

## **Unionville High School Announces Dates for 48th Annual Art Gala**

(Kennett Square, Pa) - Unionville High School Art Gala celebrates its 48th year! The annual art show and sale will be held November 22 and 23 at Unionville High School, showcasing local working artists, Unionville High School (UHS) Alumni, and current UHS student artists. In addition to beautiful artwork, there will be live music to entertain and delicious desserts to enjoy. Funds raised will benefit the UHS PTO, contributing to Enrichment Projects to enhance the overall educational experience for all UHS students, and will also help make local community outreach efforts possible.

The Unionville High School Art Gala strives to include a variety of artists - both new and more established individuals. Approximately 60 participating artists express their talents through diverse mediums including oil and watercolor paintings, photography, glass, metal, pastels, mixed media, jewelry, ceramics, mosaics, and wood.

We are thrilled to announce that this year's featured artist is Carol Apicella. With over a decade of participation in the Art Gala, Carol has been a resounding success and we are delighted to showcase her work. After a successful career in banking and years devoted to motherhood and actively volunteering in schools, Carol uncovered a passion for mosaic art. What began as an economical way to create art projects with elementary students for classroom fundraisers blossomed into a journey of artistic expression.

Initially focused on mosaics for youth and non-profit organizations, Carol's work evolved into unique mixed-media mosaics, often featuring mirror elements. She draws inspiration from everyday objects - a plate, a bead, a drawer pull - transforming them into vibrant works of art. Friends contribute broken dishes and leftover tiles, which she skillfully incorporates into her pieces, alongside found objects like beads, bullet casings, and twisted copper wire. Carol masterfully weaves these materials into stunning mosaics, each bursting with color and creativity.

The Art Gala also includes a Student Art section, highlighting the impressive artistic talents nurtured by the outstanding UHS Art Department. In addition to approximately 175 student artists, students who demonstrate particularly refined and distinct talents are selected as Featured Student Artists each year. This year's Featured Student Artists will be announced in October.

Additionally, a Silent Auction will be offered to the public, featuring beautiful artwork donated by talented artists in the show as well as select regional activities and outings. Bidding commences on November 14 at 12 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 24. While auction items will be on display for viewing in-person at the Gala, all bidding for the Silent Auction will be online at <https://www.32auctions.com/unionvilleartgala2024>; bidders need not be present to bid or to win. Donations to the silent auction along with business sponsorships are key components to the success of the Gala. Please see our website at <https://www.unionvilleartgala.com> for details on how to donate a silent auction item and/or how to become a sponsor.

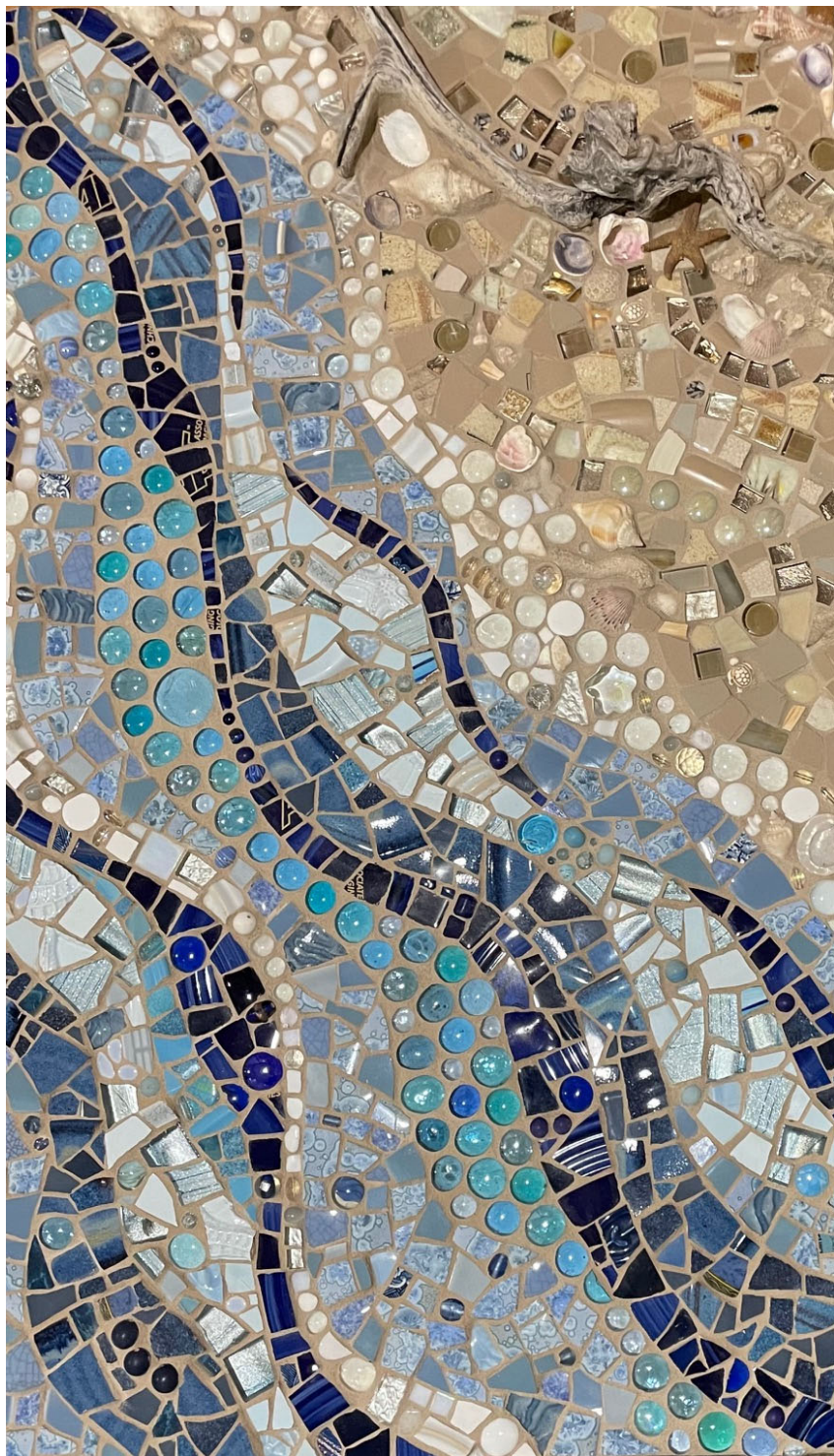
Friday evening includes live music from UHS students and local musicians, with assorted desserts and beverages offered for sale. Thirty percent of proceeds from art sales and 100% of proceeds from the silent auction benefit the UHS PTO. Admission is free.

The 2024 Unionville High School Art Gala begins Friday, November 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. and continues on Saturday, November 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Unionville High School Auditorium Entrance, 750 Unionville Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348. For more details and information, please visit the Art Gala website at [www.unionvilleartgala.com](http://www.unionvilleartgala.com) or find us on Facebook and Instagram. This fun and lively event is not to be missed!

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*Mosaic by Carol Apicella*





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