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# News Release

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### **The Pennsylvania Chautauqua Donates Proceeds of the Mt. Gretna Art Show**

Mt. GRETNA, Pa.— Mt. Gretna Art Show unveiled this year's poster art commissioned by internationally renowned artist Bruce Johnson, who was a co-founder of the show 46 years ago. The artwork, in Johnson's iconic pen and ink style, shows the influx of artists and thousands of show patrons to the tiny town of Mt. Gretna for the annual summer event.

Former Mt. Gretna resident Johnson will be on hand at this year's Aug.15-16, 2020, Art Show to sign limited posters. Art Show T-shirts will be available along with other related merchandise.

Johnson was commissioned shortly after the 2019 Art Show to create this year's poster. Art Show Director Kerry Royer says, "This year's art celebrates the popularity of our show with patrons coming from all over the globe to our community - what better way to acknowledge that than through art?"

Royer said, "In an effort to manage the event status as one of the top 200 shows nationwide, we are bringing back the shuttle buses and offsite parking at WellSpan Philhaven's Mt. Gretna campus on South Butler Rd. to accommodate our visitors." The Art Show thanks WellSpan Philhaven for generously donating the offsite parking space for Art Show weekend. The Lebanon County Commissioners have provided a grant to offset the costs of the shuttle buses for the weekend.

Art Show details including parking info are available at our newly redesigned website: [www.mtgretnaarts.com](http://www.mtgretnaarts.com).

The Pennsylvania Chautauqua Board of Managers and the Mt. Gretna Art Show Committee are committed to supporting our communities and activities. We thank everyone who attended and helped with Art Show. Attendance of this event from local communities ensures future art shows.

Mission: The purpose and mission of the Chautauqua shall be the advancement of literary, scientific, intellectual, physical and social welfare and the promotion of cultural and religious activities, recreation and entertainment.

About : Mount Gretna is home to one of eighteen remaining Chautauquas in America and is one of its most active. The Pennsylvania Chautauqua was founded in 1892 by Theodore Vincent Schmauk on land then owned by iron baron Robert Coleman. At the same time Robert Coleman gave land to the United Brethren Church to move its Campmeeting from Stoverdale, Dauphin County, to Mount Gretna.

Mount Gretna, The Pennsylvania Chautauqua, continues the long tradition of summer education by presenting a variety of programs supporting Chautauqua's Four Pillars: Art, Education, Religion and Recreation.

About Bruce Johnson: Bruce was born in 1944. He earned a BFA at the Philadelphia College of Art, was a US Army illustrator, art director for public television, and for Armstrong World Industries. He has won many awards for design and is a member of the American Watercolor Society. He has had 64 one-man shows in Europe and many in the US. His prints have been sold in more than 2000 galleries.

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