

Dear Editor,

As I'm writing this letter it occurs to me this weekend alone in our community - a Riverboat was launched, an opening was held at Gratz Gallery, the closing gallery talks took place at our show, a local opera company performed and New Hope and environs seemed to find time to support it all. We are an amazing community that I am so happy to be part of. And on behalf of New Hope Arts, Inc. I want to offer our heartfelt thanks for all the community has given to bring the New Hope Sculpture Project to life.

First and foremost a very special thanks goes to everyone at George E. Michael, Inc. including George and Jan Michael, Brad Michael, Paul Michael and Joanne Lutostansky. Additional thanks to their on-site staff, John Grady and their ever-supportive parking attendants Bruce Tobin, Aislie Shire and Bill Johnstone who directed deliveries and distributed materials for us. Kudos to major Business Partner Brad Elliott of Elliott Building Group, Ltd., and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Pennsylvania Partners for the Arts 5 County Arts Fund, Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance and the Borough of New Hope.

Special thanks go out to all the site hosts for the Outdoor Exhibition including Union Square, Labor & Logistics Management, The Wedgwood Inn, The New Hope Solebury Library, The New Hope Historical Society at the Golden Door Gallery, Triumph Restaurant & Brewery, Celt-Iberia Traders, Ground Grippers and Wild Endeavors and to Site Sponsors The New Hope Chamber of Commerce and Triumph Restaurant & Brewery.

Special kudos to an amazing crew who once again transformed an empty warehouse space into an inviting gallery including site chair Jack Stewart and his amazing crew Chris Langhart, Mike Coluchio, George Terp John Danaher and Eric Silverman. More thanks to our men with trucks - Frank Deluca and Larry Keller - and to an exceptional exhibition installation team Marilyn Bullock, Elaine Daniels, Robin Elliott, Tim Elliott, Andrew Logan, Harry Gordon, Wendy Wilkinson-Gordon, Chuck Kumnick, Ray Mathis and Dana Stewart. More special thanks to Rosemoon Signs, The Solebury School, Primetime, ericrents.com, Rich Warwinski, The Lambertville Public School, Larry Keller of Hobensack & Keller, Designs by Marilyn, Larsen Designs, Grace Croteau, Riverrun Gallery, Gordon Nieburg, John Larsen, Tom Carroll and the Borough of New Hope for the donation of equipment and materials. More thanks to Borough Manager Janell Hammond and the New Hope Police Department for their help throughout the year.

For all the great food at the opening thanks go to Food Co-chairs Elaine Daniels and Rey Velasco and chefs and restaurants who provided such wonderful food: Jim Hamilton, John Larsen, Tom Block, John & Peter's, Havana, the Café at Rosemont, Duck Soup, Giuseppi's, Rick's, El Taco Loco, Thomas Sweet, Triumph Brewery, Walker's Wines, and servers Debbie Hones, Kathy Bates, bartenders Rey Velasco and Frank Deluca and students from the New Hope Solebury School Drama Club.

More thanks to gallery sitters Jan Witte, June Bierman, Ricky Godinez, Elsa Wise, Robin Elliott, Eva Storey, Lisa Mui, George Terp, Ray Mathis, Ginger Shelley, Ruth Hirschfield, Lynn McNeill, Kevin Forest, Marianne Snyder, Leslie Crilley, Earl Bierman, June Bierman, Chuck Kumnick, Wendy Gordon, Joanne Baer, Don Jordan, Kathy Creek, Elizabeth McCue, Jillian Ditzer, Mark Pettegrow, Jonathan Hertzell, Paul Murphy, Joan Arkuszewski, Dana Stewart, Sherry Baker, Elaine Daniels, Larry Keller, Marilyn Bullock, and Dr. Elmes

A special round of applause to an amazing committee that works for months to make it all look so effortless - Joan Arkuszewski, Joanne Baer, Marilyn Bullock, Leslie Crilley, Elaine Daniels, Robin Elliott, Harry Gordon, Wendy Gordon, Ruth Hirschfield, Larry Keller, Michael Kownacky, Joanne Lutostansky, Katia McQuirk, Lynn McNeill, Ray Mathis, Gordon Nieburg, Libby Nieburg, Ted Otten, Susan Roseman, Ginger Shelley, Dana Stewart, Jack Stewart and Dr. Rey Velasco.

And finally thanks to all the artists who offered so much more help than expected, to the generous publications like your own that continually reminded the public about our event and to the approximate 1500 local residents and visitors who attended and supported the show.

Thank you,

Robin Larsen, Project Director
New Hope Arts, Inc.

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