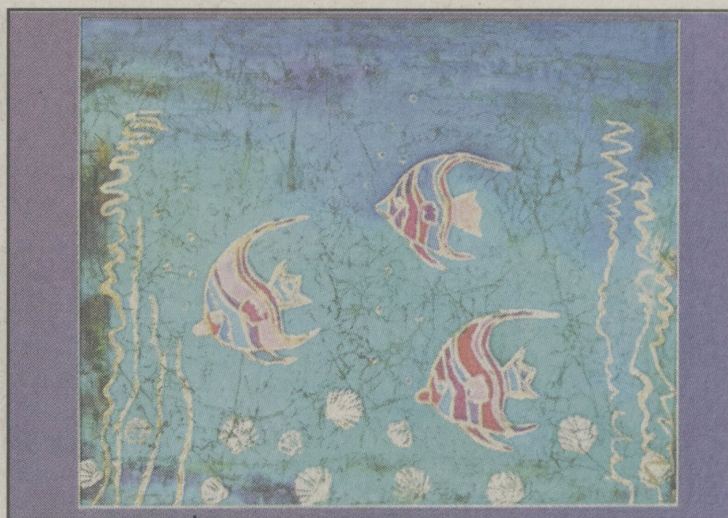


Patrick Cleary calls this artwork he created "God Bless U.S.A."



Erin Dougherty calls this piece of artwork "Angel Fish."

Two years old

Luca Jason Pietraccini, son of Aaron and Nicole Pietraccini, of Dallas, will celebrate his second birthday on Monday, Oct. 31. He is the grandson of Pooch and Linda Kozick, of Dallas; Ron Pietraccini and Susan Jorda, both of Dallas. He is the great-grandson of Paul Wasserrott, of Trucksville, and Ruth Wasserrott, of Dallas.



Locals display art work in Bryn Mawr

Six artists from Verve Vertu Art Studio, Deutsch Institute have had their work selected for the Annual Art Ability Exhibit and Sale at the Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital. The exhibit and sale is on display from November 5 through January 15, 2012 at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital in Malvern.

Art Ability is an international, juried exhibition and sale of art and fine crafts that features work by artists with physical, cognitive, hearing and visual disabilities.

Donna Marinus, "Dragonfly Frolic," Josh Schlegel, "Flight Over Flowers," Billy Sukus,

"Sunblock," Jeannie Hammerbacker, "Beach Tiles," Erin Dougherty, "Angel Fish" and Patrick Cleary, "God Bless USA." Dougherty and Cleary are Dallas residents.

Dougherty, a 37-year-old artist has been creating and expressing herself through her art for many years. Her "Angel Fish" artwork was created using batik on silk.

She has received numerous commissions for her pieces. For her, dedication to the studio and her work is like a full-time job and she finds the end product of her artistic pursuits to be beautiful.



Erin Dougherty, of Dallas, has been selected to display her artwork at the Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital.

Dougherty's favorite medium is silk batik, especially butterflies and flowers.

She resides in Dallas with her parents, Thom and Andrea Dougherty.

Cleary, 33, has recently found

a way to tap into his creative self.

His interest in collecting shoelaces has found its way into some of his artwork.

He created an amazing piece of artwork out of shoelaces that was chosen to be part of this prestigious event. It is an American flag, which he titled "God Bless USA."

Cleary created this piece in homage to Lt. Michael Cleary, his brother who lost his life in Iraq in 2005.

Cleary works at Misericordia University's Athletic Department and is active in the community participating and volunteering his services for many good causes, including the Blue Chip Animal Shelter and Special Olympics bowling.

Photos on display at BMT library

Visit the Back Mountain Memorial Library during the month of November to view a unique Art Wall display just in time for Thanksgiving. This exhibit is a collection of authentic Native American photographs (circa 1898) owned by Royal Sutton, of Trucksville.

During the time Sutton was serving in the United States Air Force in Omaha, Nebraska, he was also employed in a photography studio. When the studio closed, many original antique glass-plates negatives were found in a storage closet.

These negatives, which then became the property of Sutton, were taken at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition in 1898 by photographer Frank Rinehart.

In 1898, tribes of Sioux, Cherokee, Apache and Winnebago Native Americans were invited to the Exposition and bribed to have their photographs taken in exchange for such items as marshmallows or beads!

Now, over 100 years since that Exposition, Sutton is making it possible for everyone to appreciate this part of Native American history.

Sutton's exhibit has previously been displayed at the Smithsonian and also at the Joslyn Museum in Omaha.



Royal Sutton, of Trucksville, has his collection of authentic Native American photographs on display at the library.

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