

THE HORIZON LINE

“Horizons on Main”

Dear Readers,

Can you guess what's in this photo?
If you guessed a frog's eye, you're right. But, why a frog? And what's the relationship between frogs and Horizons?

Frogs have become a symbol of Windham and Willimantic, Connecticut, all dating back to Revolutionary War days and the historic battle of “Frog Pond” where legend has it that the croaking frogs woke the Minutemen and alerted them to the advancing British soldiers.

Today, a drive down Main Street in Willimantic leads to the Frog Bridge where several stylized frogs sit high upon spools of thread. Fabulous, whimsically painted frogs can be spotted all along the street. The frog pictured here rests patiently beside the “Kerri Art Studio and Gallery” at 861 Main Street.

Horizons partnered with many others to open the Kerri Art Studio and Gallery in mid-May. Kerri is an award-winning artist. She is also a person with autism.



Kerri lives at Horizons' Community Residence and is supported by Horizons' Supported Employment Services to pursue her passion for creating art.

These frogs are all well-positioned, as is Horizons, since we now have a presence on Main Street too. Being part of the revitalization of this historic street presents endless possibilities for the people with disabilities whom we support.

Check out the photo story inside to see what folks are croaking about!

HEARD AT HORIZONS:

“Horizons gives me hope.”

“My opinion matters.”

“We can do things.”

Sincerely,

Kathleen



As one aspect of identifying supported employment needs from Horizons, Jonathan Paradis carefully lines up the tape to ready a window for painting with coaching from Brian Smith, manager of the Opus Restaurant on Main Street.



Kathleen McNaboe and Margaret Bodell, Umbrella Arts Gallery Owner–New York City, Art Program Director and Exhibition Curator, prepare press releases for Kerri's upcoming shows.



Here, Sam Snyder, a crew member with the Horizons' Supported Employment Groundskeeping Service, works hard to maintain the beauty of People's Park on Main Street.



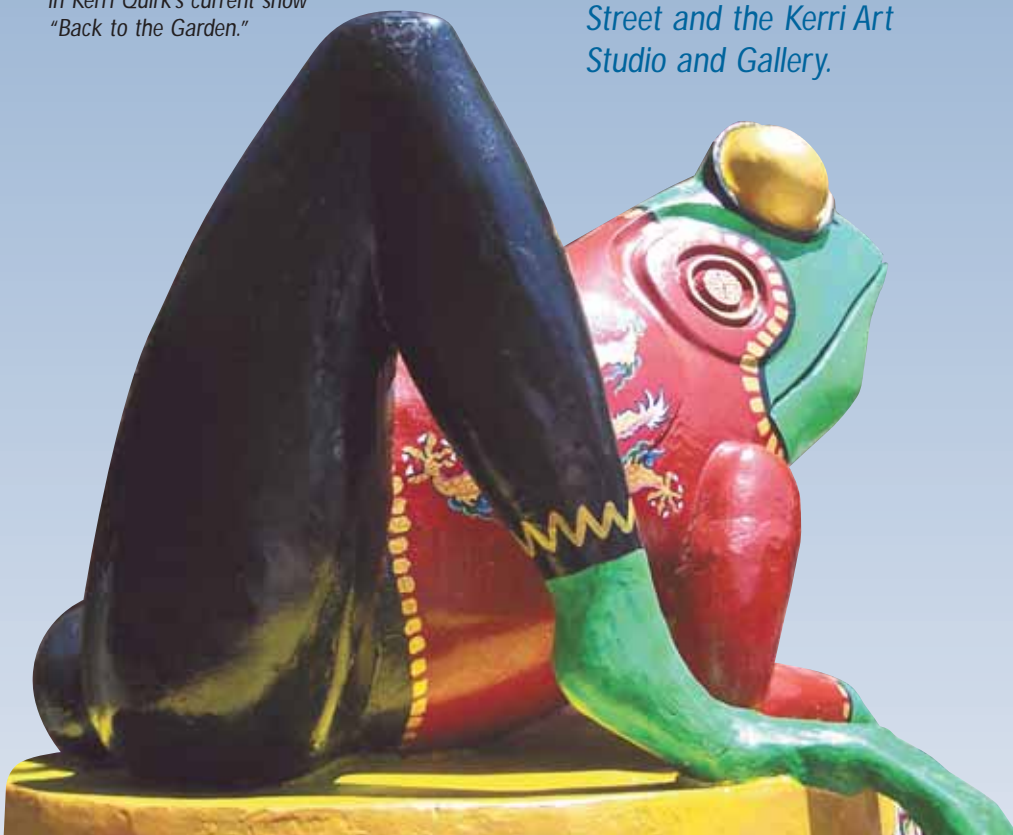
Alta Lash, the Executive Director of UCAN, United Connecticut Action for Neighborhoods, provides technical assistance via the Community Economic Development Fund. Recently, Alta and Chris McNaboe looked over the offerings in Kerri Quirk's current show "Back to the Garden."

Horizons on Main

This exotic frog keeps a watchful eye on Main Street and the Kerri Art Studio and Gallery.



Kerri Quirk, a premier self-taught artist, recently opened a new studio on Main Street in Willimantic with support from Horizons. Kerri maintains a five-day a week practice. Her gallery and studio are open to the public. For gallery hours and exhibit information, check out kerriquirk.com.



One of the docents at the Kerri Art Gallery and Studio is Kellie Barkyoumb. With support from a Horizons Supported Employment Job Coach, Kellie welcomes visitors, answers questions and sells Kerri's artwork.

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Contributors to the 2010 Campaign for Campers are ensuring that Horizons has the capacity to deliver "handcrafted services" to meet the changing needs of the people we serve well into the future.

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Camper, Thomas Belmont, demonstrates his skills with instruction from Jessica Houghton.

The SBM Charitable Foundation's generous partnership with Horizons enabled the implementation of "The Responding to Changing Needs 2010 Project!"

Because of the SBM Charitable Foundation's commitment to Horizons, we are able to establish new opportunities to recognize the unique desires and talents of the people we serve with the creation of the new "Apprentice Program" in summer 2010. This wonderful gift also allows us to revitalize our existing specialty programs, Horseback Riding and Boating, with a focus on respecting the dignity of program participants as they grow older.



Apprentice Jeffrey St. Germain and Job Coach Jack Walker dash across camp in a golf cart to complete the job tasks that are Jeffrey's responsibilities.

Thank You SBM Charitable Foundation!

The Joanne Narotsky Memorial Garden

This beautiful garden was built as a tribute to Joanne Narotsky. Horizons first came to know Joanne in 1984 as she was the real estate agent who helped us find 125 Windham Road, now home to seven people we serve. The garden was built this May due to the generosity of Joan & Richard Cowlan and the time and talent of Jason Narotsky.



Chris McNaboe, Joe Narotsky and Jason Narotsky at the dedication of the garden.



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The Young Blood Project 2010

“The Young Blood Project” is designed to build on our capacity to partner with area young people to sustain the energy and excellence that is the essence of Horizons. We know when young people are given a valued role and respected for learning to work effectively with people with disabilities of all ages, magic happens and lives are changed.

Thank You Mable P. Brady Charitable Trust

The Mable P. Brady Charitable Trust continued their longstanding partnership with Horizons and funded a portion of “The Recruitment and Retention Project 2009-2010.” This project helped Horizons partner with local universities and improve our ability to recruit and retain high quality staff. Thank you, The Mable P. Brady Charitable Trust, for your ongoing support for the mission of Horizons!

Thank You George A. Long & Grace L. Long Foundation

Support from the George A. Long & Grace L. Long Foundation enabled Horizons to implement the “Clarity and Capacity Project” whose critical elements included installing a repeater and purchasing new walkie-talkies. We will make good connections throughout the hilly terrain on the Horizons’ property thanks to the George A. Long & Grace L. Long Foundation!

Thank You NewAlliance Foundation

This year, a grant from the NewAlliance Foundation funded the “On Watch 2010 Project” to purchase a security camera system adding a level of protection for property, staff and the people we serve. Thank You NewAlliance Foundation for helping us stay true to our mission.

“The Young Blood Project” is running full force at Horizons this summer thanks to the generosity of:

- The Newman's Own Foundation
- The J. Walton Bissell Foundation
- The Dionne Fund for Special Needs at the New Canaan Community Foundation

Thank you so very much!



Camp Director, Scott Lambeck, facilitates a session connecting Counselors with Junior Counselors — one important part of “The Young Blood 2010 Project.”

Thank You William and Alice Mortensen Foundation

More cool air now circulates in the Gym and Cabins 2, 4, 8, 9,12 and 14 thanks to the William and Alice Mortensen Foundation's support for “The 2010 Fresh Air Project.” The Foundation's gift enabled Horizons to purchase and install the remaining exhaust fans, ceiling fans and propeller fans needed to improve the air quality in these buildings. Thank you so very much.

Thank You Fisher Foundation

The “Art for All Ages 2010 Project” is a reality this summer due to the continued generosity of the Fisher Foundation. This support translated into new engaging materials and supplies related to session themes including: “Horizons Goes Platinum: 50 Years of Rock and Roll”, “American TV Classics, No Antenna Required”, “Wonders of the World” and “Beyond the Toy Chest”. Thank you Fisher Foundation.