

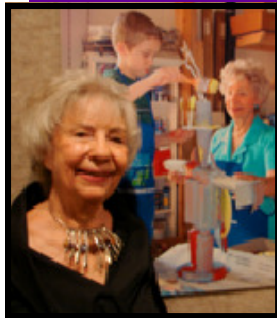


# All about ArtHaus

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## She made it Happen: A tribute to Dorothy Johnson by Laurie Gomon Ring

As we begin this new and exciting year, we have great hopes that our economy will make a turn for the better and that we can all move forward toward fulfilling our dreams and continuing our missions. ArtHaus has been fortunate to have survived the past 3 tough years because of the generous support of our great community through individual donations & memberships, business sponsorships, in-kind services as well as city and county grants.

With that said, it is with a heavy heart that I learned of the passing on January 3rd of one of our great and steadfast benefactors, Dorothy Johnson, widely known as Mother Art. She earned her nickname by being a champion of children's art throughout most of her 89 years. She truly realized the value of the creative process and it's affect on the character development of a child. Dorothy was the Art Supervisor of Volusia County when I applied to become an art teacher in the early '70's. Her goal was to make sure every school in the county had a qualified art teacher. When she began this quest, she had found children's art consisted of coloring in mimeographed printouts. She knew that this had to change. Not only did she accomplish this monumental task but kept us inspired through grants that brought working artists into the schools to give the students a first hand look at the daily process of making professional art. Dorothy set up workshops with contemporary artists to inspire the art teachers as we learned new artistic techniques as well as teaching strategies. She had boundless energy, enthusiasm and a belief that art must be in the curriculum. One extremely effective way that helped administrators begin to understand the magic of the creative process was to have an annual Principals' workshop / party where they were fed, entertained, and participated in an art making experience. This was usually held where the annual Volusia Students Create Art Exhibit was displayed. This outstanding exhibit which Mother Art also initiated will celebrate its 40th anniversary and will be held at the Museum of Florida Art in Deland opening on March 16. Dorothy was not content to focus just on changing the nature of the local school system but took it to the politicians at the state level where she championed for the arts as a leader of several state art organizations. ArtHaus is a legacy of her influence and momentum. Our gallery proudly displays the creative insights found in children's art (K-12) throughout the year. Our current endearing exhibit, **Wee Create: Kindergarten Only**, is in its 6th year and will come down on Jan. 20. Following that, the 9th Annual **Advanced Placement & Honors Art Exhibit** opening reception will be January 26. ArtHaus is one of the only places in Florida that has given the public a chance to view these talented artists in their own featured exhibit. As a tribute to Mother Art in the year 2000, our classroom was named the Dorothy Johnson Center for Art Education. Dorothy believed that art was a powerful life changing force that expanded our minds, increased our creativity and renewed our spirits. Thank you Dorothy, you made a huge difference in my life as an art teacher for 33 years and now as a director of ArtHaus.



The 2010 Summer Art Camp Volunteers From Valdosta State & Seabreeze HS

Many Thanks To All Our Volunteers!

## SEE WHATS INSIDE THIS ISSUE

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## So Many Ways to Give

There are so many ways you can help ArtHaus which will make a big difference to our organization. **Membership** is an easy annual, tax deductible donation that keeps you updated about ArtHaus exhibits & activities. **Art Inspires Scholarships** sponsor children's art classes. **Volunteer** your time. Our staff is only part time so we can always use the extra assistance. **Spread the Word.** Tell people about ArtHaus and all the things we do for the young artists in our community. Give them our information: email, website, Facebook or our street address and encourage them to check us out. You may just interest someone who is able to contribute in ways no one else can. Using **Buy4.com** provides support to ArtHaus while you are shopping online. See details on page 4. **In Kind donations** of needed items such as art supplies can help us save money. **Look for the wish list** on the back page. Please visit our gallery to see the many student exhibits throughout the year. Come to our opening receptions before each monthly art exhibit.

# Art Exhibits Past, Present & Future

By Merelyn F. Goldsmith

## Past: August— November 2011

- **Magic Art Time Machine: Summer Art Camp 8/11-9/9**
- **Volusia Art Educators: 9/15-10/14**
- **VanGo Here!: 10/20-11/4**
- **Halifax Art Festival "Extended Display" : 11/10-12/6**
- **Featured Exhibit: Halifax Art Festival "Extended Display"**  
Every year since 1997, 21 cash prizes have been awarded to young artists at the Halifax Art Festival Student Exhibit, due to the generosity and interest of Helen Wessel. The exhibit showcases to the community selected artworks from children in kindergarten through 12th grade. This year at least a thousand art

works were displayed in the City Island Library Auditorium. The many talented young artists created artworks in a great variety of media. Following the Festival, ArtHaus brought the 21 award winners and 46 additional artworks to display in our gallery for a month. It was an wonderful exhibit filled with so many excellent artworks created by young artists who were inspired by loving teachers.

**Present: "Wee Create"**  
Kindergarten Only Exhibit;  
12/8-1/20 2012

## Future: 2012

- **AP/Honors Exhibit: 1/26-2/24**
- **"Art The First Language": Elementary School Exhibit 3/1-3/30**
- **Ceramic Show: Spruce Creek HS 4/5-5/11**



**Artist: Kyle Parrish**  
2nd grade, Sweetwater Elementary  
Art Educator: **Janel Motichka**

## ArtHaus Art Classes

ArtHaus feels it is very important to offer art classes not only to the children in our community, but anyone who feels the need for instruction and guidance to enhance their artistic interests. **Beth Dobberstein** has provided many wonderful classes for ages 3 and up. Freshly inspired by a research trip to Cuba she has exciting new ideas. She will be offering a class in January called *Different Strokes for Famous Folks*. She will teach the children how to apply techniques used by famous artists and about the artists themselves. She will have many other fun and innovative classes to offer students in 2012.

**Vera Lvoff** provides classes for children, teens and adults. She teaches the students ways to improve their creativity and how to implement new artistic skills in many art mediums. She provides one on one attention to her students working with their strengths and weaknesses which allows them to flourish creatively while honing their technical skills. Anyone who wishes to take these classes will have a rich and fulfilling creative experience. **Judy Gilmore**, a local painter, offers teens & adults a chance to explore their expressive painting techniques in a set of 6 sessions.

We are seeking students for a **Black and White Photo** class and a **Digital Photo** class. Call us to reserve a spot.



ArtHaus Summer Art Camp 2011  
Art Educator: Vera Lvoff with student Suzi

## 12th Annual Street Painting Festival

By Tim McPeters

It was picture perfect weather for our **12th Annual Street Painting Festival** held early this fall on Oct. 1 & 2. The Port Orange City Hall plaza was filled with 52 eager and talented artists both teens and adults who created 34 exciting street paintings. Many thanks to our event sponsors and donors for this important fundraising ArtHaus event. The 17 enthusiastic volunteers along with the ArtHaus team made this huge undertaking possible. For those of you who missed this family festival, I would heartily recommend that everyone make a commitment to attend next year's cultural happening. Congratulations to Charleen Breedlove for winning the Best of Show Award. Her square was sponsored by Dr. David Lowe Orthodontics. Congrats also to Ben Miller, Runner Up Best of Show and first time chalker whose 10' X 10' square was sponsored by BrightHouse Networks. Get involved and help us make next year's **13th Annual Street Painting Festival** even bigger and more successful. The entire list of award winners and images of the sponsored squares can be found on our website

[www.arthaus.org](http://www.arthaus.org)

Thank You everyone who volunteered their valuable time for the Street Painting Festival

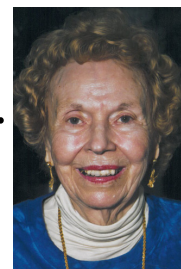


View of plaza featuring our event sponsor **Bright House Networks**  
Artist: **Ben Miller**

# Key Sponsor - Wessel Foundation

## Founder - Helen Wessel

By: Laurie Gomon Ring



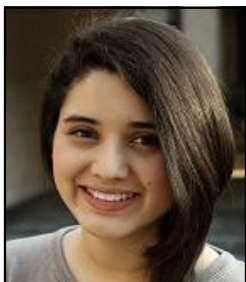
I recently interviewed Helen Wessel to find out about her life as an art educator and advocate for the visual arts.

**Tell me what inspired you to become an art educator?** I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio where they had very good art teachers in the public schools. It was during Kindergarten that one of my artworks was singled out to be shown to the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. This was a turning point for me which was also reinforced by the art teachers that followed. In High School, those of us with excellent grades could also attend the Cincinnati Art Academy every afternoon. With encouragement from my New York uncle, I enrolled in the University of Cincinnati College of Design, Architecture and Art to get college degrees in Art and Education. In the midst of the Great Depression, I landed my first job creating unusual Papier Mache sculptures for window displays in a fancy downtown store. Later I taught art in the Cincinnati public schools for 10 years. Here I found that the support of a "smart" principal and

parents made all the difference in the quality of the education of each school. While teaching in Massachusetts, I applied to Harvard University to get a Master's degree. I was fortunate to be one of the first to study in the Art Education program there. With this degree, I had the honor of educating art teachers for the next 20 years at the University of Cincinnati. **What would be your advice to improve the educational quality of the nations' school system?** I believe that there needs to be only National guidelines for the educational curriculum. I strongly recommend that every child receive education in art, music, drama and physical movement by trained teachers. I have seen the difference when these important cultural experiences are left out of the curriculum and it is not good. **For many years your Foundation has been the sponsor for the Student Art Awards at the annual Halifax Art**

**Festival. What message are you conveying to the young artists?** I would like them to know that their artwork is important and valuable. Their experiences in creating art will enrich their lives and those around them. An award early on in my life was such a powerful motivator that I wanted to give as many young artists the same inspiration. We all know how a money award can clearly communicate this. **Your Foundation has also been a benefactor to ArtHaus, what advice do you have for us?** Keep doing what you are doing, it is so important that the visual arts are encouraged and honored and your student exhibits fill this void. Someday ArtHaus will receive national support like it should. (The entire interview can be found on our website) [site:www.arthaus.org](http://www.arthaus.org) )

## Featured Young Artist: Ana Pappa

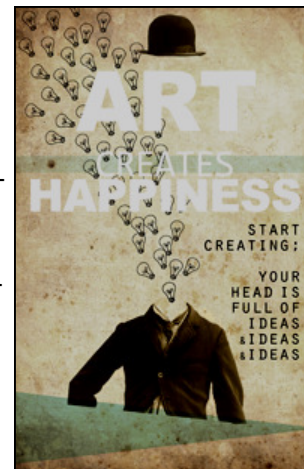


Ana Pappa is an award winning Senior at Spruce Creek HS with aspirations of completing a college degree in the Visual Arts. *The entire interview & additional images of Ana's work can be found on our*

*website, [www.arthaus.org](http://www.arthaus.org).* **When did you know that art was important in your life?** Ever since I was able to hold a crayon in my hand. Art allowed me to explore my imagination in every way. I feel like kids these days are constantly being told what they can or can not do, or what's expected of them, but art is one of the only things that has no restric-

tions. I think I appreciated that from a young age and still do today. **Who are the people/ teachers who inspired you to pursue art?** My Aunt Sarah has probably been the most supportive person in all aspects of my life. She encouraged us to draw and enter school exhibitions, and always reinforced our ability to succeed. All of my high school art teachers have been tremendously involved in my progression as an artist. Mrs. Cindy Jesup is one of the people I can thank the most for my success. She pushes her students to be better and learn more. Mr. Joe Vandenburg has also been one of my greatest mentors. **What was your experience in having your artwork displayed in the ArtHaus gallery or other galleries?** I always feel a sense of pride to know that my work is being

displayed in galleries. Having my artwork displayed at ArtHaus is especially exciting because I feel like I'm sharing my work with my local community members and hopefully younger artists that will be motivated to pursue artwork more. Seeing your artwork appreciated by others makes you appreciate your artwork even more.



"Art Creates Happiness"

## 2012 Board Members

We are always in search of new board members to add to our already stellar group! If you or anyone you know would like to actively help a nonprofit grow and reach more young artists, please consider us! Thank you to our current board members for all the time and effort they dedicate to making ArtHaus' mission a success!

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*"Instilling the Spirit of Creativity  
and Beauty in Our Youth."*

**Gallery Hours**

**M-F 9 a.m.—5 p.m.**

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Permit 719  
Daytona Beach, FL

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## Upcoming Events and Reminders

**ArtHaus Gift Shop:** Come by our gift shop to find that unusual one of a kind gift you're looking for. We have art work, jewelry, hand made bags, ceramics and much more. There is a 10% discount for ArtHaus members.

### **Art Class Gift Certificates & Art**

**Inspires Scholarships:** Here are some gifts that can inspire your loved one. Buy a gift certificate for art classes or sponsor a child with an *Art Inspires Scholarship program*. These are gifts that keep on giving long after the holidays.

### **Memberships Can Benefit You Too:**

If you become a member you not only help support ArtHaus you get a tax deduction and a 10% discount on classes and gifts.

### **Volunteer & Make A Difference:**

ArtHaus is a great place to volunteer, just ask those who have already helped us. It's so easy and fun as you work around children and art, that the time just flies by. Also, volunteering at ArtHaus can be considered as community service work hours for those who need it.

**Still on TV:** Bright House Network will be providing another year of TV commercials that will be broadcast by Bright House on 11 different channels. Thank You Bright House, we are truly grateful !!!

**To Those Who Keep On Giving:** We'd like to send warm holiday wishes to all our Members and Sponsors. We give special thanks to The Daytona Playhouse and The Daily Grind who have continued to let

ArtHaus feature young artists at their establishments. Thank You so much!!

**Give As You Buy: Go to [www.Buy4.com](http://www.Buy4.com),** register ArtHaus as your charity benefactor, shop on line and ArtHaus will receive a donation at no extra cost to you or ArtHaus. Tell your friends and family about this and you can help create ongoing donations for ArtHaus.

**Go VanGo:** VanGo Mobile Museum has had a great year providing children with a museum experience without leaving the class room. If you are interested in requesting a visit by VanGo just go to [www.vangomobile.com](http://www.vangomobile.com), download a visit request, follow the email/fax instructions and Sandy will contact you to set up a visit.

**Get Your Fun & Funky On:** For those of you who have attended this fundraiser, you know how much fun it is. For those of you who haven't, consider coming this year to raise funds for ArtHaus by sponsoring, donating silent auction items, or buying tickets and attending the dinner. Come have fun bidding on silent auction items and having a delicious dinner while we honor a champion of the ArtHaus cause. Save the date post-cards coming soon.

**New Year, New Classes:** Starting in January 2012, our art classes will begin again. Sign up right away. Before you know it, summer will be upon us so keep our Summer Camp art classes in mind. Call us, email us or go to our website for registration forms and details as they unfold.

**Please Stay Connected:** Please keep in touch you are important to us and we love hearing from you. Check out our website; [www.Arthaus.org](http://www.Arthaus.org), give us a call or "like" us on Facebook!

**ArtHaus Wish List:** Flat screen TV for classroom, small counter-top jewelry case with lock. Help with beautifying our planters and surrounding grounds, muralist for large scale exterior mural!