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## Main Line Art Center Celebrates the Art of Giving Thanks at Family Art Festival

Sunday, November 2, 1 - 4 pm

HAVERFORD, PA (October 15, 2014)—'Tis the season to reflect on what you are grateful for and give back to others, and Main Line Art Center in Haverford has planned the perfect way for families in the Greater Philadelphia area to do both! The Art of Giving Thanks Family Art Festival takes place at Main Line Art Center on Sunday, November 2 from 1 to 4 pm and features fun art projects, family-friendly entertainment, artist demos, and plenty of feel-good, memory-making moments for families!

The Art of Giving Thanks Family Festival celebrates Main Line Art Center's Make, Give & Take series, sponsored by PECO. Over the past year, Main Line Art Center's Teaching Artists and volunteers have led hundreds of attendees at community festivals and events in creating gifts of art for pediatric and adult patients at Bryn Mawr Hospital and residents of Judith Creed Homes for Adult Independence (JCHAI). Families attending the Art of Giving Thanks Family Art Festival can create handmade thank you notes for veterans and autumnal suncatchers which will be donated to local senior centers. In addition, Festival attendees can create custom thank you cards in the Center's Printmaking Studios, and mosaic coasters perfect for a Thanksgiving tablescape, guided by volunteers from the Mosaic Society of Pennsylvania.

Festival attendees will also enjoy magic and balloon art performances from Clarence the Clown and his bunny Hairy Houdini, family-friendly music from DJ Mikey Mike, and elaborate face painting designs by Peanutbutter. Teaching Artist Tony Squadroni will create black and white family caricatures which children can bring to life with crayons and markers. Artist demos include Teaching Artist Layne Freedline working in the Center's new Jewelry Studio, and Bethany Rusen working on the potter's wheel in the newly renovated Ceramics Studio. Food and refreshments will be available courtesy of Giant.

The Art of Giving Thanks Family Art Festival is free and open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$20 per family or \$5 per person. Donations benefit Main Line Art Center's award-winning programs, including Accessible Art Programs for children and adults with disabilities.

Main Line Art Center is our community's home to create, experience, and discover the value of visual art. From our award-winning visual art classes, to our contemporary and innovative exhibitions, you can count on quality and expect the unexpected at Main Line Art Center. The art we exhibit, teach, and share is intended to exceed expectations as it inspires creativity, conversation, and joy. The mission that underscores all we do is to inspire and engage artistic creativity for all ages and abilities and to celebrate and strengthen the essential role of visual art in community life. Last year we inspired 16,000 people at Main Line Art Center and touched the lives of over 80,000 through our Exhibitions in the Community and festivals across the Philadelphia area.

Main Line Art Center is located at 746 Panmure Road in Haverford, behind the Wilkie Lexus dealership just off of Lancaster Avenue. The Art Center is easily accessible from public transportation and offers abundant free parking. For more information about the Art of Giving Thanks Family Art Festival, please visit [www.mainlineart.org](http://www.mainlineart.org) or call 610.525.0272.

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Images are attached to this email and are available upon request.



Caption: Children and adults can become their very own work of art thanks to the elaborate designs of Facepainting by Peanutbutter artists.



Caption: At Main Line Art Center's Make, Give & Take workshops, sponsored by PECO, children and adults created gifts of art for children and adult patients at Bryn Mawr Hospital and residents of Judith Creed Homes for Adult Independence.



Caption: Bedecked in balloon art, Festival attendees can create works of art in Main Line Art Center's professional art studios.