



... in the heart of beautiful Downtown Lima

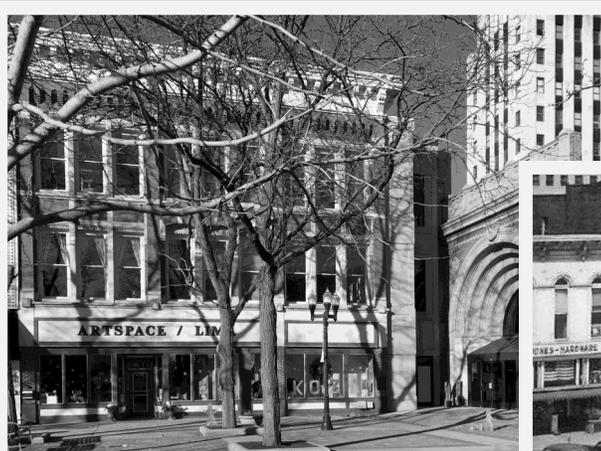
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# If These Walls Could Talk ...

ArtSpace is located in one of the oldest, and most beautiful, buildings in the heart of Downtown Lima. Its integrity and value have been preserved through a variety of uses for generations. The earliest pictures of Lima show this building in the northwest quadrant, known then as the Thompson Block. Anna Selfridge, Curator at the Allen County Museum, provided the following information about the building's beginnings:

As early as the 1860's/70's, the ArtSpace building was #7 on the block. Other buildings and businesses lined the street - Boone Hardware, Ashton's Drug Store, Hoffman's Meat Market, and Williams' Bakery. As the records show, Thompson's Dry Goods was in #7, which eventually turned into the address of 61 Town Square in 1888-9. When J.C. Thompson went into the banking business, the Lichtenstader Brothers clothiers occupied the space and the address became known as 67 Town Square. The space turned over ownership a couple of times, and then in 1928, Jas. F. Crowley opened with men's furnishings and attire. In 1930, Ladies Outfitting Co. (later Madison's Ready to Wear), occupied the 67 Town Square until 1949 when they moved to the larger side of the building, and the Federal Bake Shop moved into the corner, 67. For a brief time the bake shop was Frueh's Bake Shop, until Madison's took over that space from 1972-81. The south side of the building housed a Kroger Store and a pharmacy, and the north side had Harvest Records and Davanti Media in the 70's and 80's. In 1989, BP purchased the building with the idea that it could serve as an art center for the community, and Ellen Nelson, then Executive Director, navigated the transformation that turned the whole building, 65-67, into the showplace for art and artists that ArtSpace/Lima is now.

2021 begins our 31st year as the art center in Downtown Lima. It is our great pleasure and honor to be in a building that has played such an important role in the development and life of this community and beyond.



# On the Inside ...



As years progress, buildings begin to show their age and need attention. At ArtSpace, the Ellen Nelson Gallery was due to have maintenance work done to mend multiple cracks in the walls and ceilings. The space had been used for 30 years without any major damage, but a closer look last fall showed us that some small repairs would halt a major problem in the future. The result has been fabulous, and with the addition of the same lighting colors, the gallery has been restored to its original beauty. Artwork chosen to be at ArtSpace/Lima is worthy of a grand showplace. We are pleased to have the gallery ready to show. Stop in and see this beautiful space!



## Great News! ArtSpace now offers **Auto-Pay!**

We have added a **\*NEW\*** feature for your convenience - **Auto Pay**. Give us a call and we will set it up for you so you can easily have memberships, donations, and/or sponsorships deducted monthly from your account. It's that easy! What a great time to give -- and it can be spread out over several months. You can help ArtSpace by becoming a donor and designate the program(s) you would like the funds to cover. All transactions are safe and very convenient. Please consider using this service. We have several ways for you to take advantage of the easy system. Call us today! 419-222-1721 or email us with any questions - [sally.artspace@gmail.com](mailto:sally.artspace@gmail.com)



### Yearly Memberships and Donation Levels

Student/Senior	\$25.00
Adult	\$40.00
Family	\$65.00

Bronze Donor	\$100.00
Silver Donor	\$200.00
Gold Donor	\$500.00
Platinum Donor	\$1000.00

Corporate Sponsor - \$2500.00



The ArtSpace TO-GO Art Bags program continues to be a part of our community outreach, as we send out 600 bags of art activities to our creative friends every month.

To date we have given out 16,500 bags -- *and it hasn't slowed down.*

One of our most popular to date was the February Birdseed Birdfeeders with drawing sheets.

Thanks to a very generous donor, all the children at Perry Elementary School (500) were able to receive one and complete the project. Our



volunteers worked many hours to assemble the bags and we were able to give out **1,100 total.**

**Why do we do it?** Art provides a means to express the imagination and creativity encourages deeper (and multiple) ways of problem solving. Unlike words, art provides a range of forms, symbols and ideas that are communication tools. The arts help create a society more grounded in things that lead us to greater meaningful experiences, clearer understanding of self and others, and



the skills to put those understandings into useful action. We are grateful for those in our area who support and demand more.

**New Art Classes - Members receive 25% off!**  
**Call today to register for our March Art**



**Ceramics - Wheel and Hand Building**

March 16, 23, and 30 - 6:00 to 8:00 - Ages 12 and up  
\$40.00 per person - All materials included



**Saturday Clay Workshops**

10:00 to 1:00 - March 27th - Ages 12 and up  
2:00 to 5:00 - March 27th - Ages 12 and up  
\$40.00 per person - All materials included

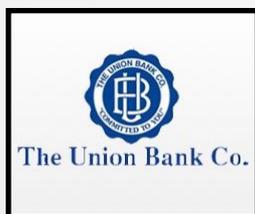


**Kids Art Class!**

Saturday, March 20th - 11:00 to 12:30  
\$25.00 - All materials included



**Many thanks to our Sponsors - Your support is integral to our success!**





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### Help us Identify!

This picture, celebrating the construction plans for the Elevator Tower on the north side of the building, hangs in the stairwell between the second and third floors at ArtSpace. We know (first row, l-r) Fred Odum, Ellen Nelson, Martha Farmer, and Joseph Firszt. Do you know the other gentlemen in the picture and what company they represented? If so, send us a message - call 419-222-1721 or email [sally.artspace@gmail.com](mailto:sally.artspace@gmail.com). We'll mention you and the information in the next newsletter.

*Thank you!*

## Upcoming Exhibits at Lima

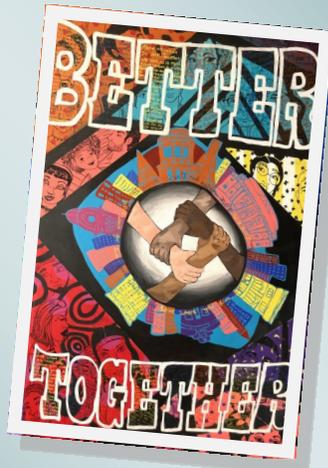
**March 9 through March 27**  
Ellen Nelson Gallery

# Better Together

Join us as we host  
the Lima City  
Schools Faculty Art  
Exhibit,

### *Better Together*

Tuesday-Friday  
10:00 to 5:00pm  
Saturday  
10:00 to 4:00 pm



69th Annual

# Spring Show

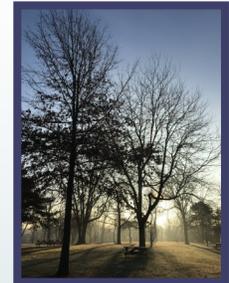


Exhibit Dates  
April 10 through May 29  
Intake Dates  
March 23 through 27

Information available on the website  
[www.artspacelima.com](http://www.artspacelima.com)

