

Community Engagement Report for April 2019

Recorded Center Visitors: 271

Recorded Volunteer Hours: 12

Through the month of April, we celebrated the Creating Community Arts Festival. The main event was the gallery display at the Kirksville Arts Association from April 17-30, with the reception and awards ceremony on April 25th. 51 artists submitted pieces to the show, and the gallery was full of all types of artwork- painting, digital art, textiles, illustrations, photography, poetry, and much more. There were several news publications about the event, and over approximately 120 people attended the Awards Reception/Business After Hours event. The whole committee put in a lot of work to make this event successful, and we believe that it will be even bigger next year.

We celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week by spotlighting several of our regular volunteers on our Facebook page, in addition to in our newsletter. Volunteers have supported us this year through peer-teaching Project STIR, assembling our monthly mailings and bulletin board, preparing training packets, assisting with craft class, teaching guitar lessons, planning and instructing a cooking class & Earth Day celebration, working with the Art Show committee, and of course, serving on our board of directors. We are lucky that we are able to provide many people the ability to share their skills and talents with us in a variety of ways through volunteer work.

To celebrate National Volunteer Week, we spotlighted several of our regular volunteers both in the newsletter and on our Facebook page. We also got treats for the volunteers to show our gratitude for them. One final group of Truman students presented their capstone project in April- an Earth Day celebration.

This month we began a new session of Circles class and have seven people attending the class, and it is apparent that all of the participants are learning a lot of new skills. We also have been instructing a Charting the LifeCourse Tools workshop on Mondays. Each week the participants practice using the Tools and the class attendees will have the opportunity to attend a Charting the LifeCourse Tools workshop in Jefferson City on May 17th.