STUDIO 84 2022 ANNUAL



HERE WE BLOOM AGAIN

A message from the Founder **DEBORAH BLACKWELL**

I feel like 2022 was a year of re-seeding. People were starting to get comfortable with coming out to play again in all aspect of our life. Life was moving towards a 'normal'. While our student count was still low about midway, it started to increase by the end of the year. And here it is February 2023 and we have sprouted and bloomed once again.

Students who have been gone for over two years are back. Our larger groups have had their clients return and now are returning back to our programing. What's really exciting is to see artists who were with us from the very very early days as young children and teenagers, return now as young adults who are taller than me! They haven't forgotten what the arts and Studio 84 brought them and so once life for them changed after school, they came back to a place they knew would be welcoming, challenging, fun and allowed them to flourish further in their growth as a human.

With all the growth, we are sad to say that there have been some losses. The Studio lost two incredible artists in 2022, Debbie Franzen and Laurie Narad. Their fellow artists and our staff

miss their smiles, humor, and incredibleness that they were. When one of family is missing, it's just never the same. Their spirits live on through their art and families of both have decided to allow us to continue selling their work with profits helping to support their fellow artists and our programing. Somehow we know those smiles are still glowing as they look down upon us everyday.





Debbie Franzen

Laurie Narad

Some other changes seen in 2022 was the retirement plans for myself. Heading into retirement was a hard choice but one that I knew had to be eventually made. So we welcome Benjamin Kelly as the new Director and hired a new Artistic Mentor/Assistant, Hannah Brock. Both are doing very well in their new positions. Lots of training is going on, while I am busily still working from home!? So not totally retired yet...my goal with this transition is to get all those things I've neglected for too long well organized and written down. So a training manual is almost complete, our files are very organized and a new system for our online store has developed and getting put together. It feels good to know I can leave the Studio in good hands that is well organized, so when I'm off MIA, traveling in the camper van with my husband Frank, staff can carry on with no troubles.

Creatively yours, Deborah

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LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

As we move into 2023 we have exciting plans that have been delayed for several years thanks to....(we won't mention any names of virus's or anything). But our plans for an Escape Room is finally coming to fruition. It is designed around an art gallery concept and since it's during the month of October we couldn't help but make sure it was on the scary side too. "Life and Death Through the Artist's Eye" promises to be a winner fundraiser for us, so be watching for details and ticket sales to open in early spring. We will keep you posted for sure! Those attending will need to crack the code in order to escape this creepy art gallery!

2022 FINANCIAL PICTURE



