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Pennswood Village Fiberworks Gallery Exhibits Self-Portraits of Newtown Friends School 7th and 8th Grade Studio Art Students



January 31, 2012. Newtown, PA: **An exhibit of mixed media self-portraits of 7th and 8th grade students from Newtown Friends' Art Studio Elective is on display at the Pennswood Village Fiberworks Gallery.** Pennswood Village is a continuing Care Retirement Community located at 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road, in Newtown, PA. The exhibit is an intergenerational collaboration between Pennswood and Newtown Friends School, a pre-K through eighth grade independent day school. The show, which runs from January 31 through February 7, is open to the public. The Fiberworks Gallery is located in the Mott Building at Pennswood.



Pennswood Village and Newtown Friends School are located on adjacent campuses and share a vibrant tradition of intergenerational programming. Pennswood Village residents volunteer at the school, and students visit Pennswood Village for activities including shared art projects, Wii tournaments, flower arranging, a weekly lunch conversation group, pool volleyball, gardening, and more. As Quaker organizations, both believe that resident's and student's lives are enriched through shared activities and fellowship.



"Pennswood Village is excited to provide beautiful and professional gallery space to our Newtown Friends Emerging Artists," said Karen Lehman, Pennswood Village Executive Director. "Sharing through the arts is but one example of how our intergenerational program benefits both our residents and Newtown Friends students."

Thirty Five self-portraits in a variety mediums, including pencil, oil pastel, and charcoal, are on exhibit. The students experimented with a wide variety of styles for their portraits. "It is a tradition at Newtown Friends for students to create self-portraits. In our new Art Studio Elective class our students learned the art techniques to create the portraits, explored self



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portraits in art history, but also, and perhaps more importantly, looked within themselves to choose how they wanted to represent themselves to the world,” said Sunny Mitchell, Newtown Friends Art Teacher. “The self-portraits required the students to do a lot of reflection and the show provides a unique way to experience life as a young teenager.”

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Pennswood Village is a nationally respected continuing care retirement community for those 65 and older. Home to more than 450 residents in Newtown, Pennsylvania, the Friends retirement community is accredited by the prestigious national organization Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF-CCAC). Residents enjoy full Type A Life Care Contracts that provide the highest level of service and unlimited access to health care with no substantial increases in monthly payments. The community's Quaker values enrich resident's lives through diversity, welcoming women and men of all races, colors, religions, national origins, and sexual orientations.

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