Inspiration To Be Found at Arts Cafe
By Jessica Dieter, Arts Cafe Committee Volunteer

If you have ever been curious about what actually happens when neighbors gather, I invite you to step inside The Local Cup.

Just two years ago at the Arts Cafe, the vision was sampled when neighbors set up the pop up coffee shop with dreams in their eyes. After many discussions, vision sharing, volunteering and plenty of good old fashioned hard work, the impressive remodel is living proof of what a neighborhood arts and music festival can promote:

Now, there is a place in the neighborhood to gather and sit, enjoy company and conversation.

If you have ever wondered how an artist can think of such incredible ways to express themselves, I can tell you that they discovered what inspires them.

When we put efforts into inspiring the children, we give them a better chance to express their creative side. If you have ever dreamed of cruising our historic district riding on a wagon pulled by horses, I hope you jumped on the Hay Rides in the Hood! Our Kids Zone offered hands on activities for the younger ones to get in touch with their creative side. If you have ever dreamed of cruising our historic district riding on a wagon pulled by horses, I hope you jumped on the Hay Rides in the Hood!

One of the original reasons for this event was to share with the community the efforts that are being made to rejuvenate the homes here. Arts Cafe is a special event because to get together, we need a reason; and to build a community, we need each other.

Solar Uniting Neighbors (SUN) Grant
Powering our NNN Building & Gatherings
By Kathy Schuth, NNN Executive Director

The Solar Uniting Neighbors (SUN) program, administered by the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development (IACED), has awarded the NNN, Inc. funding to support the installation of solar photovoltaic panels on the roof of the NNN Community Center.

As part of this project, the NNN will be revising the current electrical system of seven separate electric meters for the apartments, office, commercial and community spaces. The new system will combine the meters into a more streamlined system and offset the majority of the electrical needs of the complex during peak seasons.

The NNN will be installing an educational electrical reader board within the NNN Community Space, to promote solar energy, and provide understanding of the benefits of the system. For the project, the NNN worked closely with Inovateus Solar and Martell Electric. We are thankful for their expertise and support.

The panels and invertors have been installed, and we are waiting for final connection with the electrical company. We anticipate being able to begin offsetting energy needs just in time for the winter months. You will all be invited to an official opening, where we will explain the system, and invite your questions about the solar project.

Would you like to be on the NNN ListServ and be in contact with your neighbors about Community information and announcements?
Please email or call us with your name and email address to nnnassistant@nearnorthwest.org or 232-9182

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The Local Cup
Pay-It-Forward NNN Coffee Shop
Open Every Saturday; 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1089 Portage Avenue

Yoga Classes (Free of charge)
Mondays, 4:00 p.m.—5:15 p.m.
Gentle/Restorative Yoga w/ Ann Clark
Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
Developing Yoga Practice w/ Ann Clark
Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. (through Dec. 9th)
Holistic Yoga flow w/ Stefanie Israel

Beginning Pilates (Free of Charge)
With Beth Salmon
Starting Dec. 3rd; Ending February 2016
Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Kids Music Class
With Mark Hoipkemier
Fridays, 9:00 a.m. (on a semester calendar)
Kids walking age to Kindergarten, with parent participation.

Youth on Stage Presents “Scrooge”
Performances at the NNN on December 11 @ 7:00 p.m. and December 12 @ 2:00 p.m.

NNN Community Space Use
Ask us how to use our shared space, or find more information at:
http://www.nearnorthwest.org/neighborhood-projects/community-space-use/
NNN SB150 Art Gallery Opens
By Peg Luecke, Art Gallery Coordinator

The Near Northwest has a long history as a neighborhood of choice for artists. With 2015 marking South Bend’s 150th anniversary, NNN, Inc. decided to tap into this artistic mother lode with a call for entries, aimed at creating a permanent collection for the NNN Community Center.

The theme South Bend: Past, Present, Future encouraged representation of the artist’s view of the diversity, strength, and community found within South Bend’s neighborhoods. Ten artists were selected from among submitted proposals; each was awarded a stipend for the work created, with additional funds used to frame and install the works, all made possible by the receipt of an SB150 grant from the City of South Bend, the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County ArtsEverywhere Fund, and the sponsorship of Notre Dame Federal Credit Union.

The following artists, working in a variety of mediums, are represented in the collection: sculptor Justin Barfield, fiber artists Margaret Bryant and Sade Murphy, painters Roy Hruska, Judy Ladd, Qi Long Lu, Bill Sandusky and Dan Slattery; photographers J.C. Overgaard and Lou Sabo.

Style and imagery in the works ranges from the challenge of Justin Barfield’s sculpture installations suggesting the neglect of urban buildings, to the familiar view of the Michigan Street bridge executed by watercolorist Dan Slattery. Lou Sabo’s ethereal depiction of a Chapin Park street scene is juxtaposed with J. C. Overgaard’s energized images of neighbors at play and thoughtful repose. The fascination with nature, as in Qi Long Lu’s woods scene, or the inner world of a bell pepper depicted by Bill Sandusky showcase a diversity of viewpoints that reflects our neighborhood’s eclectic, creative community.

Neighbors assisting with the selection and installation process include Jessica Dieter, George Garner, Peg Luecke, and Jed Walls. In-kind support was received from The Frame Factory and Gene’s Camera.

The SB150 Gallery debuted on the eve of Arts Café, and will continue to enhance this community space for years to come.

Community Partnership Grows at Leeper
By NNN

A hint of roots and seeds of growth was announced this past Spring regarding a partnership with Madison Primary, Memorial Hospital, the South Bend Parks department, the Historic Preservation Committee and participants from the University of Notre Dame to create classroom gardens in the area south of the Leeper Tennis Center as Madison works to become a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) school.

The efforts of this partnership are creating a new area of creative use and beautification to Leeper Park, while being careful to respect the history of Leeper Park and its unique design features. Memorial, to celebrate SB150, has committed to donations and other help over 5 years to collaborate on service-oriented student engaged projects to enhance Leeper Park and collaborate with STEM at Madison Primary Center.

This group of community partners has let the NNN know of a commitment to bring information about the project to the neighbors, and the NNN will host an informational meeting regarding next steps and phases, as well as volunteer possibilities. This will likely occur in spring 2016.

Vintage Green DIY Workshop Series
Indiana Landmarks presents Vintage Green – a series of hands-on workshops demonstrating best practices in sustainable renovation and restoration. Based at a historic Queen Anne home rescued from foreclosure in South Bend, Vintage Green will demonstrate that sustainability and historic preservation can work hand-in-hand.

Through next summer a range of half-day workshops covers all aspects of home renovation giving participants a chance to practice skills at the demonstration house located at 222 Chapin Street. The list of workshops and dates :

- November 21: Windows
- January 16: Plan reading/ Demolition
- February 6: Plumbing
- February 20: Heating and cooling
- March 5: Electrical
- March 19: Insulation
- April 2: Plaster and drywall repair
- April 16: Kitchen and Bath
- May 7: Flooring and Woodwork
- May 21: Finishes
- June 4: Porches
- June 18: Landscaping

Get more information or register at www.indianalandmarks.org.
Or contact Todd Zeiger, tzeiger@indianalandmarks.org or 574-232-4534.

Qi Long Lu, an NNN artist featured in the SB150 Gallery, speaks with neighbors at the Gallery opening

The Arts Café Kid Zone was a popular place for instant Creativity and playfulness

Neighbors and visitors enjoy the Hayride in the ‘hood at the Arts Café