

White Hall, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To commend and promote volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize outstanding community volunteers and organizations that exhibit volunteerism and promote the improvement of our communities. The recipients of these awards are chosen by the employees of the local branch.

Pamela Painter and Tammy Winters have been chosen as our Volunteer of the Quarter for the fourth quarter in 2018.

Pam and Tammy teach the "Art on a Cart" art program for North Greene Elementary students, kindergarten through 3rd grade. This program was started in 2007 with a grant through the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. The first purchase of this program were five prints of master artists. These prints originally hung in the hallway of the White Hall Elementary School and now hang at the North Greene Elementary School in the Gallery Walk. Donations from Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies Inc., Christ United Methodist Church, the Parent Teacher Organization, Peoples Bank & Trust, other organizations and individuals help the program buy the materials and supplies needed to keep the program going.

The art program is taught to each student in kindergarten through third grade twice a month. Pam and Tammy first teach about a particular artist, their style of art, then students do an art activity in the style of the artist using different techniques and mediums for their own piece of artwork. Speakers have also come to the classroom to speak on relevant topics. Artists that have been studied this year include Vincent Van Gough, Jamie Wyeth and Grandma Moses. The most recent artist being studied is Grant Wood an American painter best known for his 1930 painting "American Gothic" - The painting of a rural man holding a pitchfork standing next to his spinster daughter in front of a house. The next artist to be studied will be Claude Monet, known as the founder of Impressionism.

In May, the North Greene Elementary School will hold an art show to display the work of students' kindergarten through 6th grades. The public is welcome to attend.

Pam Painter and Tammy Winters, for their "Art on a Cart" program, will benefit from our Volunteer of the Quarter \$250.00 award!

Please join us in congratulating Pam Painter and Tammy Winters on this recognition for their contributions!

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