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DISTRICT 45 STUDENT ART SHOW HELD AT WILLOWBROOK
"An evening filled with art, literature and music"

VILLA PARK, Illinois-April 28, 2016 - The 3rd Annual District 45 Student Art Show was held at Willowbrook High School on Friday, April 25. This was a highly successful, collaborated community event on a grand scale that represented visual art, photography, music, sculpture and literary contributions from hundreds of students from seven schools with the guidance from nearly 25 educators. There were eleven musical performances, three bound literary books, 30 sculptures displayed on pedestals, and over 300 matted art works professionally displayed.

A focal point of the show layout was the Shafer School of Fish Sculpture, a fourth grade class project headed by art educator Michele Mascheri, consisting of over 85 ceramic fishes, each one inspired by the young artist's personality. The School of Fish Sculpture will be permanently displayed in the outdoor garden at Schafer School.

A large mosaic jaguar was unveiled by Jackson Middle School art educator Tara Challenger and was dedicated to the memory of Larry Gould, who had worked for District 45 for 40 years. Tara worked with 17 young artists during lunchtime to create the beautiful mosaic piece. An interesting note about it was that the students used some of Larry's tools and glass in the making.

Additionally, this year 12 painted chair silent auction was part of the art show as a fun and creative way to fund-raise for future arts events in the district. The chairs represented a wide range of ideas, painted by creative students and the art teachers.

This event was planned and coordinated by an Art Committee, headed by Tracy Vroman, PTA Art Council, along with Wendee Goles and Paulina Jimenez of the Park Art Center, Navreal Heneghan and Christine Staunton. This major event and behind the scenes took the coordinated effort of over 50 volunteers that volunteered countless hours. Special thanks to Willowbrook High School, Dan Krause, Tom Kobel, Earl Buckley, and Bob Daly for their assistance.

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About Park Art Center

The Park Art Center is a 501(c) 3 non-profit devoted to fostering the appreciation and expression of the arts among diverse audiences. We are a community-based organization dedicated to providing access to the arts for people of all ages and backgrounds through art education, exhibition, and collaborative projects.

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