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Thanks!

To our very generous recent funders whose support makes our work possible: The John Dickey Foundation; The Cestone Family Foundation; Community Foundation of Morris County; Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap, Associate Professor, Art & Design Department, County College of Morris, brings her experience and political savvy as an elected municipal official, and Deputy Mayor, enhances our board with her expertise and skills to our board.

In our Design Department, County College of Morris, brings her expertise as a Master Analyst in Forensic Finance, a Certified Valuation Analyst and an expert in Fine Art Appraisal.

NEW STAFF MEMBER: Debra Broseker – A long-term Morris Arts volunteer (with a background in marketing and advertising) who worked so effectively on our signature gala, Great Conversations, for years, Debra officially joined our staff in August as Development Associate. In that capacity, she will continue reporting to Development Director Gina Moran and will be responsible for raising funds through grants from foundations, corporations, public agencies, and donor appeals to support Morris Arts’ programs and services.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Morris Arts is delighted to welcome three new board members: Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap, Christopher Young, and Sarah L. Reitbauer, Mendon Township Committeewoman and Deputy Mayor, enhances our board with her expertise and political savvy as an elected municipal official, a campaign manager/ballot access director/political director for various national candidates.

Christopher Young, PhD, MBA, CVA, MAFF, Assistant Professor, Rutgers Business School, brings an extensive background in Global Political Economy/International Finance, Valuation, Business Strategy, Economic/Financial Modeling, Commerical and Intellectual Property Damages and Calculation, and Business/Market Ethics. He also has expertise as a Master Analyst in Forensic Finance, a Certified Valuation Analyst and an expert in Fine Art Appraisal. Morris Arts is thrilled and welcomes all aboard.

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Morris Arts/Dodge Foundation GALLERY at 14 MAPLE opens Expresiones Latinx I on 9/12

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The exhibit features works by the following artists: Luis Alves, Josephine Barreiro, Sregg Bautista, Jose Camacho, Marcela Casono, Santiago Cohen, Carlos M. Frias, Luis H. Gaib, Juan C. Girard, France Garrido, Luis Martinez Piir, Maria Jose Navas-Espinal, Oscar Perez, Walter F. Rodriguez, Nancy Ramirez, Patricia Cano, Wil Suarez, Jorge Sebastian Tamayo, Raúl Villarreal, M. H. Yaghoobi and Luyapa Nana Yawar. Their artworks reflect each artist’s unique vision and mode of expression filtered through the lens of Latinx experience.

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On Monday, October 7, 2019 at 5:30pm, representatives from Morris County’s arts and cultural communities will gather at the Freeholder meeting (5th floor, Administration & Records Building, 10 Court Street) in support of the proclamation and highlight the importance of the arts at their own events and performances during the month. Be sure to visit the online cultural calendar at www.morrisarts.org for a listing of the many cultural and arts events in Morris County.

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The performances by Grupo Sabor and by Mariachi Artistico were also part of the LatinX ConeXiones project, spearheaded by the Arts & Culture Collaborative, promoting multiple events over the summer and fall of 2019 to highlight the arts and culture of Latinx communities in our nation. It was an inspiring and heartwarming experience to see so many people, of every age and ethnicity, every economic and social background, smiling, clapping their hands to the music and dancing so happily together – as one community. What better proof could there be of the power of the arts to unify and remind us all of our common humanity and capacity for sharing joy?

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1) *Armen McNicholas painting watercolor portraits; 2) Adam Najmenian, blue guitar/singer/percussionist trying to learn a macrame; 3) Fresh produce at Grow It Green’s pop-up farm stand; 4) Cesar Salas showing finished macrame.**

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