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Emeriti Luncheon-May 16, 2024

The Emeriti Association has scheduled an in-person luncheon meeting for May.

Location: Athens Country Club, 7606 Country Club Rd, Athens, OH 45701

Date & Time: Thursday, May 16, 11:30 AM

Luncheon will be Buffet style:

Menu:

- Chicken Parmesan
- Pasta
- Salad
- Bread

Beverages: coffee, tea, water

Cost: \$23 per person. Please have exact dollar amount at the door or a check made payable to the *OU Emeriti Association*.

Luncheon reservations are required: Reservation deadline is noon on Thursday, May 9. Early reservations are encouraged. RSVP by sending an email to Tom Franz <franz@ohio.edu> confirming your reservation(s).



Emeriti Association President-Elect **Marty Tuck** announced that the speaker for the May luncheon will be **Steve Mack**, Director of Facilities Management at Ohio University. Steve will speak about current and future facilities projects at the university.

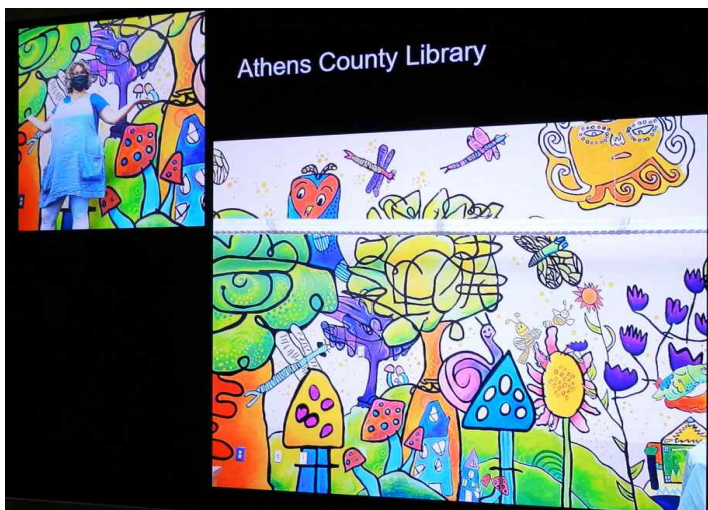
From the abstract of a recent colloquium sponsored by Environmental and Plant Biology, "Ohio University Grounds: Past, Present and Future", Mack noted: The Athens campus is a big part of our lives. We spend a significant portion of our waking hours and, for some of us, most of our entire lives in an area of just 350 acres (not counting the Ridges), so the character of the campus has a profound effect on our psyche. The job of maintaining the quality of that space falls to the Department of Facilities Management. Facilities look after a landscape that is covered by 36% lawn, 27% buildings, and 21% streets, walks, and parking lots. Trees, which are central to most people's experience of the campus, cover only 11%. On the steepest slopes we actually have 5% that could be called forest. And don't forget the 1% water in Emeriti Park! On any particular day ~25,000 people use the campus and the elements are constantly wearing away at it, requiring constant upkeep.

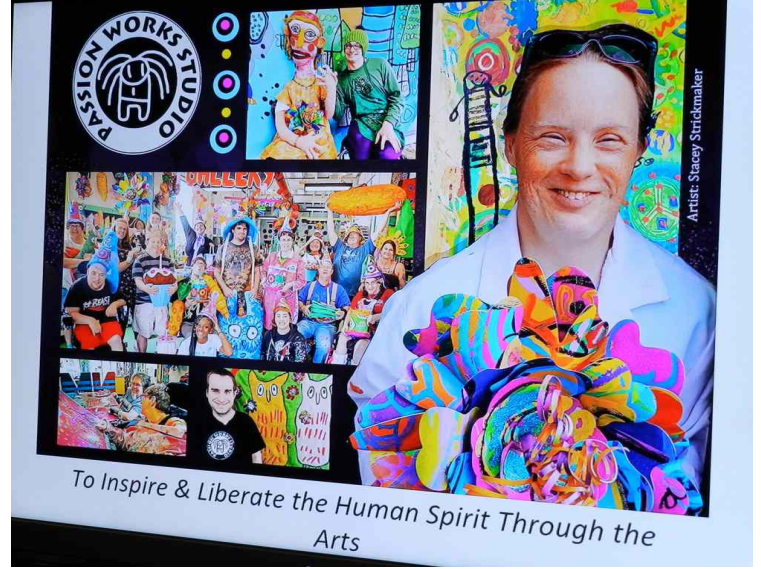
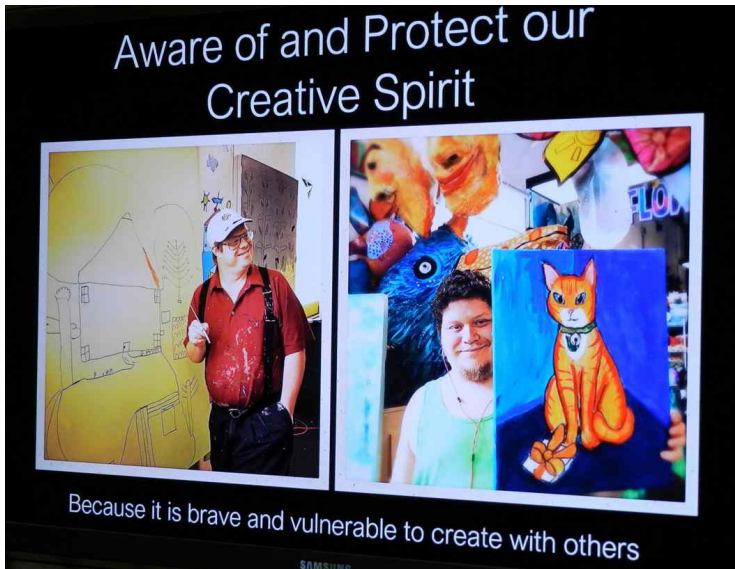
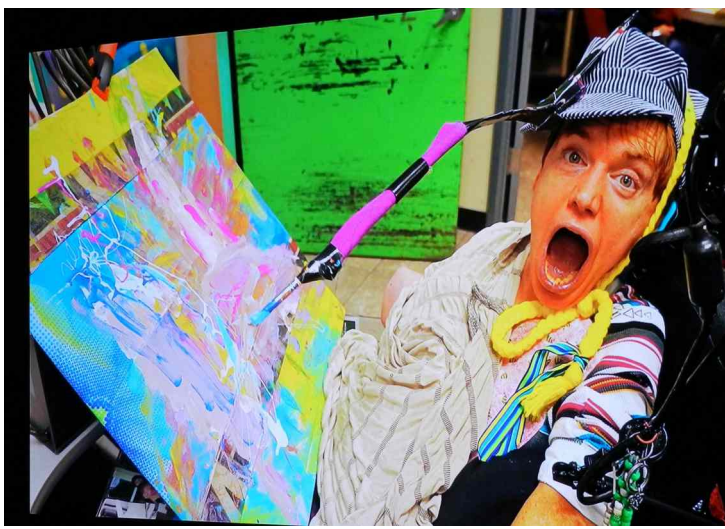
Notes from the April 18 Emeriti Meeting

The Emeriti were treated to an outstanding presentation by **Patty Mitchell**, Executive Director of Passion Works Studios. Mitchell stated that the center of the studio work is by artists of all abilities with development differences. She began by noting, "that was no accident, that was a design focus for this intentional building block for the studios". At another facility where she volunteered before it closed, she found that the most connective way to work with another person was through the arts, that there was a culture of control that existed naturally at that facility, and "we were bringing flexibility and responsiveness".

She started the studio with a grant from the Ohio Arts Council in cooperation with the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities. As opposed to making crafts, the outcome of which is determined, she noted that the most important thing is the imagination of each person, working side by side and building relationships, creating a loving, supportive, responsive structure but letting go control of the process, being aware of, protecting, and encouraging individual creative spirit, helping the artists in finding purpose and connectiveness, concentrating on what they could do, not what they couldn't do.

She described and showed images of a number of tailored creative solutions to finding means by which paint brushes could be held and manipulated despite limited motion or sight. The successful flower painting project was begun by re-using and up-cycling thin aluminum printing plates that had been used for newspaper printing by the Athens Messenger.





For lots more information, check out the studio's **Facebook** page at
<<https://www.facebook.com/pwstudio/>>

Adieu--

After five academic years of acting as your unelected interim fill-in newsletter person in addition to my elected board role as Emeriti Website Chair, I am again saying goodbye as your Notes writer-editor, except this time that will be final. If you would like to serve in the open Emeriti Board position of Communications Chair/ newsletter editor, please let Emeriti President-elect Marty Tuck know.

For crafting the Notes newsletter, I have primarily used free open source software (Apache Open Office, <<https://www.openoffice.org/>>) not wishing to burden the University with the cost of its free-to-Emeriti Microsoft Office 365. The Open Office software is quite powerful, having also used it during the past five years for writing the third edition of a textbook and my monthly magazine articles, in addition to Emeriti Notes. If you would like to consider being the editor for Notes or whatever you might wish to call a future Emeriti newsletter, I would be more than willing to help you get started in learning to use that software, or perhaps Microsoft's Office 365, for the task.

Best, Rich Post

100 Years Ago The Computing Division - 1924 style

(Calculating the amount of bonus due each veteran of WWI - on mechanical calculators made by Burroughs.)

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