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# Annual Report 2014



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**The Mission of the Fayette County Cultural Trust is to enrich the area's quality of life by promoting our cultural, artistic, historic and natural assets and by creating partnerships to revitalize communities and further economic development.**

**Daniel Cocks**  
Executive Director



**Another year has gone by and the Fayette County Cultural Trust keeps climbing the ladder of success. We took on many different projects, with many different partnerships, and had many opportunities that would not have been possible without the support of our corporate sponsors, volunteers and community at large. Thank you for a very successful and productive year!**

#### **Board of Directors**

**Michael Edwards – President**  
**Karen Hechler – Vice President**  
**Bryan Kisiel – Treasurer**  
**Gerry Browell**  
**John Coleman**  
**Kara Sepp -Secretary**

#### **New Members in 2015**

**Julie Porterfield**  
**Lori Omatick**  
**Mary Dreliszak**  
**Vicky McWilliams**

**The Fayette County Cultural Trust had a busy and successful year in 2014. The Connellsville Canteen had over 5000 visits since opening, ArtWorks Connellsville hosted different events and functions, and the Downtown Connellsville initiative hosted many events, festivals, and even a Farmers Market.**



**Connellsville Canteen**  
**131 West Crawford Avenue**  
**Connellsville, Pennsylvania 15425**  
**[www.connellsvillecanteen.org](http://www.connellsvillecanteen.org)**

**Connellsville Canteen**

**World War II Museum & Harry Clark's Indian Valley Railroad Display. The Canteen is a living memorial to the "Canteen Ladies" that served over 600,000 troops passing through Connellsville on their way to war. At the Connellsville Canteen we host dinner shows featuring local and regional up and coming talent. We have also been working with Veteran's Voices of Pittsburgh to preserve the stories of our veterans that fought during World War II.**

**Glenna Hughes is our employee at the Connellsville Canteen. She is paid by Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Inc. Area Agency on Aging.**



**ArtWorks Connellsville**  
139 West Crawford Avenue  
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**Chuck Hubbell**  
**ArtWorks Manager**

**ArtWorks Connellsville is a gallery and learning center that features over 100 local and regional artists. ArtWorks has hosted numerous artist demonstrations, classes and events throughout the year.**



**ArtWorks partnered with the Connellsville Senior High School Class to teach children how to make Christmas Ornaments during It's A Connellsville Christmas.**



**The Fayette County Cultural Trust has partnered with the Connellsville Rotary to start an Achievement in the Arts Award for High School Students throughout the county. We held an art auction in November to raise funds to start an endowment held at Community Foundation of Fayette County.**



## Downtown Connellsville Initiative

[www.downtownconnellsville.org](http://www.downtownconnellsville.org)

### Committee Members

Gerry Browell

Michael Edwards

Lauri Hensel

Lucy King

Bryan Kisiel

Bob Lubic

Dave Marchewka

Leo Rudnik

Pat Stefano



In 2014 Downtown Connellsville placed park benches, flower planters and park benches around downtown, provided matching grants for business signage and facade improvements.

Downtown Connellsville has partnered with Seton Hill University, E-magnify, to offer Lunch & Learns and Business Classes.



Tangles Hair Salon

724-626-0606

Downtown Connellsville publishes a semi annual "Around Downtown" Newsletter and the organization holds downtown mixers and business classes.

The Fayette County Cultural Trust partners with the Connellsville Chamber's Savor the Avenue event.







The Fayette County Cultural Trust's Downtown Connellsville Initiative, in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, has proven to be a successful tool in transforming our downtown into a more business friendly environment. New businesses have opened and a condemned building was purchased and is being made into a useful space.



Through the Officer McGruff program we provided Bicycle Safety Crime Watch coloring books at different events in the city.

Downtown Connellsville brought in motor coach tours to downtown educating people on Connellsville's history.



In 2014, at the Downtown Sponsored Farmers Market, we were able to provide fresh produce vouchers to low and moderate income families. These vouchers were provided by the Charity Fund of the Community Foundation of Fayette County.





**Fayette County Cultural Trust  
Festivals and Events**

**Connellsville Mum Festival  
September 06<sup>th</sup>.**

**This year we combined the Annual Mum Festival with a parade of over 50 Ford Mustangs which celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ford Mustang's production.**



**It's A Connellsville Christmas**

**December 06 – 07 2014  
Downtown Event and Non-  
Profit Cookie Tour**



**It's A Connellsville Christmas  
Committee Members**

**Connellsville Golden  
Reunion May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Bringing back previous  
graduating classes**



**We provided an outdoor  
skating rink, along with  
a Breakfast with Santa  
Celebration at the  
Connellsville Canteen.**

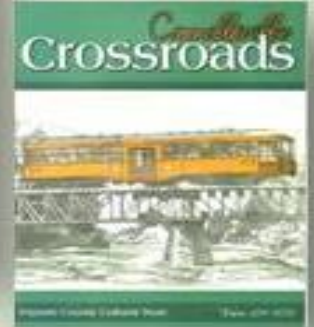
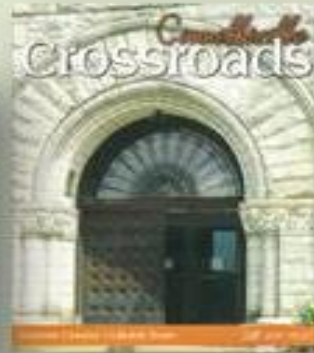
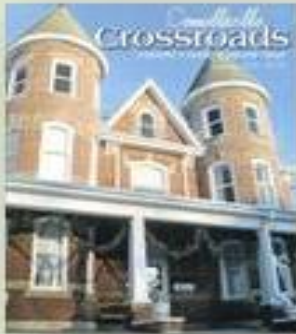


## Connellsville Crossroads Magazine

**Susan Joy Lewis – Editor**  
**Michael Edwards**  
**Karen Hechler**  
**Tom Rusnack**  
**Daniel Cocks**

Connellsville Crossroads, featuring historic and current happenings around Fayette County, has over 200 subscribers across the United States.

Connellsville Crossroads Magazine is published quarterly and at the end of 2014 published the 23<sup>rd</sup> issue!



## Community Service Impact Projects

Each year the Fayette County Cultural Trust chooses a community service impact project to partner with the community. This year we chose to paint the band shell and concession stand at East Park. The partners included United Way of Westmoreland County, Pittsburgh Paints, Ice Miners Hockey Team and West Penn Power!





## Neighborhood Partnership Program

In 2014 the Fayette County Cultural Trust, representing Connellsville, was chosen by the Allegheny Conference to participate in their Strengthening Communities Partnership Program. Because of this initiative, Connellsville was selected by DCED and the State of Pennsylvania to participate in the Neighborhood Partnership Program (NPP).

-UPMC has pledged \$100,000 per year for the next 6 years through the NPP.

-TriState Capital has pledged \$50,000 per year for the next 6 years.



-Somerset Trust has pledged \$50,000 per year for the next 6 years.

First Energy Foundation granted the Fayette County Cultural Trust \$25,000 for the next 4 years.

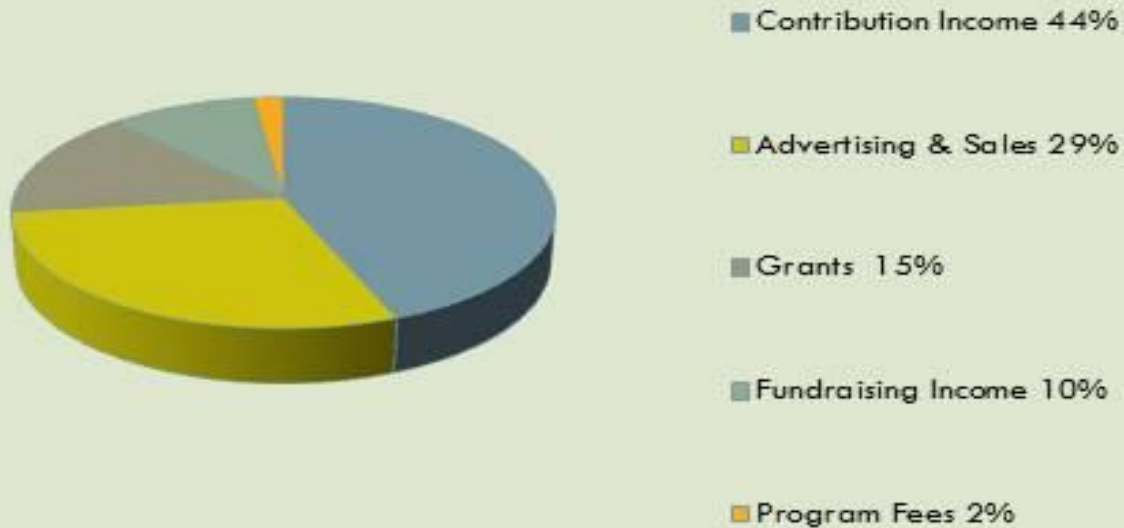
Because of the Neighborhood Partnership Program we were able to assist three nonprofits with \$5,000 each. These included the Connellsville Carnegie Free Library, Wesley Health Center & Connellsville Area Circles Program.





# Fayette County Cultural Trust Financials

## Income \$ 183,694



## Expenses \$ 222,344



**Tax Deductible contributions can be made to  
Fayette County Cultural Trust**

**139 West Crawford Avenue, Connellsville, Pennsylvania 15425**

The official registration and financial information of Fayette County Cultural Trust, Inc. (EIN: 65-1283985), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

UPMC HEALTH PLAN



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