



Hudson River Mural in Three Panels

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(acrylic, collage)

This spring IAHD received an Arts for People with Special Needs grant from the ArtsWestchester Council; the grant was one of the Council's Artist in Residency programs.

Ann Ladd was selected from a group of artists who participate in the Artists in Residence program because of her expertise in working with individuals in similar settings, as well as her talent for making collages and murals of different textures. We knew she was going to be a great teacher and coach for this project.

The mural presented an excellent opportunity for people to work collaboratively on a project while also allowing for individualized expression. Those who participated had opportunities to experiment with different types of paints and brushes as well as try many of the other techniques Ann showed them.

The theme for the mural was to capture the Hudson River with its fish, vegetation, animal and insect life which we see every day traveling along the Hudson River.

Over ten IAHD program participants worked and contributed their talent to the creation of the mural. The result is a colorful, lively three panel mural featuring fish, boats and all things related to life near the river.

Everyone was given brushes, copy paper and acrylic paint. Remarkably all the colors in this mural were created from three primary colors: red, yellow, blue and some white. Everyone enjoyed mixing, blending and observing the number of colors that can be created from a limited color pallet.

The painted elements of the mural were created as cut outs, collage pieces that were applied to the plywood boards.

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