  
Isaac Singleton



Congressional Art Competition  
Grand Prize Winner  
Happiness by Abigail McDonnell

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2019-2020 was another important year for community outreach, an essential element of our mission that reflects the MAC's conviction that the arts are vital for a thriving community.

## MIDD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

MAC continued to support art enrichment for Midd State students as a part of the Middletown City School District's STEAM curriculum.

### Session 1: Glass Fusing

Instructed by John Ferrando

### Session 2: Acrylic Painting

Instructed by Karen Ng

## YOUNG ARTIST WORKSHOPS

Every summer the Middletown Arts Center focuses on art enrichment for community youth through two-week immersive workshops. Adult classes take a break while kids take center stage. This experience provides an opportunity for first class instruction offered to talented children of our community, many of whom attend on scholarships generously supplied by the MAC's supporters.

## GRANTS SUPPORT OUR MISSION

We have received generous support in the form of grants from funding organizations in 2019-2020 that believe in our mission.

### ArtsWave

Provided emergency funding during the Coronavirus Pandemic

### Downtown Middletown, Inc.

Provided emergency funding during the Coronavirus Pandemic

### Greater Cincinnati Foundation

Provided support for summer Young Artist Workshops

### Lebanon Citizens National Bank

Awarded a grant for arts education, equipment, and supplies

### Middletown Community Foundation

Awarded funds for an urgent building repair to install a sewer drainage liner

### The Fondersmith Fund for Youth

Awarded funds for arts services partnering with Abilities First

### Miriam G. Knoll Foundation

Provided support for the upcoming 2020-2021 exhibition season

### US Bank Foundation

Awarded a grant to the MAC where funds are needed the greatest

The MAC is incredibly thankful for grants we receive that provide such crucial support for our programming.



Young Artist Workshop



Midd State Glass Fusing



Abilities First Painting Project



# FINANCIALS

## REVENUES & EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR END 2019-2020

### INCOME STATEMENT (CONSOLIDATED/CASH BASIS)

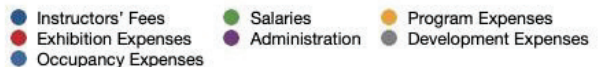
#### INCOME:

Donor Support	77,613
Memorial/Tribute Gifts	1,175
Fund Raising	10,905
Property & Building Rentals	886
Memberships	4,512
Grants	19,697
Miscellaneous	30,140
Interest Earned	5,160
School Fees (Programs)	61,836
Exhibits	20,606
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>232,530</b>



#### EXPENSES:

Instructor's Fees	25,310
Salaries	88,397
Program Expenses	10,825
Exhibition Expenses	9,865
Administration	22,947
Development Expenses	4,768
Occupancy Expenses	67,228
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>229,840</b>
<b>Gain (Loss) from Operations</b>	<b>2,690</b>



#### BALANCE SHEET

##### Current Assets:

Cash	71,916
Accounts Receivable	2,485
Inventories	-135
Undeposited Funds	1,612
MFC Investments	164,227
Temporarily Restricted Funds	11,869
Property & Equipment	659,777
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>911,751</b>

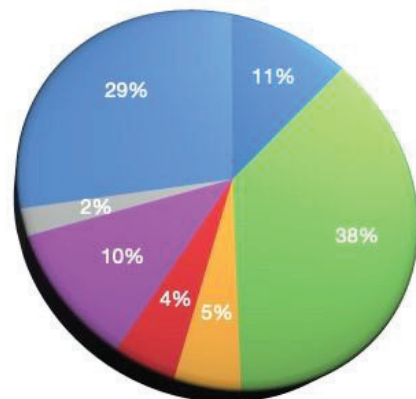
##### Current Liabilities:

Sales Tax Payable	474
Accrued Payroll Taxes	1289
<b>Total Current Liabilities:</b>	<b>1763</b>

##### Equity

Net Assets	969,686
Retained Earnings	(91,283)
Temporarily Restricted Assets	10,000
Net Income	2690
<b>Total Current Equity</b>	<b>909,988</b>

<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>911,751</b>
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# CONTRIBUTORS

Charitable support of the MAC is vital to our existence. When you support the arts center you are acknowledging the essential role it plays in our community. We value our donors, grantors, and exhibit sponsors!

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## BACK THE MAC

As the Middletown Arts Center faces new obstacles and challenges amid the Coronavirus Pandemic, it's more important than ever to "Back the MAC".

Approximately half of what is required to operate the MAC every year must be raised from donor support. There are times that we experience gaps between what is needed to run our organization and the income and donations that are received.

As the oldest arts organization serving the Middletown area, we want to remain sustainable so that we can continue to offer our wide array of programming, exhibitions, and community outreach.

The "Back the MAC" campaign originated from a group of people who care about the MAC - our volunteers, staff, and board members. Their vision was to ensure the MAC is able to continue as the core arts education center for our area far into the future.

Our Sustaining Partners program is crucial for our financial stability. These essential donors agree to donate annually at the level and time of year that they designate. This means that the MAC can count on the support of our Sustaining Partners annually for our budget projections and financial commitments for the upcoming year.

Sustaining Partners are recognized in special ways throughout the year, unless they wish to remain anonymous. Many Sustaining Partners make a commitment to donate annually at the level of \$1,000, but are free to choose a preferred giving level. Please contact us for more information on our **Back the MAC** and **Sustaining Partners** programs.

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