

The Arts Barn inviting for all artists, admirers

The Arts Barn started in the fall of 2010 as a way for nine artistic friends to get together and showcase their work in one place.

The original group included Barbara Barner, Cindy Ross, Todd Gladfelter, Kirstin Boyer, Lila Fretz, Frank Fretz, Annie Trexler, Dave Hughes and Deborah Cooper. They all got together and cleaned out the former Toy Barn at 3 Berry Road, Schuylkill Haven, and took

advantage of the bucolic country setting to start a new art gallery: The Arts Barn.

At first, they operated on a shoestring budget and all volunteer help. They had no idea of what was to come.

Today, there are two galleries, where before there was only one small gallery. The Arts Barn includes 65 Pennsylvania artists featured in the galleries with new artists joining regularly.

It has had visitors from

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many states and even other countries, and sales have grown tremendously over the last two years. The Arts Barn now partners with other artistic endeavors in Schuylkill County, including Block of Art, Allied Artists

of Schuylkill County, Mud and Maker and the Walk-In Art Center to bring art tours to this area.

One thing has not changed since it first opened its doors: its goal and mission.

The artists wanted to support local Pennsylvania artists by creating a permanent showcase for their work. They wanted to bring artists together by providing a place for them to gather, inspire each other and cultivate at

atmosphere of artistic expression. They also wanted to provide the community with the opportunity to experience and purchase quality art in a very relaxed and welcoming environment. And they wanted to offer workshops and classes!

They have succeeded, yet they continue to grow and expand. They strive to maintain the cooperative's intimacy while expanding to accommodate the out-

pouring of enthusiasm that they have gratefully discovered.

As you drive past the babbling brook and see the horses grazing in the field, come enjoy complimentary refreshments. The Arts Barn always welcomes new visitors, new ideas and new artists. The gallery is also available for hosting meetings and gatherings. They invite all to come and enjoy art in the country.