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BARC 2010 Fall Happenings

Frank L. Melega Inaugural Exhibitions

*The Working Press-Moments in Time &
Ernst Braun: In Memoriam*

A new place, a new space, and two new exhibitions were just part of what was in store for those who attended the grand opening of the newly renovated Frank L. Melega Art Museum on Saturday, September 25th. Thanks to your donations, the generosity of the Melega family, and various foundations, important pieces of SW Pennsylvania's history have a new home that is now seamlessly paired with the Flatiron Heritage Museum & Visitor's Center.



Photograph courtesy of Ed Cope and the Herald-Standard

The major exhibition, the first of its kind for this region, features press photographers of Southwestern PA. Titled "The Working Press: Moments in Time". It is the first time in the ten year

history of the museum to have a guest curator. Bobby G. Salitrik, conceived the show's theme and has chosen the photographers. Salitrik states, "I feel that it is important to recognize the outstanding work that these photographers perform on a daily basis, often under difficult conditions." She believes that their images are often taken for granted. "It is the impact of their still images that stops and confronts us with a story or news event. It is the still image of the photograph that we carry with us, the one we remember."

The second exhibit, titled "Ernst Braun: In Memoriam", features select artworks by sculptor and designer Ernst Braun (1946-2008). He was born in Murrhardt-Steinberg, Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1974. Already an accomplished craftsman having finished his master's exam in furniture design and construction in Germany, he studied at UCLA and the American Pacific

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Local Entrepreneurs Locate in Brownsville

Working to Bring New Life to Lower Market St..

The Brownsville Revitalization Corporation (BARC) has experienced an influx in rental activity. Despite being in the midst of recession, Brownsville entrepreneurs seem undeterred.

Brownsville native Jeffrey Jones recently converted a portion of the lower level of the Flatiron Building into the fine arts photography gallery and frame shop **Capture Gallery of Art**. Capture's soft opening in early September was packed wall to wall with guests, which bodes well for its future success. The official opening is October 23rd. More information on Mr. Jones's work and business can be found at www.captureincphotography.com

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Looking Back!

Glenn Tunney's New Book on Brownsville Past

"Who will preserve our heritage?"

This is the question asked at the beginning of Glenn Tunney's informal history of Brownsville. He ends with the words "to act", a clear call to arms meant to urge the reader to find strategies that will help in answering the book's initial question.

Looking Back: The Best of Glenn Tunney is a selection of articles on Brownsville history that appeared in Uniontown's *Herald-Standard* between 1998 and 2006, and is most definitely Mr. Tunney's act towards preserving valuable pieces of Brownsville's heritage. In this case, however, the act will go beyond just the book itself. Through Mr. Tunney's generosity, the proceeds earned from the book will be used towards Brownsville's revitalization and toward the publishing of three more volumes of Mr. Tunney's work.

Mr. Tunney and BARC partnered in June of 2010 to begin work on the project. Since it's conception, We

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Farewell Chris, Stephanie & Colleen!

Meet Blake!

BARC had the honor of securing two AmeriCorps VISTA participants for the 2009-2010 year. This year's AmeriCorps volunteer is the final in the three year commitment to the Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team (ACCWT).

Please join us in saying farewell to our 2009-2010 AmeriCorps/VISTAs Stephanie Hayes and Christopher Omiros as well as our 2010 Summer VISTA Colleen Schmidt.



Stephanie Hayes filled the second year of BARC's three-year commitment to the Office of Surface Mining, AmeriCorps/VISTA program. Just as her predecessor in the program, Stephanie focused on building the capacity of BARC and continuing watershed development efforts. In collaboration with Christopher, Stephanie organized the Taste of Italy, the MLK day of service computer class, the Dunlap Creek and neighborhood clean-up, coordinated the first annual Mon Ducky race and 2010 Lotto Calendar fundraiser. In addition to these activities, she was also very active in watershed monitoring, developing the Water Trail Map of the Middle Monongahela, and continuing efforts to start the Brownsville Environmental Education Program.



As BARC's Recovery Act AmeriCorps/VISTA, **Christopher Omiros** was tasked not only with the everyday duties of a BARC AmeriCorps VISTA but also with developing research demonstrating Brownsville's successes in revitalizing downtrodden, post-industrial towns. By the end of his term, he had played a vital role in coordinating BARC's major fundraiser, *A Taste of Italy* (twice) coordinated our annual Christmas-time gift collection program *Toys for the Less Fortunate*, and had effectively compiled a research paper telling the narrative of Brownsville's past and the steps being taken towards revitalization into the 21st century.

Quickly thrown into the mix, summer OSM/VISTA



Colleen Schmidt was handed arguably the largest projects of the year when she first arrived in June: the first annual Brownsville Community Festival and the 2nd annual Mon Ducky Race. Both of which could not have operated nearly as smoothly without her assistance.

When her hands weren't filled with rubber duckies she was probably working on the computer, creating countless press releases and marketing materials for everything from the Music on the Mon series to the hot off the press, *Looking Back: The Best of Glen Tunney Vol. 1*.

Meet Blake!



Our new OSM/VISTA, Blake Fisher hails from the far off flatlands of America's Heartland: Iowa. He graduated from Iowa State University in 2009 with his Bachelor's of Architecture degree, and before coming to Brownsville spent a year in Seattle, WA.

What was it that brought him to Brownsville? In search of an alternative route through his professional development as an architect, Blake is extremely interested in the effects of natural resource extraction on rural communities. With its complex history regarding westward expansion, industrialization & coal and new developments in Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction, Brownsville seemed like the perfect place to spend a year of service. Not only that, but as an architect, having the opportunity to contribute to the rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of BARC's historic properties was undeniably enticing.

While with BARC he hopes to contribute significantly to grant-writing duties, improve BARC's real estate marketing capacity by helping to upgrade their website complete with basic architectural survey of each of BARC's various properties, complete ongoing VISTA project such as the water trails map and regular water monitoring of local creeks and streams and use his knowledge of the built environment to help BARC achieve their mission to revitalize Brownsville.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

Halloween Ghost Tours of Nemaquin Castle

- Every Saturday & Sunday in October, 6 PM to 10 PM
- FMI or special tours call 724-785-6882

Oct. 22 Ribbon Cutting Extravaganza! Starting at 10:00 AM, join us on an official dedication and ribbon cutting walk starting at Capture Art Gallery, then moving on to the American Legion Mural, Market Street Performing Arts Academy, and The Thompson House.

Oct. 23 Join us for open house events 11:00-3:00 PM at Capture Gallery (69 Market St.) of Art and the Market Street Performing Arts Academy (31 Market St.) as well as an official booksigning for Glen Tunney's new book *Looking Back: The Best of Glen Tunney* (69 Market St).

November

Nov. 26 **Light-Up Night**, 6 PM to 9 PM, over 3,000 luminaries, fire truck parade, Mr. & Mrs. Claus FMI, call Chamber of Commerce at 724-785-4160

December

Christmas Candlelight Tours of Nemaquin Castle

- Every Friday in December, 5 PM to 9 PM
- Weekends in December, 2 PM to 9 PM
- Closed on Dec 25th & 26th
- FMI or for group tours during the week call, 724-785-6882

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have seen an enormous response, pre-selling over 200 copies, and proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that there are many individuals and families all over the country that value the preservation of Brownsville's rich and industrious past.

The book is now available in the Flatiron Heritage Museum and Visitor's Center gift shop, the Uniontown office of the *Herald-Standard* or you can call BARC at 724-785-9331 to order a copy by phone. We've also included an order form within this newsletter.

Mr. Tunney and BARC would like to thank the hundreds of people that have assisted in the production of this invaluable asset to remember Brownsville's stories.

Brownsville Murals

One Panel at a Time

Two Brownsville Murals are currently being worked on by regional artists. The newest was made possible through a grant to BARC from the PA Council of the Arts and Gateway to the Arts in Pittsburgh. It provided an artist in residence program with Allyson Holtz who guided the development of the mural at State Correctional Institute-Fayette with art instructor Jim Winegar. The mural will be located on the American Legion Post 295 building facing the Market Street parking lot.

Also, two local high school art instructors; Brian Nicholson and Tiffany Gratchic have begun the slow and tedious process to restore another of Brownsville's unique murals. It was completed in early 1990's under the supervision of muralist Robert Qualters with local Brownsville art students.



Computer Sale

Dell Desktop Computers refurbished in BARC's Youth Technology Center

■ All-inclusive for just \$225.00:

⇒ Dell Desktop with Windows XP Pro, 512 MB RAM, 2.7 GHz processor, 15 inch -17 inch Flat Screen Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse, CD/DVD Drive is optional with no price difference, **Refurbished eMac pricing available upon request**

Items for individual purchase:

Keyboards for \$25.00, Monitors (w/ mouse) for \$75.00

Call 724-785-9331 to order by phone with credit card.



Or please specify your order & send check payable to **BARC** to:
P.O. Box 97, Brownsville, PA 15417

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Most recently and officially opening the same weekend as Capture Gallery of Art is Dr. Fred Lapisardi's **Market Street Academy & Performing Arts Center** in Brownsville's Odd Fellows building. Encompassing music and theater, the academy will offer professional instruction in voice, piano, bagpipe, fiddle, guitar, mandolin, drums, acting, and theatrical set design. The venue will become the site regular theatrical and music performances by regional and even national performing arts groups and individuals. Also available at the academy is a small selection of used and new books related to theater, art, and culture. For more information you can visit their website at www.marketstreetarts.wordpress.com or call Dr. Fred Lapisardi at 724-880-3801.

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Art Institute (formerly the Art Institute of LA) while obtaining an Associate Arts Degree with the Interior Designers Guild in California. Although less than ten artworks comprise the exhibit, they demonstrate a wide range of materials and approaches to making art. Works include wood sculptures, turned alabaster vessels, and a "safari chair" made of wood and leather. Some of the sculptures are small in size but none-the-less, powerful statements.

"Working Press: Moments in Time" and "Ernst Braun: In Memoriam" are open through February 20, 2011. If you'd like do drop in, we'd be more than happy to show you around. Hours are M-F 11AM-2PM or by appointment, call (724)785-8626.

Community Festival and Mon Ducky Race a Huge Success!

Hundreds Pack Water St. for festivities!



The Brownsville Annual Community Festival and Mon Ducky race over the weekend of August 7th and 8th has drawn more people to downtown Brownsville than it's seen in years. Who would

have thought that downtown Brownsville could play host to hundreds of people, a parade, eighteen vendors, two dance troupes (fortunately NOT like the Sharks and Jets), two concerts, a classic car show, carriage tours of Brownsville historic districts, a duck race, and even a couple of scuba divers. Thanks to the efforts of the Borough, BARC and other members on the organizing committee, Brownsville's downtown had an entire weekend that was hustling and bustling with excitement.

In fact, If you had looked at the inter-county bridge at roughly 1:30 on Saturday, August 7th you would have seen a blur of yellow duckies falling through the air and eventually crashing into the water, starting their race towards the Northern edge of Brownsville's Wharf Park. This year marked BARC's Second Annual Mon Ducky

Race, and what a year it was! Those of you who attended last year's race may recall wishing the ducks might go a little faster (or at least in the proper direction). Fortunately, this year's 891 duckies ran a considerably faster course, not once losing their way!

We would like to thank our corporate sponsors Pennoni Assoc., Dick's Sporting Goods, Wal-mart and for providing prizes as well as those who partook in an exciting ducky race of their own, which include Atlas Energy Inc., Brownsville Marine Products, Capture Inc., Construction & General Laborers Local Union #286, Drs. Rohland-Pratt-Rohland, Fayette Podiatry Associates, Grindstone Foodland, Lee's Plumbing & Excavating, Route 40 Classic Diner, and Sheehan Automotive. Our corporate ducky race certainly proved exciting! Winning by a hair was Brownsville's own Route 40 Classic Diner.



Ongoing Fundraisers

BARC'S SIDEWALK OF HONOR

Below is the most recent list of names of donors as BARC's "Sidewalk of Honor."
The layout of the inscriptions below are exactly as requested by the donor.

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Inscription</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Inscription</u>
BARC	Charles W. McKinley The Telegraph	James & Barb Carroll	James R. Carroll Barbara Carroll
BARC	Mike & Joanne Daugherty	James & Barb Carroll	In Memory of Jack Allison

BRICK ENGRAVING REQUEST

Remember your heritage and support the history of the region by engraving a brick in the "Sidewalk of Honor" at the Historic Flatiron Building. Commemorate your family, business, community organization, yourself, or someone special. The authentic Red Brick measures 4" x 6", is professionally engraved, and is installed in the sidewalk at the "Rounded Corner." Please provide the following information:

DONOR NAME		PHONE	
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ENGRAVED INFORMATION (Limit of 12 characters per line)			
	COST OF THE BRICK		
1st Line	2 Lines/12 Characters per line: \$50		
2nd Line	Additional (3rd) Line: \$10 (same brick)		
3rd Line	Please send check with completed request to BARC's Sidewalk of Honor, P.O. Box 97, Brownsville, PA 15417		

BARC 2010/2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

July 1, 2010 begins the new membership year. Only through your contribution can BARC persevere in its revitalization efforts for your community. Please continue your support by completing the application and submitting your membership dues for the new membership year. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to revitalize the Brownsville Area!

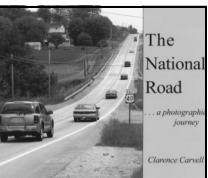
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I wish to purchase/renew my BARC membership for the 2010/2011 membership year as follows:
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 _____ Gift Membership _____ Additional Donations \$ _____

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ADDRESS:	EMAIL:
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Please send check payable to **BARC** with completed application to BARC Membership, P.O. Box 97, Brownsville, PA 15417

BOOKS

- Looking Back: The Best of Glen Tunney.....\$21.15
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- A Boy From Brownsville (Revised Edition).....\$19.95
By Richard Wells
- Over the Side\$29.95
By Richard Wells
- Fayette County Family Ties That Bind.....\$9.95
(Out of Print) Limited Ed. Collection of Poems.....\$2.25
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By Clarence Carvell

Retail Price \$29.95
Exclusive BARC Price....\$18.97

Two Envelopes.....\$14.95
By Rev. Alexander Jalso

STATIONARY

- Note Cards - Brownsville Scenes - (4 each of 4 scenes)
*Color scenes of Nemacolin Castle, Rural Brownsville
Winter, Market Street, & Monongahela River*
- Historic Brownsville Note Cards (5"x7")
*Looking Over the Bridge (Market St., 1890) &
Sledding (Front St., 1890)*
- Singles (specify design).....WAS \$1.41, **SALE \$.80**
Pkg. of 10.....\$8.00

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Brownsville Glass Ball Christmas Ornament
SPECIAL SALE!
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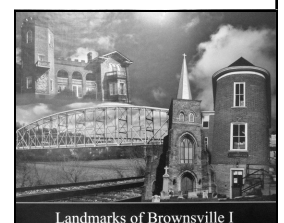
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*Burnt-orange & Black
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National Road Mug (green).....
.....\$4.00

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 On the Pike \$20.28

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To visit the BARC Flatiron Heritage Center or the Frank L. Melega Art Museum, please call for hours at 724-785-9331 or FAX at 724-785-8626 or e-mail blakef@barcpa.org

<http://www.flatironcenter.com/>
<http://www.melegaartmuseum.org/>



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