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## ARTS IN KENNEDY HEIGHTS



**T**here is art to explore, right by your front door! Expand your creativity this fall at Kennedy Heights Arts Center! Classes include clay-making, animation, dance, nature drawing, painting, pastels, mixed media, printmaking, and more. Classes start the week of September 16. Discover all class options and schedules, and register online at [www.kennedyarts.org](http://www.kennedyarts.org) or call 513-631-4278. Sliding scale fees available for those with financial need.

**Teen Artists for Change | Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Grades 7-12.** Calling all diverse young artists who want make an impact in their community. This fall, teens will partner with a local nonprofit to create a collaborative photojournalism project highlighting the immigrant and refugee experience in Greater Cincinnati.

**Deep Ink Writing Workshop**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 6-8 p.m. Ages 16-Adults, all levels.**  
 A guided journey to greater creative expression and meaningful writing, led by MoPoetry. A free workshop, part of the facilitator's practicum project to become a certified facilitator with WWf(a)C.

**KENNEDY GALLERY:**  
**Voices from Lebanon: Social and Cultural Reflections**  
**Sept 21 to No 9, 2019 |** Opening Reception: Sept 21, 6-8pm  
 Contemporary prints by Lebanese artists and Arab artists living in Lebanon. Expresses culture and reflects on social and political issues. Presented by SOS Art, Saad Ghosn, curator.  
 Gallery hours: Tues – Fri, 10am to 5pm; Sat, 11am to 4pm.

**LINDNER ANNEX GALLERY:**  
**You are My Sister**  
**Sept 7 – Dec 31, 2019 |** Opening Reception: Sept 7, 6-8pm  
 Contemporary quilts celebrating the diversity and solidarity of women. A visual representation of the empowerment that comes from unifying voices. Gallery hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 12 to 5pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, September 17**  
**KH Community Council**  
 at KH Presbyterian Church  
 6:30 p.m. FREE Dinner  
 7:30 p.m. Meeting

**Tuesday, September 24**  
**Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group**  
 At KH Presbyterian Church  
 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 513-841-1499 to register

**Thursday, September 26**  
**Photographs and Memories: Discovering Your Family History Using Family Search**  
 at Pleasant Ridge Library  
 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, October 5**  
**Lebanese Festival**  
 at KHAC (rain or shine)  
 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 15**  
**KH Community Council**  
 at KH Presbyterian Church  
 6:30 p.m. FREE Dinner  
 7:30 p.m. Meeting

**Tuesday, October 22**  
**Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group**  
 At KH Presbyterian Church  
 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 513-841-1499 to register

## EVENTS AT THE ARTS CENTER

### Lebanese Festival | Saturday, October 5, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

In conjunction with *Voices from Lebanon* (see front page), the community is invited to a festival of Lebanese/Arab culture including music, dance, ethnic food, folk art, poetry reading, and children's activities. The free event for all ages will take place in the gallery and on the grounds at Kennedy Heights Arts Center (rain or shine). Food and beverage available for purchase.



### Fall Back: The 70s | Friday, October 25, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Once again for our annual fall celebration, we are falling back to another era. So jump into the time machine, hike up those bell bottoms, and put on your favorite vinyl hit... because we're headed to the 1970s! The KHAC Lindner Annex will be transformed into a disco with far out fashion, music, dance, art and décor, nifty games, and food and drinks of the time. Can you dig it? Free event; cash bar.

### Honoring Lee DeRhodes | Saturday, Sep. 28, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Since its founding, local resident Lee DeRhodes has tended the gardens at Kennedy Heights Arts Center, creating a lush, beautiful and serene landscape for the community. After more than 15 years of service, Lee is "retiring" from his volunteer role as KHAC master gardener. Join us for a celebration to recognize and appreciate his years of service! Free refreshments. Brief program at 1:15 pm.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been a wonderful summer in Kennedy Heights! I hope you have been able to enjoy all the events our neighborhood has had to offer: Jazz, Play in the Park, art openings, art camps, beautiful gardens, and more.

Be sure to celebrate this year's Landscape Award winners. We are honored to have residents who take such pride in their property, and make Kennedy Heights a more beautiful place for everyone.

Autumn is approaching, which usually means our annual Progressive Dinner. Please see the article below about changes to the Progress Dinner, and help us find new ways for our neighborhood to connect with each other. We hope you have a fantastic fall.

- Douglas Linn, President

PROGRESSIVE DINNER 2019: CANCELLED

Contributed by Jean Bange

With much sadness, yet in a spirit of hope, we have decided to cancel the Progressive Dinner for 2019. This difficult decision was made in conjunction with the Kennedy Heights Community Council.

With a 35-year history, it has been a beloved tradition in our community. In the past few years, however, attendance has been dwindling. In 2018, only about half of those who bought tickets showed up for the event. A substantial amount of food and drink were left over, both at hosts' homes and at the Appetizer and Dessert/Auction events. Many, many volunteer hours were put in with very little to show for it.

The Progressive Dinner is not intended to be a fundraiser, but rather an event to foster community in Kennedy Heights. It is an opportunity for longtime and new residents to meet, to share a meal and to get to know one another. Has the community changed? Has this long-standing event lost its appeal? Do you have suggestions to change or improve the event? Is there a need for a different kind of event?

We would like to hear your ideas. Please share your thoughts about the cancellation, possible reasons for the lack of attendance, the future of the Progressive Dinner or ideas for another potential community-building event for our neighborhood.

Email Jean@kennedyheights.org Thank You!

FRIENDS OF KENNEDY HEIGHTS: JUNE 1, 2019 - JULY 31, 2019

Thank you to those who gave a gift to Kennedy Heights in June and July at the invitation of Bob Kamp, by mail, and online. Your generosity makes our programs possible. We invite you a sustaining member by giving monthly using the Donate button on our website, kennedyheights.org. If we have inadvertently omitted your name, please inform us.

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AGING IN COMMUNITY: HEAT AND ALZHEIMERS

Hot weather can be dangerous for older people, including people with Alzheimer's disease. There are ways you can help keep safe during the summer months:



- People with Alzheimer's may wear the wrong clothing for the season. Offer weather-appropriate clothing when going out in the heat. Watch for signs of dehydration, including dry mouth, dizziness, rapid heart rate, and hallucinations. (Hallucinations may also be caused by Alzheimer's itself). Be aware of how much fluid the person is drinking. Offer fluids throughout the day. If the person lives alone, check in daily to make sure they are staying cool and hydrated.

Join our free monthly support group, on the 4th Tuesday or every month, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church's Caring Place. Reach us with questions or concerns at Aging in Community: 513-536-6243

## PLEASANT RIDGE LIBRARY

Please note that some events/classes require pre-registration, which can be done in person at the branch, online at [www.cincinnati.library.org](http://www.cincinnati.library.org), or by calling 513-369-4488. For questions about any of the events or classes, please contact the branch. Please check the branch calendar for possible additions to the schedule. **ALL BRANCHES CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 2.**

**Art for Kids!** Ages 4–12.  
Tues. 9/17, 10/15. 4:00 p.m.

**Astronomy Program with Cincinnati Observatory.**  
Tues. 9/24. 4:00 p.m.

**Diabetes Support Group.**  
Wed. 9/25, 10/30. 2:00 p.m.

**Cool Science!** Ages 5–12.  
Thurs. 9/12, 10/10. 4:00 p.m.

**Get Crafty!** Adults.  
Tues. 9/16. 6:30 p.m.

**Homework Help.**  
Mon.-Thurs. 3:00-6:00 p.m.

**Let's Go Lego & Other Building Bricks!** Ages 3–12.  
Fri. 9/27, 10/25. 4:00 p.m.

**Make It, Take It Craft!** Teens.  
Mon. 9/16. 4:00 p.m.

**Maker Monday.** Teens.  
Mon. 9/9, 10/14. 4:00 p.m.

**Photographs and Memories: Discovering Your Family History Using Family Search.**  
Thurs. 9/26. 6:30 p.m.

**Sensory Playtime!** Ages 0–5.  
Sat. 9/14, 10/12. 10:30 a.m.

**Tales to Tails with Ruby or Holly.**  
Thurs. 9/5. 4:00 p.m.

**Teen Chef!**  
Mon. 10/21. 4:00 p.m.

**Pleasant Ridge Book Club.** Adults. Call the branch for the month's title.  
Thurs. 9/12, 10/10. 2:00 p.m.

**STORY TIMES**  
Join us for one of our story times:

**Library Babies and Toddler Time!** Ages 0–36 mos.  
Every Wed., 10:00 a.m.

**Preschool Story Time**  
Registration required. Ages 3–6.  
Every Wed., 10:45 a.m.

## GUARDIAN SAVINGS BRANCH COMING TO KENNEDY HEIGHTS



Kennedy Heights Development Council (KHDC) is excited about the new Guardian Savings bank that is going to be built on Kennedy Heights cultural campus. The new branch will be built on the outlot near the corner of McHugh and Montgomery. Construction is expected to begin soon.

"We wanted to make sure it was something that was a good fit for the community," Jamie Carr, KHDC Board Chair, said. "A bank wasn't specifically on our list, but we knew it was something that would help the community. We're already working on initiatives around home ownership with them."

KHDC and Guardian Savings plan to offer an informational event about the banks services in the near future, including down payment assistance, financing to renovate homes, and low-cost refinancing. For more information, email or call Christine at [kennedyheightsdc1@gmail.com](mailto:kennedyheightsdc1@gmail.com) or 513-400-3525.

## NOTABLE NEIGHBORS: JODY BARKLEY



Longtime Kennedy Heights resident Jody Barkley has been helping people find their home for 44 years. This year, again, she has been honored with a Five Star Real Estate Agent award for demonstrating excellence in her field. An exclusive group of less than 2% of real estate agents in the Cincinnati area, this honor is based not just on sales but also on customer service.

Jody is originally from Clarkson, Michigan. She attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor at the same time that her first husband was in the ROTC there. In 1964, he was activated and they were sent to Elgin Air Force Base in Destin, Florida. Once in Florida, Jody was surprised to find that the schools and hospitals there were not accredited. With several years of art school and no degree, Jody was asked if she would like to teach school. Even without training or experience, she taught 3rd grade in an all-white school. After his discharge, her

husband took a job with General Electric as an aeronautical engineer and they found themselves in Cincinnati. They purchased a house on Doon Ave. in Kennedy Heights. Jody lived there for 39 years, and it was where she raised their two daughters, Alex and Jessica.

Jody did not have a job. She got involved in a Class Action suit in which communities were suing five real estate companies and 17 agents for racial steering (steering white homebuyers away from black or racially mixed areas, implying that the areas would not be safe, would be victims of crimes, and so forth). They won the suit, which energized Jody and inspired her to go to law school and help the underdog.

Jody befriended Henry Leist of Leist Realty and went to work selling homes. One of her first sales was on two homes the same day, Fran and Mike Harmon on Kinoll Ave. and Christine Schumacher and Hal Hess on Wyatt Ave.

Soon after her divorce from her first husband, Jody met Ardell Barkley. It was 1982, and the setting was John Nolan Ford. She went in to lease a car. He sold her a blue 1982 Ford Escort, and they fell in love and married—an African American Catholic and a Caucasian Jew! Twenty-five years later, after living in their home on Doon for 25 years, they downsized and found a home on Tyne Ave. Ardell died very unexpectedly in March 2018. Like Jody, Ardell knew many people, through his years of work in car sales and playing and coaching baseball.

Jody has many interesting stories from her career. She recalls rushing to meet an inspector at a house when she was stopped by the police in a local municipality. The two officers were suspicious of her at first. She offered her business card as proof of her explanation, but she still got a ticket. Several weeks later she received an e-mail from one of the officers asking her for help in finding a house, which resulted in the purchase of a \$250,000 home!

Jody Barkley represents all of the things that are good about our community: welcoming, friendly, supportive, someone you can count on, a good friend and neighbor, someone who truly cares. We thank you, Jody, for caring for our homes and our hearts!

## 2019 LANDSCAPE AWARD WINNERS

The Kennedy Heights Landscape Awards Committee would like to thank the community for submitting a total of 31 nominations for an award—probably the most nominations in the history of the contest. It was a pleasure for the judges to evaluate the beautiful landscapes and select five winners and two Honorable Mentions. Learn what each winner likes best about their garden:



**Tony and Dana Arrasmith**  
**6341 Iris**

Tony and Dana have lived in their current house for 13 years, and in Kennedy Heights for a total of 27 years. Their front garden is a lovely mix of shade-tolerant annuals and perennials, a choice of plants necessitated by the towering, mature tree that shelters the front of the house. In the backyard, they grow herbs and vegetables in raised beds made from wood that Tony salvaged from a photo shoot. The garden

that they really love, however, is the Beer Garden, also in the backyard. Its focal point is a patio equipped with a fire pit, grill, and festive lighting, and surrounded by plants. This is where Tony and Dana relax and entertain friends. From here they enjoy watching the changing trees and flowers mark the transition of one season into another.



**Bill Barnett and Chris Crowley**  
**5901 Robison Road**

Bill and Chris have lived in Kennedy Heights since 2011, when they bought their mid-century modern house. After almost a year of renovating the house, they began work on the gardens. One of the first things that they planted was a blue-spruce standard that was a super, end-of-season deal at Home Depot. Today, it has matured into a lovely specimen that is one of Bill's favorite things about the garden.

Both the front and back gardens, including the pool area, are accented with brightly-hued ceramic pots full of colorful annual and tropical plants. These pots and the pool are what Chris particularly likes about the garden. He and Bill love being outside and sharing their gardens with others because, as Chris points out, it took a lot of hard work to get to this point.



**Tim and Tina Dumont**  
**6258 Orchard Lane**

Over the 16 years that Tim and Tina have lived in their Kennedy Heights house, their garden has evolved to include an emphasis on perennials and shrubs, with a few annuals added for color. This is especially true around their back patio that they built 8 years ago for entertaining. The fireplace that they recently built allows them to use

this area through three seasons. From the flowering apple trees in the spring to the scarlet leaves of the burning bushes in the fall, they have something lovely to observe through each season. They even keep the mosquitos at bay with an industrial fan, so it's no wonder that this is their favorite part of the garden.

## 2019 LANDSCAPE AWARD WINNERS (cont.)



**Brenda Clevenger**  
**3469 Woodford Road**

When Brenda moved into her house in 1995, there was nothing planted; she had to start from scratch. She began by planting tulips, which she treats as annuals. Since then she has planted about 100 per year. She added lilies and lilacs for fragrance and flowers to cut for bouquets. She grows a few tomato plants among the flowers because that is where the sun hits. Each year she lets her Halloween pumpkin decompose in the bed by the front porch, and the following year, a seedling sprouts and grows into a large plant that produces at least one pumpkin for the next Halloween. What Brenda likes best about her garden is that from the earliest spring bulbs through the bright orange of a late-autumn pumpkin, she can come home to something colorful throughout the entire growing season.



**Maxine Johnson**  
**6820 Bantry Avenue**

Maxine, who has lived in her house for 41 years, began gardening 39 years ago when her son was little. He enjoyed looking for worms and snails as she dug in the dirt. She started with what is still her favorite part of the garden—The Circle—a bed bordered by rocks. Though the plants have changed over the years, it remains the focal point of the front yard. One of her favorite plants is a sedum called Live Forever.

She started with one clump, but has divided it over the years to form a hedge along the front sidewalk. Maxine spends time working in her garden every day, and her colorful, well-maintained borders reflect how much she enjoys it.

**Honorable Mentions:**

Tom and Sandy Haffner  
6140 Robison Road

Onalda Martinez  
6434 Crestview

**Landscape Awards Committee:**

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