

# OAK STREET ART

## Community Engagement 2016-2019

*Revised July 31, 2019*

### **July, 2019**

Oak Street Art was given a WSIU “Good Neighbor” award for July! Below is an excerpt from the WSIU press release:

*“WSIU Public Broadcasting, a service of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is pleased to announce Oak Street Art Group as the new Community Group award recipient for WSIU’s One Region, All Neighbors initiative. The ‘Good Neighbor’ Award is inspired by Fred Rogers and recognizes those*



*who make a positive impact in the community . . . Exemplifying the power of ‘art-reach,’ the intersection of art and outreach, a team of local artists earned the ‘Good Neighbor’ Award for their efforts with John A. Logan Elementary School in the Murphysboro, Ill., school district. Nominated by teacher Tabitha Harris, the Oak Street Art Group recently expanded from a local art fair into classrooms and the community at large.”*



### **June 11, 2019**

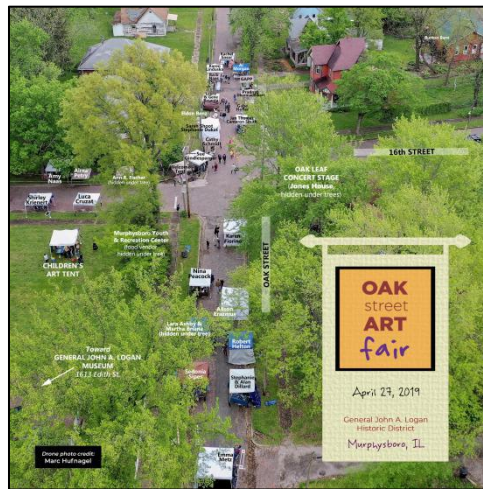
Oak Street Art artists (Cathy Schmidt, Sue Gindlesparger, Shirley Krienert, and Luca Cruzat) led children in making Father’s Day gifts at the Murphysboro Youth & Recreation Center. Leather artist Cathy Schmidt designed the project for children to create personalized leather key chains as gifts.

### **Thursday, May 2, 2019**

At the Jackson Growth Alliance revitalization project’s Artist Visioning Session, Oak Street Art was represented by Luca Cruzat, Darby Ortolano, Cathy Schmidt, and Shirley Krienert.

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

Oak Street Art Fair on Oak Street between 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets. Children's Art Tent with 4 hours of structured projects.



**Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

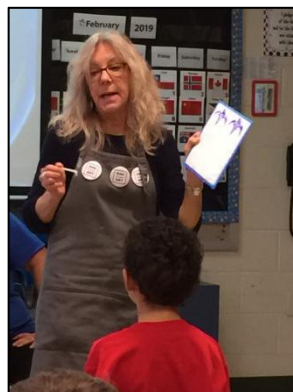
Second grade classroom (Gen. John A. Logan Attendance Center) art lesson: Picasso selfie project led by Oak Street Art metalsmith Sue Gindlesparger and Oak Street Art leather artist, Cathy Schmidt. Project conceived by Oak Street Art painter Rachel Ensor.

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019**

At the Jackson Growth Alliance Town Hall meeting, Oak Street Art was represented by Shirley Krienert, Cathy Schmidt, and Ann Fischer.

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

Second grade classroom (Gen. John A. Logan Attendance Center) art lesson: Adinkra cloth stamping with Oak Street Art metalsmith Sue Gindlesparger, with assistance from Cathy Schmidt and Shirley Krienert.



***December, 2018***

Oak Street Art sponsored a child for the John A. Logan Attendance Center angel tree

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Oak Street Art painter Rachel Malcolm Ensor juried regional high school art competition at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

***November, 2018***

Oak Street Art donated a gift basket of art supplies for Sallie Logan Public Library silent auction.

***Friday, November 30, 2018***

All 7 Oak Street Art members worked one-on-one with almost 200 children to create their own tree ornaments for the Murphysboro Hometown Christmas celebration: <https://bit.ly/2Q0u3r8>



***Tuesday, November 13, 2018***

Second grade classroom (Gen. John A. Logan Attendance Center) art lesson: Making pinch pots with Oak Street Art ceramic artist Darby Ortolano, with assistance from Oak Street Art fiber artist Shirley Krienert: [oakstreetart.com/blog/darby-ortolanosecond-grade-pottery](http://oakstreetart.com/blog/darby-ortolanosecond-grade-pottery)





***Saturday, November 3, 2018***

Oak Street Art was pleased to set up a table at the Women's Center fundraiser at the Old Feed Store in Cobden, with a portion of sales going directly to the Women's Center:

[oakstreetart.com/blog/oak-street-art-joins-womens-center-fundraiser](http://oakstreetart.com/blog/oak-street-art-joins-womens-center-fundraiser)



***Saturday, October 6, 2018***

Three Oak Street Art members participated in the General John A. Logan Museum event, A Woman's Work Is Never Done. Cathy Schmidt hosted a table of Oak Street Artists' work for sale, Rachel Malcolm Ensor gave a lecture on African American folk quilting, and Shirley Krienert held an embroidery demonstration: <https://bit.ly/2VzIE2Q>.

***Tuesday, October 23, 2018***

Oak Street Art leather artist Cathy Schmidt and Oak Street Art fiber artist Shirley Krienert taught children to make dreamcatchers at STEAM night by 4-H at the Murphysboro Youth & Recreation Center:

[oakstreetart.com/blog/steam-nightdreamcatchers](http://oakstreetart.com/blog/steam-nightdreamcatchers)



**Thursday, October 4, 2018**

Second grade classroom (Gen. John A. Logan Attendance Center) art lesson: Making dreamcatchers with Oak Street Art leather artist Cathy Schmidt, with assistance from Oak Street Art fiber artist Shirley Krienert:

[oakstreetart.com/blog/second-gradesmiles-with-cathy-schmidt](http://oakstreetart.com/blog/second-gradesmiles-with-cathy-schmidt)



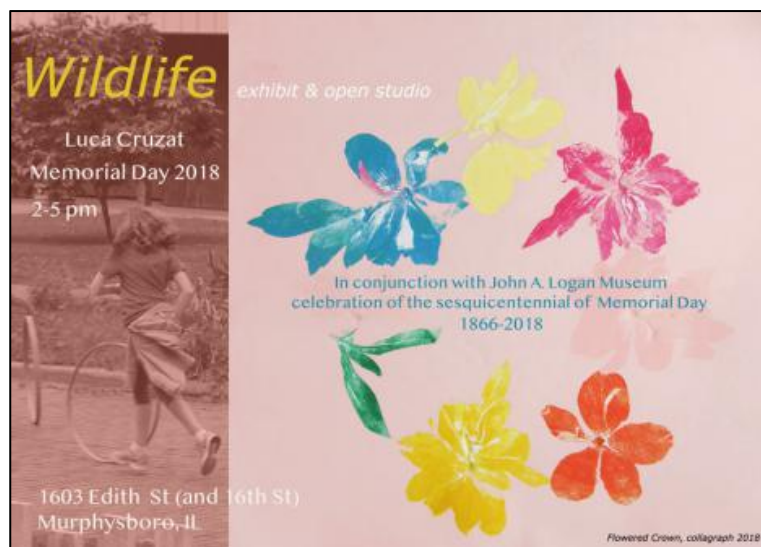
**October, 2018**

Oak Street Art painter Rachel Malcolm Ensor judged a scarecrow decorating competition at Mileur Orchard.

**Monday, May 28, 2018**

Oak Street Art printmaker Luca Cruzat held an open studio day, with a special print ("Wildlife") made for the General John A. Logan Museum sesquicentennial Memorial Day celebration:

[oakstreetart.com/blog/2018-memorial-day-openstudio-wildlife-with-printmaker-luca-cruzat](http://oakstreetart.com/blog/2018-memorial-day-openstudio-wildlife-with-printmaker-luca-cruzat).





**Monday, May 14, 2018**

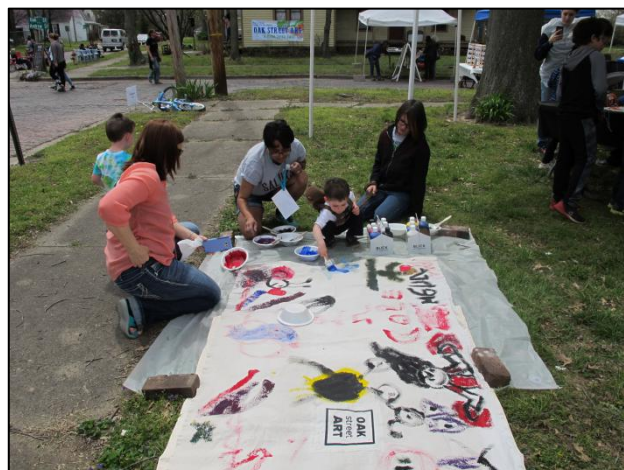
Oak Street Art ceramic artist Darby Ortolano brought the Oak Street Art Selfie Station to the Murphysboro Youth and Recreation Center for Murphysboro Family Vacation Night: [oakstreetart.com/blog/selfie-station-murphysborofamily-vacation-night](http://oakstreetart.com/blog/selfie-station-murphysborofamily-vacation-night)



Murphysboro mayor  
Will Stephens

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

Third annual Oak Street Art Fair! Children's Art Tent with 4 hours of structured projects and an all-day children's mural: [oakstreetart.com/blog/2018-children](http://oakstreetart.com/blog/2018-children)



***Saturday, September 23, 2017***

Second annual Oak Street Art Fair. Rescheduled to September due to bad weather on originally scheduled April date:

[www.oakstreetart.com/blog/5-things-to-love-about-the-oak-street-fine-arts-fair-s-at-sept-23](http://www.oakstreetart.com/blog/5-things-to-love-about-the-oak-street-fine-arts-fair-s-at-sept-23)



***Friday, September 22, 2017***

Oak Street Art members Sue Gindlesparger, Rachel Malcolm Ensor, and Ann Fischer talk with Murphysboro mayor Will Stephens about tomorrow's art fair on WXAN radio. Listen to the interview here:

<https://soundcloud.com/radio-will/oak-street-art-fair-2017>



***Saturday, April 23, 2016***

First-ever Oak Street Art Fair, with Murphysboro mayor Will Stephens cutting the ribbon (below, right).

