

ART26201

Nurturing and Promoting the Arts in Buckhannon, WV

The Year In Review | Colonial Theatre Gallery | Traders Alley Arts District | Art In Public Places

2020 Highlights:

In the past year,



West Virginia Department of
**ARTS, CULTURE
AND HISTORY**

ART26201 partnered with the City to secure an additional \$10,000 grant from the **West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History** in support of the Colonial Theatre/Cinema V rehabilitation, which brings their total grants up to \$244K.



ART26201 partnered with the City to secure an additional \$5,000 gift from **FirstEnergy Foundation** in support of the Colonial Theatre/Cinema V rehabilitation, which brings their total gifts up to \$15K.



ART26201 secured a \$4,700 grant from **Central Appalachian Network (CAN)**, for Creative Placemaking in support of the Art In Public Places Program, for a Gray Barker/Men In Black inspired steel gateway in Traders Alley.



***ART26201's** first fine art exhibit of 2021, featuring the watercolors of Buckhannon artist Deanna Gillum, opened at the Colonial Theatre Gallery January 15.*

Colonial Theatre Gallery Opens

After an initial delay due to COVID-19 concerns, the **Colonial Theatre Gallery** opened June 5, 2020, featuring the **Upshur County Youth Arts Exhibition** as its inaugural fine art opening. The event (a collaboration of Upshur County Schools art teachers, the City of Buckhannon, The Upshur Arts Alliance, and **ART26201**) marked the first time that all Upshur County Schools students had the opportunity to participate in a multi-school exhibition of their own artworks.

It was followed by solo exhibits by 11-year-old anime artist **Ava Hibbs** in October and illustrator/painter **Casey Earl Mills** in November.

ART26201 kicked off the new year in 2021 with a solo exhibit featuring watercolor paintings by **Deanna Gillum**.

If you are interested in exhibiting your work in the gallery, submission guidelines for proposals for solo or group exhibitions can be found at www.ART26201.com.



Upshur County youth artists celebrate the Colonial Theatre Gallery's grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 5, 2020.

5TH Annual Young Filmmakers Camp



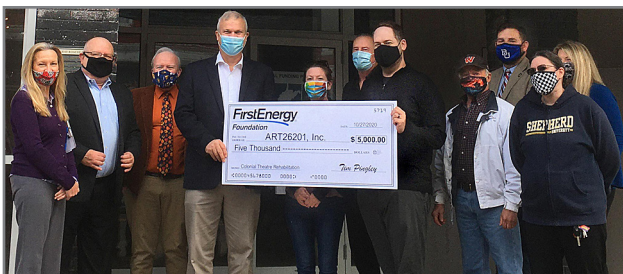
Participants of the 2020 Young Filmmakers Camp clown around during camp in front of the "Sail Fence" in Traders Alley.

ART26201, with instructors **Andrew Carroll, Bryce O'Loughlin, and Jon Benjamin**, hosted the 2020 **Young Filmmakers Camp** July 27-31, at **LASCAUX Micro-Theater**. The class of thirteen created short films based on the scripts

developed at camp that week. **West Virginia Wesleyan College's** Art Department partnered with **ART26201** to allow students to use their film editing equipment. Upon conclusion of the camp, an online premiere was held,

and students, parents, and friends were invited to see the participants' completed films. Check it out here: <https://youtu.be/b3KPesqAZAA>. It's 20 minutes long and totally worth it!

Donations Received From FirstEnergy, CAN



From left to right are Amberle Jenkins, Randy Sanders, Former Mayor David McCauley, Tim Pingley of FirstEnergy, Carrie Perry, C.J. Rylands, **ART26201** Vice President John Waltz, Keith Buchanan, Mayor Robbie Skinner, Allison Corbin, and Renée Preston.

The **FirstEnergy Foundation** donated \$5,000 toward the renovation of the **Colonial Theatre/ Cinema V Art Center** on October 27, 2020, which was received by **ART26201** and dispersed to the City of Buckhannon. This (added to their \$10,000 gift from 2019) will enable continued renovations on the main theatre space, entrance, and lobby. Following the announcement, **ART26201** and City representatives led a tour of the theatre and the ongoing renovations.

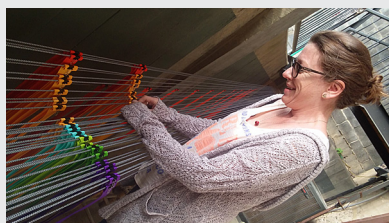


From left to right, **ART26201's** Renée Preston, John Waltz, Tim Hibbs, Carrie Perry and Bryson VanNostrand are pictured.

ART26201 received a \$4,700 grant from **Central Appalachian Network (CAN)** in support of a Gray Barker/ *Men In Black* inspired steel "GETAWAY" artwork to be installed above the southern end of the Traders Alley Arts District. The artwork celebrates the *Men In Black* books, magazines, and movies that originated in the early 1950s with local West Virginia author Gray Barker. Mr. Barker operated the Cinema V movie house in the 1970s.

Next Generation Sky Tapestry Installed in Traders Alley

The Traders Alley Block Party was canceled due to COVID-19, but that didn't stop **ART26201** from installing the third iteration of the **Sky Tapestry** in September. Special thanks go to **Carrie Perry**, in particular, for her dedicated assembly work. Let the selfies commence!



ART IN PUBLIC PLACES FUNDRAISER: CHUCK OLSON MURAL REFRESH



Buckhannon's **Art In Public Places** Location #2, artist **Chuck Olson's Evening Star** mural on the Ameriprise Financial building, is in need of new UV-resistant printed panels. **ART26201** needs to raise \$2,500 to fund the material restoration efforts of this mural in the heart of downtown to its original vibrancy. The new panels are expected to last 10-15 years. Please consider making a donation in any amount that you are able – we deeply appreciate every single dollar that is given! If you prefer to donate to this project online, you may do so via GoFundMe: [gf.me/u/zbb9pr](https://www.gofundme.com/u/zbb9pr).

COLONIAL THEATRE FAÇADE FUNDRAISER



Thanks in part to your previous donations, grants from the **West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History**, and the **City of Buckhannon**, we have been busy breathing new life into our beloved theatre. We now need your help to raise \$5,000 for restoring the historic façade panels, which were red, white, and black glass panels in a Streamline style. These glass panels are no longer manufactured, but we've found a ceramic tile company in Canada that can match the colors and sizes that were once there. Online donations can be made via GoFundMe at [gf.me/u/yumymn](https://www.gofundme.com/u/yumymn).

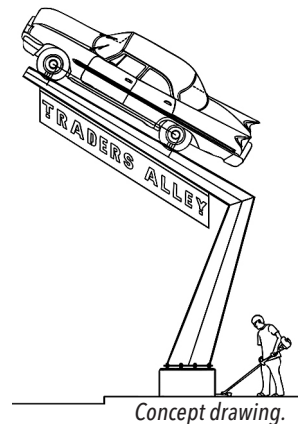
Colonial Theatre Gallery Events

During active exhibitions, the Gallery is open on Fridays and Saturdays, from 4 to 8 p.m.

We hope to see you at our next opening. Stay tuned for **Robert Villamagna's** exhibition in March!



Projects Scheduled For 2021: **TRADERS ALLEY ARTS DISTRICT:**



- **Getaway Car Gateway:** In honor of Gray Barker's *Men In Black* legacy, a 1960 Chrysler Windsor, complete with astrodome console and rocket tail fins, is currently being restored to be subsequently installed atop a 15 foot structure "flying" over the southern gateway of Traders Alley! Two mannequins, shown at above left, will be permanently placed in the front seats, dressed in black suits and black sunglasses, to pay homage to "Agent J" and "Agent K" of the *Men In Black* movie franchise. We hope this will be completed by June 2021.

THE COLONIAL THEATRE:

- **Sidewalk Entrance:** The Main Street entrance will be restored, including the red, white, and black vintage façade panels. New front doors have already been installed.

- **Interior Updates:** The first floor lobby, restrooms, and the main hall will undergo final rehabilitations in anticipation of being a fully useable public space.

- **Gray Barker's Aliens at Cinema V:** Look for another whimsical nod to Gray Barker's legacy as a UFO enthusiast with this vintage gumball vending machine installation, shown at right, featuring glow-in-the-dark toy aliens (for a bargain price of just 25 cents each), coming soon to the Colonial Theatre. They're truly out of this world! Can you collect them all?

