



## SPRING ART SHOW

By Jennifer Kilburn, BEi Art Instructor

The BEinspired art program is in a season of “Awakening,” which is the theme of the spring art show to be held at the Wetmore Gallery at the Warren Public Library. BEi artists are busy creating colorful, imaginative and inspiring pieces of artwork in a variety of media that will be featured at our upcoming art show. This is going to be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talents and artistic interests of BEi artists, and I am looking forward to connecting with many in the Warren community for this exciting event.

The spring art show would also not be possible without the help and support of the individuals on the art show planning committee. I am deeply grateful for the enthusiasm and commitment of these individuals who are working behind the scenes to make this an amazing art show for the entire community to enjoy.



BEi’s spring art show will have a preview for our BEi artists on Wednesday, May 20 from noon – 1 p.m. The adults will be treated to a pizza lunch at the Warren Public Library, where they will also be able to see their artwork displayed and interact with community members who would like to join us for that event.

The show will open on Thursday, May 21 with a cheese and wine reception from 5 – 7:45 p.m. in the Wetmore Gallery. This event is open to the community. The art show continues through June 12. Many of the beautiful pieces of artwork are available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting our talented artists.

Mark your calendars now to be a part of this community celebration of beauty, art and creativity!

**THURSDAY, MAY 21 • 5 – 7:45 P.M. • WETMORE GALLERY**



# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Bollinger:

I see exciting times for Bollinger as we move into 2020.

Over the course of the coming year, Bollinger will be working on a Capital Campaign to raise \$1.4 million, conduct the first annual Bollinger Art Show, and continue to provide new opportunities for our adults to learn and grow.

The Capital Campaign Committee has been working diligently to build awareness about this initiative both in our community and beyond. Through these efforts, the Edith Trees Charitable Trust has donated \$450,000 which will be used toward expansion of the parking lot and vehicle fleet. We are all very encouraged by the response to the Capital Campaign and look forward to sharing our story with more donors and businesses as we work toward achieving our goal.

A committee of Bollinger employees and parents of adults has been planning the first annual BEInspired Art Show. Artwork created by more than 30 of our artists will be on display from May 21 – June 12 at the Warren Public Library. The community is invited there for a wine and cheese reception to kick off the event on Thursday, May 21 from 5 – 7:45 p.m. The theme of the show is “Awakening” and we hope that the exhibit will awaken the entire region to the wonderful work being done by our adult artists.

As we embark on a new year and a new decade, I want to take a moment to commend our Bollinger employees. They work hard every day to encourage qualities such as self-worth, independence, and self-esteem as they provide vital opportunities to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities.

Thank you all for your faith and support of Bollinger.

William A. Clark, D.Ed.  
Executive Director



## ADULT TRAINING FACILITY: MEET OUR STAFF

*Left to right: Debbie Dunn, Tara Nelson, Alyssa Bailey, Michelle Dickson and Mary Jane Harriger.*

**DEBBIE DUNN** began working at BEi in December 2013 in the Pre-vocational Program, then joined the ATF Program when it was established in October 2015. She has a great love for animals and enjoys music.

**TARA NELSON** began working at BEi in September 2019. She has an Early Childhood Education Certificate and was an activity director at the Ruth Smith Center. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family.

**ALYSSA BAILEY** began working in the ATF in April 2019 after working as a personal care aide for five years prior to joining our team. Alyssa loves to read and enjoys baking.

**MICHELLE DICKSON** has been with BEi since August 2019. She has experience as a direct care aide and support service worker, and is a busy mother of two children.

**MARY JANE HARRIGER** began working with the ATF in August 2019. Before that she got to know our adults as the BEi bus driver from 1992 to 1996. She is the mother of four boys and has five grandchildren. In her free time she enjoys her family.



**S**usan Allen has been part of the Warren community since childhood. She has two children, Justin, who is served at BEi, and a daughter, Kristina, who lives in Pittsburgh.

Susan is retired from Blair Corporation after 46 years of service. She enjoys volunteering with Paws Along The River Humane Society (PAWS).

In addition to serving as vice president of the Board of Directors, she is also volunteer coordinator at PAWS and likes walking and caring for the animals.

Susan also volunteers with Special Olympics of Warren County where her responsibilities include informing the athletes about upcoming activities.

Learn more about Susan and Justin's road to employment in a video at [BEIWARREN.COM/GIVE](http://BEIWARREN.COM/GIVE)

# BEINVESTED TO BETTER SERVE OUR ADULTS AND FAMILIES

**B**ollinger Enterprises Inc. (BEi) marked Founder's Day on Friday, Nov. 15 by commemorating our past as well as celebrating our future with the launch of a \$1.4 million capital campaign.

BEi has undertaken a three-year effort to raise funds to help expand and enhance services to adults with intellectual disabilities and their families in the Warren-Forest County region.

The theme of the campaign, "BEinspired, BEincluded and BEinvested," will focus on three major areas:

1. Renovations to the current facilities located at 44 N. State Street in North Warren;
2. Adding to the vehicle fleet to enable more opportunities for community activities and involvement;
3. Expanding programs relating to community employment and community participation support.

"We are excited about the opportunities that we can bring to adults in our region," said Dr. William Clark, executive director of BEi. "We are thankful for the tremendous support we have always received from businesses and donors in the Warren area, and I am confident that they will again invest in our mission and the adults and families of our community."



The campaign's first major gift, a \$450,000 grant from the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust, will fund the purchase of new vehicles to provide a wider variety of community activities for adults. From left are Campaign Committee Chairperson Kelly Johnson; BEi artist Jennifer Kersey; Executive Director Dr. William Clark; Larry Blair and Jessica Reitzel of the Trees Trust; and John Barber, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Barber National Institute.

Planning for the capital campaign has been underway for more than a year with a committee of BEi staff, board members and representatives from the community. The committee is chaired by Kelly Johnson, and includes Bob Crowley, Julie Bennet, Dean Huya, and John Kersey with BEi staff Julia Fratrich, Ron Heinrich and Dr. Clark.

Look for mailings, events and presentations to area business and social clubs as we share news about the campaign and encourage the community to invest in this project that will benefit adults served by BEi. For more information, including video stories about the achievements of our adults, visit [BEIWARREN.COM/GIVE](http://BEIWARREN.COM/GIVE)



## FOUNDERS DAY AWARDS

Patrick Hamilton, center, from Elwood National Forge accepted artwork from Dr. William Clark, left, and John Barber.



Warren County Commissioners Jeff Eggleston, left, and Ben Kafferlin, second from right, accept an award of appreciation from Bollinger artist Earl Duvall, Dr. William Clark, and John Barber, president of the Barber National Institute.

**B**Ei celebrated Founders Day with a presentation of awards for employees and business partners.

BEi supervisors select an outstanding employee each quarter who they feel represents BEi in a positive manner while working in the community and at BEi facilities. The following employees were recognized for their efforts in the first three quarters of 2019:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – Tyler Haner
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – Casey Haner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – Mary Farnsworth
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – Dustin Gorton.

Two local businesses were recognized for their continued support of BEi by providing employment opportunities through the Small Group Employment program. Elwood National Forge and the Warren County Commissioners were given a piece of artwork created through the BEinspired Art program as an expression of appreciation for their support.





Barber National Institute Affiliate

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## HELPING FAMILIES

*in Warren & Forest Counties to Be Their Best*

Children and teenagers can face a variety of problems growing up. We believe that solving them as a family works best. Our Family Based Mental Health Services provides the help that children and families need to:

- Improve communication
- End negative and destruction behaviors
- Build better relationships for the whole family

After meeting families to understand their needs, our experienced therapists work with children individually and together with the family. All meetings take place in the home or other settings in the community that work best for the child and family.

Families also receive help to access other needed services, participate in meetings at school, and coordinate medical appointments. We believe that families are important, and we're here to help each one achieve their best.

*For information, call our Family Based therapists at 814-878-5970.*



Barber Behavioral  
Health Institute

## SAVE THE DATE

A Warren County Day of Online Giving

WARREN **gives**

May 20<sup>th</sup> 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

A Community Foundation  
of Warren County Event

## HALLOWEEN DANCE OF 2019

BEi's annual Halloween dance on October 25th at the Jefferson DeFreese Center was a fun evening of music, friendship, dancing and snacks. With all of the wonderful costumes to see, judges had a difficult time selecting the winners of the costume contest! In the end, the costume awards were presented to Ralph Tressler, Natalie Mashensic, and Christine Brown. Congratulations to these individuals and all the others who dressed up to help celebrate the wonderful Halloween event.

