Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival
Saturday, September 16th, 11am-6pm
Sunday, September 17th, Noon-5pm

The 19th Annual Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival returns to Lincoln Park—Starkweather and West 14th Street—on September 16th—11 am—6 pm and Sunday, September 17th—Noon—5 pm. The mission of the Festival is to celebrate the cultural and artistic diversity of Tremont and Greater Cleveland by encouraging the artistic and cultural endeavors of its visual and performing artists.

The weekend Festival is comprised of four categories or program areas which include: Children’s—hands-on arts and educational projects; Community—area non-profit organizations are joined by independent and locally owned businesses and Tremont’s Market vendors; Cultural—food sales by Tremont and regional restaurants, churches, and other organizations, reflecting the ethnic diversity of the Northeast Ohio; and Artist—sales of paintings, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, and photographs by Tremont and Northeast Ohio artists. Sixty-seven juried artists are eligible for consideration by the jurors for the Festival’s top three prizes.

The jurors include: Dana Depew, John Farina, and Angelica Pozo (please see article, p. 7). Dana, John, and Angelica bring a number of years of arts experience in a variety of media.

Returning this year is a Beer & Wine Garden with music and dance performances on both Saturday and Sunday on a main stage near located at W. 14th Street & Howard Avenue. The Beer & Wine Garden featuring craft beers from The Brew Kettle Beverage Distributors and red, white & fizzy wines of ManCan, Ohio City. Sound and Stage Manager is Dennis McNulty of Slate Grey Services. Slate Grey has participated each and every year of the Festival! Also returning for a second year is “Let’s Dance! Music and Dance From Around the World”. This special program and dance stage (located in the Children’s & Youth Village southeast of the Gazebo Square) is sponsored by the E. John Busser Ballet Scholarship, Tremont Trek Home Tour and Neighborhood Connections. Britton Roberts returns to provide Sound & Stage management of the Dance Stage. In addition to providing a unique opportunity for children, youth, and their families to attend live dance performances and to participate in dance workshops, all patrons will be exposed to the rich ethnic and cultural heritage of the many neighborhoods and communities that make up the Greater Cleveland area.

For a list of performers at both the Beer & Wine Garden Main Stage and the “Let’s Dance!” Stage, check out the Festival website at www.tremontartsfestival.com. Returning for a sixth year is Merrick House’s “Dollar Diner,” a healthy restaurant booth sponsored by ArcelorMittal. As part of Merrick House’s Healthy Living Initiative, they have partnered with Molina Healthcare to create a healthy menu of items that the Merrick House youth program will help serve.

In their seventh year with the Festival are the vendors of the Tremont Farmers’ Market village. Admission to the Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival is free. The Festival is sponsored by the contributions of the citizens of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture media. Sponsorship opportunities are available, media is WKSU—89.7. Additional support is provided by the Ohio Arts Council, Neighborhood Connections, Ohio Savings Bank, Tremont Trek Home Tour, the Tremont Farmers’ Market, Walkabout Tremont, Cleveland Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli, Horton Harper Architects, the E. John Busser Ballet Scholarship Fund, and Integrity Realty.

Sponsors of Merrick House programming include “Dollar Diner” Healthy Restaurant sponsor ArcelorMittal. Our thanks to Chris Blue, our Graphics & Logistical Coordinator, our Jurors, Dennis McNulty and Slate Grey, Britton Roberts, Merrick House’s Healthy Living initiative, all our presenting, media, programming, and co-sponsors! For questions and information contact Festival Manager, Scott Rosenstein, at 216.575.0920 ext 106, or scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org.

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Arts Renaissance Tremont
presenting their 27th Season of Giving Voice to Great Music!

Arts Renaissance Tremont (ART) has enriched the cultural landscape of Cleveland’s Tremont neighborhood since 1981. Over the past 26 years, the ART concert series has become a musical destination for ALL of Greater Cleveland, providing the opportunity for everyone to hear some of Northern Ohio’s finest live music. Concerts attract thousands to experience world class, local musicians – from exceptional young artists and faculty at nearby conservatories and universities (Shaker Heights HS, School of Cleveland, Arts, Oberlin Conservatory, Cleveland Institute of Music), to Cleveland’s extraordinary community of freelance musicians and members of our renowned Cleveland Orchestra. Our home is the magnificent, historic landmark Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ (2592 West 14th St., corner of Byar). ART is committed to its local community and its citizens. ART collects non-perishable food items at concerts for local distribution through the Pilgrim Food Pantry. In addition to its summer through May series, ART brings music to children in neighborhood schools, community centers and libraries through Arts Renaissance for Kids, or ARK.

Admission to performances is by freewill donation and free post-concert receptions offer everyone a chance to meet and mingle with the musicians, as well as with their neighbors. ART is managed entirely by volunteers (volunteer board of trustees) and has no paid staff, musicians receive negotiated fees and costs are covered by an annual fundraising campaign, freewill donations and a few small grants.

We welcome your inquiries and contributions, and are always seeking concert sponsors - individual and business. Please contact ART founder/director Christine Haff Paluck: (216) 872-4763, or email chpaluck55@gmail.com, for information.

ART is an exceptional community resource - positively impacting the local economy and contributing to the vibrancy of Tremont. We invite you to join us for our 27th Season of “giving voice to great music.” As one Tremont resident and concertgoer puts it, “ART is like having Carnegie Hall in my own neighborhood.” Thank you for supporting the Arts in Tremont!

For 2017-18 concert information, please find us on Facebook and visit artconcercts.org.

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An Arts in an event show
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Hyun Soo Kim, piano
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Members of the Cleveland Orchestra
2nd Concert Preview with Donald Rosenberg
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That Saturday night, the statue of the gardens planted. Labyrinth stones were cut and placed and the goers could now access the rectory building rectory taken out. Parishioners and meeting walkway was poured and the steps to the grounds were leveled, the parish rectory well-known sculptor, Sandro Banauito. The was commissioned and created by the on the grounds. A statue of St. Wendelin began the project to create an outdoor space of quiet, prayer and honor St. Wendelin began the project to create an outdoor space of quiet, prayer and honor.

After the groundbreaking in July of 2015, St. Wendelin began the project to create an outdoor space of quiet, prayer and honor on the grounds. A statue of St. Wendelin was commissioned and created by the well-known sculptor, Sandro Banauito. The grounds were leveled, the parish rectory walkway was poured and the steps to the rectory taken out. Parishioners and meeting goers could now access the rectory building easily from the parking lot. The prayer labyrinth stones were cut and placed and the gardens planted.

That Saturday night, the statue of the parish's patron saint was unveiled by the pastor. Fr. Robert Kropac, as the church bells rang out and Father Robert toasted in Latin, “ad multos annos!” which means “To many years!” A great celebration began. The garden was completed with the help of many. Darre Kudy, a parishioner, and a project manager by trade, helped Susan Kidd with many of the garden construction details. Dean Guernsey, of Dynamic Sign in Tremont, designed the decorative screens placed behind the statue where wisteria will grow and showcase the statue. George Gates, parishioner and owner of Commercial Sound and Image, along with his crew, have been creating a documentation of the creation of the statue, from clay, through the firing, patina, installation and final polish. Many parishioners and friends helped to make the garden so beautiful.

The statue sits in the new St. Wendelin Parish Prayer Garden that includes the hand-cut stone prayer labyrinth. The labyrinth is registered on the World-Wide Labyrinth Locator and is smaller and similar to the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France. A prayer labyrinth is a path that leads to a center, where you pray along your way and return to the start uplifted, blessed and renewed. The St. Wendelin Parish Prayer Garden is open to all, and the parish welcomes everyone to visit to be inspired by this beautiful space. St. Wendelin is located at 2281 Columbus Road in Duck Island. Call 216.696.1926 for more information.

Towpath Trail Construction Contact
If you need to talk with someone regarding the current construction of the Towpath Trail, please contact Darwin Merdes, Area Engineer for Cuyahoga County at 216-348-4073, 216-701-1160 or dmerdes@cuyahogacounty.us.

City of Cleveland Holiday Waste Pick-Up Schedule
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Bulk Pick-Up (3 items only) in Tremont will be Saturday, September 9th. Questions? 216-664-3711or cleveland-oh.gov

St. Wendelin’s New Prayer Garden Includes Labyrinth and Patron Saint Statue!

July 29th was a beautiful day in the Duck Island/Tremont and quite special for St. Wendelin Parish on Columbus Road. Parishioners, friends and neighbors came together for a mass, procession to the new Prayer Garden, and a beautiful tented garden reception, all to celebrate the dedication of the parish’s new Prayer Garden and the church being re-opened for 5 years to the actual date.

Tremont History Project presents
W. 14TH STREET DRUG STORE - BITS AND PIECES AND REMEMBRANCES
(MORE TO COME IN THE FUTURE ABOUT THIS PIECE OF LOCAL HISTORY)

In a 1977 article in OHIO PHARMACIST magazine, W. 14th Street Drug Store owned at that time by Henry Agin, had been in existence for over 100 years as pharmacy practice. It was located at W. 14th St. and Auburn Ave.

In 1925, Jack Franklin and Phil Lieberman purchased W 14th St. Drug Store. During the severe snowstorm of November, 1950, Jack and Phil took turns sleeping at the store so that supplies were available to both doctors and patients. During another storm, Jack walked from his home in Cleveland and across the Central Viaduct Bridge (Central Market to Abbey Ave. and W. 14th St.) because the snow had stopped all traffic. Despite various incidents, including severe weather, the store closed only two times. For the funeral of John Kelly, an employee, and the funeral of Phil Lieberman.

W. 14th St. Drug was the best supplied store in the city during its time. Once, at a family reunion, about 200 people became very ill. It was the only store in the city with enough supplies to take care of all the patients. One night, Phil checked four times with a doctor about an Rx the doctor had prescribed because he believed the doctor had overdosed the patient. On the fourth call, the doctor realized what he had done. Phil and his staff stayed with the patient at his home until 5 am when he was out of danger.

Jack and Phil (referred to as “Mutt and Jeff”), were highly respected and loved by the entire neighborhood. “Mutt and Jeff” was a popular comic strip - Mutt was tall and Jeff was short. Jack had an additional nickname. It was “Wimpy”, after the comic strip character who loved hamburgers.

Jack and Phil encouraged all boys to further their education by attending college. They helped finance many a boys’ education, helped neighborhood people financially, and even lent money for people to make a down payment on a home. Henry Agin was just as generous.

Many a romance started and flourished at the soda fountain and at the tables over “malts”, ending in happy marriages. During the war years, the boys were always remembered.

No one was turned away from the store. Many neighborhood effects that were helped in this way remained loyal to the end - even only to come from Parma to purchase cigarettes.

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Holiday Waste Pick-Up Schedule

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REJOICE FOR VISIBLE VOICE!  WRITTEN BY JAMMY PENDRO

Book lovers, rejoice! After a brief 3-year hiatus, Visible Voice Books is returning to Tremont. Previously located at 1023 Kenilworth, the new home of the bookstore will be above Crust at 2258 Professor Avenue. The pizza shop also recently moved locations from Kenilworth to Professor this summer. Before its recent conversion, the building served the community as the Komorowski Funeral Home for almost 25 years. Store owner, Dave Ferrante, is passionate about the reopening and all the opportunities the new location offers.

Guests will quickly appreciate the accessibility. Both Crust and Visible Voice are now sharing 25 parking spots and entry is available from both Professor and a back staircase leading directly to the second floor. The store’s interior utilizes the space with custom made bookcases, coffee stations, and comfortable reading areas. Ferrante is also enthusiastic about the street level access to the basement and all the possibilities that come with it.

“The potential for growth within the next few years is limitless,” said Ferrante. A stage and basement bar are also being considered. There are even talks of a future outdoor patio nestled cozily near the building’s back entrance.

As for the books, four thousand hand-picked titles are arriving the first week of September. Combined with Ferrante’s past collection, Visible Voice will be home to 7 thousand books total. At one point, his list was up to 90 pages of titles and authors. “I never stopped collecting,” said Ferrante. “Old, new, paperback or hardback, we’ve got something for everyone,” he continued.

Both Visible Voice and Crust, which is owned by Ferrante’s cousin, Mike Griffin, have their liquor license. Just as before, the book store will offer coffee, soft drinks, desserts, wine, and beer. If guests work up a larger appetite, Crust is floor below offering salads, pastas, subs, and of course pizza. Diners have also been enjoying the newest menu item, fried mozzarella bites.

Energy Assistance Programs
The Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) offers several programs to income-eligible Ohioans to assist in paying their utility bills and improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Household eligibility is based in part on income; details and specific guidelines for the following assistance programs can be found here: http://development.ohio.gov/is/is_energyassist.htm. To apply for HEAP or HWAP, download the application at the above webpage or visit Tremont West and meet with the Property Manager, Mark Pratt (216) 533-5812.

Safety Updates
Bi-Monthly reports are sent out via e-mail regarding Crime and Safety in the Neighborhood. If you would like to be added to the Safety Update mailing list, please contact Tremont Safety Committee at safetytremont@gmail.com.

Employment Guide
Tremont West now offers a comprehensive employment resource webpage including the following programs and resources: Employment Resources and Training; Programs for the Formerly Incarcerated; Workshops and Apprenticeships; Resources for Those with Disabilities; Programs for Spanish Speaking Populations, Veterans and Senior Citizens; and Adult Education and GED courses. www.tremontwest.org/index/employment-guide, 216-575-0920, ext. 102

Neighborhood Retail Assistance Program
The City of Cleveland’s Economic Development Department can assist small businesses with financial packages of both loans and grants to improve the interior and exterior of their store fronts.

Commercial Space for Sale or Lease
Are you looking to lease, purchase or market commercial space in Tremont? See current Tremont Commercial Properties at: www.retailspacetremont.com/tremontneighborhood.htm or www.tremontwest.org. Remember, if you are planning to open a business in Tremont, you must contact the City of Cleveland to see what variances or permits are required for your desired location. The Department of Building and Housing can be reached at 216-664-2282. There are some great loan reimbursement programs through the city and county for vacant building rehab, storefront renovations, signage and Brownfield clean-up. Please contact Tremont West for more information at 216-575-0920, ext. 113.

The Storefront Renovation Program
The City of Cleveland’s Storefront Renovation Program is an exterior rehabilitation program that combines financial incentives (rebate or loan) with free City design assistance. The City partners with neighborhood Community Development Corporations to implement the program in the neighborhood. Please call Matt Moss at 216-575-0920, ext. 113.
Spread the word, there’s a new school of dance opening in Tremont! The Movement Project, professional dance company based out of Pilgrim Congregational Church, will be offering Creative Movement, Modern, and Ballet for youth ages 4-18.

The Movement Project School of Dance will be offering Creative Movement classes for 4-5 yr olds on Tuesdays from 5:00 - 5:45pm and Creative Movement/Ballet classes for 6-8 yr olds Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:00pm. The Creative Movement classes enhance and develop gross and fine motor coordination skills, creative expression and thinking, social interaction, problem solving, cooperative play, rhythm, and rhyming skills. Creative movement also helps to develop individual confidence in students as well as developing how to successfully work and create with others. The Creative Movement/Ballet class will increase motor skills in preparation for modern dance and in addition it will incorporate an introduction to the technique, class structure, and skill set of ballet.

The School of Dance will also be launching their pre-professional program for students 9-18 yrs old, which is structured to develop a well-rounded, technically sound, and creative dancer. Tuesday evenings will host TMP’s 9-13 yr old dancers starting with Ballet I from 6:00 - 7:00pm and Modern I from 7:00 - 8:00pm. Thursday evenings the 14-18 yr old dancers will have Ballet II from 6:00 - 7:00pm and Modern II from 7:00 - 8:00pm. The Modern classes will use the core concepts of space, time and energy, to develop a qualitative approach to movement. Each class will integrate a wide range of modern techniques, such as Release, Limon and Horton. Through challenging movement structures and phrasing, students will refine and develop concepts of weight, quality, effort, and spatial/physical awareness. Ballet classes will develop technique and understanding of classical and contemporary ballet and terminology, include Vaganova, Cecchetti, and Balanchine techniques. This genre will focus on working from an anatomical approach, creating honest and sound movement, which focuses on the correct placement of bones, and allowing muscles to function effortlessly and efficiently.

The Movement Project School of Dance will be holding a open house and registration events on Thursday, September 7th 5:00 - 8:00pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church. For more information or to enroll visit The Movement Project’s website at www.themovementproject.org or call (216) 694-8241.

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**RHINOCEROS**

**BY EUGENE IONESCO**

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Convergence-continuum presents the classic absurdist comedy RHINOCEROS. When a brutish rhinoceros storms through their quiet neighborhood, the townsfolk are alarmed, but gradually become supporters of rhino-ism and one by one begin to turn into rhinoceroses themselves. Will the few hold-outs be able to resist the rhino’s despicable impulses, or become part of the mindless herd? A classic absurdist comedy that is a parable that remains universal and particularly timely today.

**WHO WILL JOIN THE HERD? WHO WILL RESIST?**

RHINOCEROS is directed by Jonathan Wilhelm and features actors Tom Kondilas, Mike Frye, Kayla Gray, Joe Milan, David Munnell, Jeanne Task, Rocky Encalada, Natalyn Baisden and Kim Woodworth.

RHINOCEROS opens Friday, Aug 25 and runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm through Sept 16 at con-continuum’s Liminis Theater, 2438 Scranton Rd. Fri & Sat Tickets at $20 general admission, $25 seniors ($5+), and $10 students, Thurs tickets at $15, $12 and $8 available at convergence-continuum.org and 216-687-0074.

Tremont residents are admitted free for Thursday performances on Sept 6th & 13th. Call ahead to reserve a seat.
The next meeting will be held on September 5th at the Pilgrim Church. For more information on the block club and its activities, please contact Chairperson Henry Senyak at hsenyak@aol.com or visit our Facebook group page at https://www.facebook.com/southofjeffersonblockclub. The next SOJ Block Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at the Roosevelt Post 56 at 6:30 pm. Please join us for our next gathering, Tuesday September 19th at 6:30 pm at Post 56. We look forward to seeing you.

South of Jefferson

The next meeting of the South of Jefferson Block Club will be held on Tuesday, September 5th at the Pilgrim Church. For more information on our block club and its activities, please check out our Facebook page and contact Co-Chairs, Deb Smith – ebussman11@gmail.com – and Greg Kube – kureg89@yahoo.com – or Scott Rosenstein at Tremont West at 216-576-0520 x106 – scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org. Please join us for our next meeting, Tuesday September 19th at 6:30 pm at Post 56.

Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival

The Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival went off without a hitch on Saturday, August 18th. A multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary celebration of art, music, dance, theater, and food, the festival featured many different events and activities. The day began with a special dedication to the late Robert J. DeSantis, who was a long-time resident of the Tremont neighborhood and a dedicated community activist. The festival included live entertainment, traditional Latin food, artisan vendors, and more. The Tremont Block Club firmly believes that the arts are the heart of the Tremont neighborhood and that they help to bring people together. The festival was a huge success, and the Block Club is already planning for next year’s event.

POST 58 POLISH LEGION OF AMERICAN VETS & SOCIAL CLUB

The next meeting of the Post 58 Polish Legion of American Veterans Social Club will be held on October 3rd. All members who reside in the Auburn-Lincoln Park neighborhood are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held on the fourth Monday of September (instead of the last one due to Labor Day), which is earlier than usual due to the Labor Day Holiday. The meeting will be held at the Pilgrim Church at 6:30 pm. Other upcoming neighborhood events are always listed in the Section of St. Michael parish.

Irishtown Bend

The next block club meeting at Irishtown Bend will be held on September 5th at the Forest City Brewery meeting room. Our thanks to each other’s company. Thank you to all who attended and brought side dishes and desserts. No more business items in the meeting were conducted, as there were no business items in front of the club in August. Members enjoyed each other’s company and caught up with one another. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on September 11th Block Club Meeting. We will be meeting at our regular home at St. Augustine’s Waterfront on the 5th floor. If you would like to join us, please contact Chairperson Henry Senyak at hsenyak@aol.com or contact Co-Chair Scott Rosenstein at Tremont West at 216-576-0520 x106 – scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org. Please join us for our next block club meeting on Tuesday, September 5th at the Forest City Brewery meeting room.
The Tremont Healthy Corner Store Initiative (HCSI) has brought nutritious foods to Tremont corner stores since its launch in the spring of 2014. A total of 5 locations are participating in the program and have incorporated healthier options into their inventory to include fresh fruits and vegetables, healthy drinks, and other healthy grocery options. The following are our participating locations: Tremont Convenience Food Mart, Abbey Market, Professor Market, El Caribe Bake Shop, and the Tremont General Store. We would like to sincerely thank the owners and managers of these stores for working incredibly hard over the past 3 years to make this project the success that it is. It would not have been possible without the support they’ve put into it. We would also like to thank all of the funders and community partners who have shared their skills, time, and resources with us since the HCSI launch. The educational programming that was implemented as part of the HCSI was vital to the program, and truly helped us engage the community in it. Over the past few years, we have provided healthy cooking demonstrations and in-store SNAP-Ed nutritional programming; hosted Graffiti Fair’s 2 years in a row, and brought a Healthy Harvest Scavenger Hunt to the neighborhood for kids, all at no cost to participants.

Last year, a qualitative evaluation of the HCSI was conducted, during which we spoke directly to customers about their experiences in the program. In general availability of fresh and healthy options is not the only goal of the HCSI, nor is it the sole indicator of success for the program. This evaluation sought to determine if the HCSI was reaching those living in the neighborhood, and whether or not customers are supportive of it. According to the data, the majority of customers (63%) live in the neighborhood; many of whom live within walking distance of the store (53%). Additionally, half of the customers at these locations shop at the store at least 4 times a week. This demonstrates that we are achieving the goal of increasing access to affordable, nutritious food for those who rely on neighborhood corner stores for their daily grocery needs.

Responses from customers at the level of the HCSI were also demonstrated through the responses we received from store customers. When asked to share their thoughts on how they felt about their corner store being involved in the HCSI, the majority of customers applauded the program, sharing that they felt it was beneficial to the community. Below are a few responses given when asked “What do you think of the store taking on the initiative to have fresh produce available to their customers?”,

- “I love it! [Fresh produce] didn’t used to be no need to go really far for fresh produce. It’s good. [We can] get more healthy stuff”
- “Wonderful, amazing, spectacular. It’s nice.”
- “It’s good. It would not have been possible without the HCSI. Tremont West is able to contribute to the growth of the healthy retail network across the country. In 2014, the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Subcabinet of the Health Improvement Partnership of Cuyahoga County (HIP-Cuyahoga) was awarded a REACH grant through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This 3 year grant has allowed HIP-Cuyahoga to implement a comprehensive healthy retail initiative in 22 of the most underserved census tracts in Cleveland and East Cleveland. The successes around the Tremont HCSI have helped inform and guide the work being done through the REACH grant.”

Thank you to all who have continued to support the work of Tremont West to strengthen food security in the community and to promote that these options are available for all residents. We are thrilled to see the work of this project succeed and grow!

Dana L. Depew, grew up in a large family on a farm in rural Medina, Ohio. At an early age, he was fascinated by the intricacies of how things worked. He began taking things apart and attempted to put them back together for curiosity’s sake. Dana was formally educated in the arts at Kent State University with a concentration in sculpture. His current work focuses heavily on the usage of found objects and reassembling discarded materials into wholly new vibrant works. Dana opened Asterisk Gallery in Tremont in 2001. For ten years (the Gallery closed in late 2010), Asterisk was an exhibition space that gave much needed opportunities to emerging regional artists. As well as exhibiting his work in exhibitions nationally, Dana is tireless in promoting the arts by curating exhibitions, judging art competitions and serving on the board of directors of several arts and cultural organizations.

John Farina, a Long Island, New York native, came to Cleveland in 2004, after a successful career as a commercial art gallery specializing in emerging and established Cleveland artists. John also chairs the Waterloo Arts & Entertainment District Merchants Association (the arts district where the gallery is located). Currently, John is the Executive Director of ARTneo, the museum of Northeast Ohio art leading the 30 year old organization through a relocation and revitalization. Farina has served in leadership positions for several social service and arts organizations including SPACES, ARTneo, the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland, the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Beck Center for the Arts. He has managed successful levy campaigns for Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, the Cuyahoga County Cultural Arts Council and the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. In 2015, he was named one of the highly successful six day Festival Village for Gay Games 9 and is an active participant in many area organizations including the Print Club of Cleveland and the Cleveland International Film Festival. Additionally, her Masters of Fine Arts from the University of Michigan. Her Bachelor of Fine Arts is from SUNY College of Ceramics in Alfred, NY. A full time self-employed ceramic artist, Angelica divides her time between public art, tile and sculptural studio work, teaching workshops on tile making and architectural ceramics and often serves as an artist-in-residence on tile/mosaic projects in school and community settings. Recipient of an OAC Individual Artist Fellowship, she is in the permanent collection of Museum of Art & Design and private collectors. She is the author of “Ceramics for Beginners: Surfaces, Glazes and Firings,” was published in August, 2010, by Lark Books, a division of Sterling Publishers. Her most recent book, “Ceramics for Beginners: Surfaces, Glazes and Firing,” was published in August, 2010. Angelica has led many artist residencies involving large ceramic tile/mosaic projects, primarily Arts-In-Education programs. 24 of these projects have been through the Ohio Arts Council. She led neighborhood residents in the beautiful Tremont/Duck Island history mosaic wall in Lincoln Park. Examples of her work, which has been exhibited widely, can be seen on her website, www.angelicapozo.com.
There is a new trail in Tremont! This is a small section of the Towpath Trail. It connects with the portion of the trail that was celebrated a few years ago along Scranton Road. Additionally, it connects with the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail Lake Link which can get you over to Irishtown Bend quickly! Thank you to the Towpath Trail Partners: The City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Canalway Partners and Cleveland MetroParks! Additionally to the Ohio Department of Transportation for building this section underneath the new George V. Voinovich Innerbelt Bridges!

This is a great reason to go for a walk; the trail provides plenty of stunning views of our downtown, bridges and Cuyahoga River!

If you are interested in learning more about the Towpath Trail, please visit CanalwayPartners.com.