



METUCHEN WINDOWS OF UNDERSTANDING 2025 PUBLIC ART PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

This is the fifth year that the Metuchen Arts Council and Friends of Metuchen Arts are participating with arts councils in New Brunswick, Highland Park, South Plainfield, and Rahway, to facilitate the creation and exhibitions of art that speaks to community activism on social justice and environmental issues. The vision for this public art project is to transform our “main street” sites into literal windows of understanding; spaces in which the community can learn about the positive strides being made by local organizations around a wide array of social justice and environmental issues.

This year the project is activating youth clubs and groups in the participating towns to be artist collectives and pairing them with artist facilitators. In Metuchen, the Metuchen Arts Council and Friends of Metuchen Arts are working with local teaching artist Joseph Castronova and the Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey, to create an impactful, collaborative installation that will take over the Berkshire Hathaway office windows in Metuchen this coming February through April.

The Girl Scouts troops 80029, 80261, 80458, 80462, 80614, and 81365 are working with the environmental theme, “Taking Care of Our Planet and Each Other.” As part of the project the Scouts have done research about wildlife and insects that are native to our area. They are depicting their subjects in sculpture and paint under the guidance of Mr. Castronova.

“This project is a visual and scientific investigation into the unique and diverse ecosystem in our region,” said Castronova. “Through this art project the Girl Scouts are working to inform themselves and others to be better stewards of nature.”

The girl’s work will be on display in the windows of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services at 564 Middlesex Avenue in Metuchen, from February 15 through April 2025. The public is invited to celebrate the accomplishments of these young artists at a special reception on February 22 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Berkshire Hathaway.

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