

# ZANESVILLE MUSEUM of ART

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### Zanesville Museum of Art Receives Grant for Education Outreach Initiative

ZANESVILLE, Ohio—The Zanesville Museum of Art has received funding from the Ohio Arts Council for its first ever school education outreach initiative. This initiative, *Exploring Ohio's History Through Art*, will engage local fourth graders to expand their learning in the arts. Studies have shown that art education in schools may lead to improved reading, writing, and math skills, while also improving graduation rates. Using the art in the museum as well as other complimentary resources, *Exploring Ohio's History Through Art* will provide an underserved population free access to art education while also giving teachers the ability to utilize the experiences the museum has to offer and the ability to teach classroom content in a new and exciting way.

"We've had the pleasure of partnering with local school administrators and educators to put together an excellent curriculum that integrates arts learning into mainstream education curriculum," said ZMA Executive Director Laine Snyder. "We hope that over the next several years, all fourth grade students in the area who are learning about Ohio history will visit the museum."

This art education initiative will begin with National Road Elementary School and will expand to include all local schools in the coming years. National Road was chosen as the starting point for this partnership by the museum based on a recommendation from Dr. Halle Randles, Director of Instructional Services for Zanesville City Schools. The school's administration, including principal Libby Hitchens and superintendent Dr. Doug Baker, were also excited about *Exploring Ohio's History Through Art* beginning at National Road Elementary. Adrian Williams and Samantha Newton, two teachers at the elementary school who have been involved in project development meetings ensure that the lesson plans meet their students' needs as well as their own. Their invaluable feedback to the museum will help strengthen the initiative for future students and educators.

As part of this outreach initiative, the museum will offer complimentary tours to local fourth graders learning about Ohio history. Working with the Ohio Arts Council, the museum also hopes to offer more free tours to students. One of the main areas of focus at the museum is to help students learn about Ohio's



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history through the visual arts and more specifically through the *Arts of Ohio* gallery. Featuring works such as *Delaware Water Gap* by John Jay Barber and *Ohio Landscape*, this gallery explores Ohio's unique traditions, industries, and people.

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The museum welcomes visitors: Wed, Fri, Sat 10 am–5 pm and Thurs 10 am–7:30 pm.

Admission: \$6 for adults; \$4 for adults 60 and older and students with valid ID; Free for children 10 and under.

Free Admission Thursday Evenings 5-7:30 pm.

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