

Nature Trails



The Barn Studio of Art Community Outreach Program uses art to communicate and cut through the students' individual differences of culture, ethnicity, educational background, or abilities. Our non-competitive environment fosters and creates an atmosphere that is supportive and enables students to tap into their creative spirits.

We partner with organizations that represent children who currently have little or no exposure to art. In essence, we have assumed the role of Community Art Ambassadors to an underserved population.

Our Founder

Pat Witt, a Cumberland County native, has always embraced the concept that every child is an artist. And, she believes that every child - no matter the age- benefits from having art lessons...It was this strong belief that prompted Pat to begin the Community Outreach program. Offering free lessons for preschool children.

Today

Under the direction of Sandy Smith, the program serves more than 700 preschool students yearly. Sandy studied art at the Barn as a child. She holds degrees in the education of special needs and gifted students.

Mission

The Barn Studio of Art is dedicated to cultivating the love of arts in people of all ages and abilities. The Barn Studio of Art will nurture the study of art and nature throughout the community in a non-competitive, creative, developmentally appropriate, and positive atmosphere.



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Inside Our Studio

The **Community Outreach Program** at **The Barn Studio of Art** consists of a series of fine arts workshops that introduce visual art, classical ballet, music, pottery, and nature study to groups of young children from diverse backgrounds. Exposure to art education and appreciation gives students a chance to explore and understand art. We work with our visiting teachers to provide concepts in our lessons that will enhance their work with the students in their classrooms. Our flexible payment structure and solid scholarship programs provide opportunities to individual and groups who, otherwise, may not have had the chance to study art.

community **OUTREACH** **PROGRAM**

Our Pond



In our program, many of our children have little or no exposure to art.

Art is important in the development of our children. By participating in the Barn Studio of Arts, our children create and talk about their art. They practice and gain fine muscle control and strengthen their eye-hand motor coordination. Children develop perceptual abilities. They develop awareness of colors, shapes, forms, lines, and textures as they try to replicate them through art.

Through art, culture is transmitted. Children have an opportunity to be creative and their art is open ended. They are able to feel successful and express themselves however they want through art.

Lucila Barrios

Head Start Education Manager
Gateway Community Action Partnership

Annual Outdoor Art Festival

We invite our outreach students, their families, and teachers to join us at our annual open house event. On the first Sunday of June, each year, our outreach students are invited to exhibit their artwork or just visit The Barn. This is a delightful Art Day with lots of fun things to see and do.

If you know of a school that would benefit from our program please let them know about us.

For more information on our **Community Outreach Workshops** or our scholarship program, contact Sandy Smith.
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