

2021-2022 IN REVIEW

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COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

This year has been full of surprises. As we began to emerge from the pandemic, we experienced a new challenge: a destructive fire. Still, the organization is thriving and identifying growth opportunities through perseverance and adaptation. Here are a few highlights. We are grateful to each of you who donated or volunteered to make them possible.



Student work from Summer Fellows Exhibition with artist Emie Hughes.



CAC's iconic Main Building.



Jane Miluski leads a special workshop in the Duke Gallery.

ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Possibilities are endless in a place where so many creative paths converge.

- We re-launched our full scope of outreach programs, plus we've added four new outreach partners serving kids in vulnerable communities and people with disabilities.
- The CAC is now meeting or exceeding previous enrollment levels program-wide.
- We are spotlighting wonderful additions to our "Sharing Heritage" offerings featuring Juneteenth, Indigenous People's Day, and Jazz Holiday events, and they're supported by several new community funders.
- We are completing major facility renovations, including Smith Court, the main building, and our parking lots, above and beyond our forward-looking fire restorations.
- We are celebrating the return of our Fine Arts & Crafts Festival held off site in Swarthmore Town Center.
- We have expanded our popular live music series Friday Night Live and launched "Live from the CAC", bringing music programs developed at the CAC to outreach audiences off site.
- We completed our first, successful season with our new Wood-Fired Kiln, which now fills a need region-wide.
- The CAC is proud to have earned a 2022 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest standard of nonprofit accountability, with GuideStar/Candid: <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/23-1628461>.
- Planning is now well underway for our major 2023 exhibition, the *Philadelphia International Tea Bowl Exhibition*.



John Dix teaches a ceramics workshop.



The Spring Fundraiser returned with vintage poster exhibition "Make Love Not War" .



Juanita Gaspari leads a special project at summer Spree.



Smith Court building received a new roof and paint job.



Gumbo Nouveau performs at Chester Housing Authority's senior communities .



Fred Danziger gives an artist talk at the Philadelphia Watercolor Society show.



Reggae Thunder performs at Friday Night Live.

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