

Patricia and John Waltz Memorial Arts Fund

Judy Goodwin was raised in a family in which art and creativity played a key role, and so, when her parents, Patricia and John Waltz, passed away, Judy had no doubts as to what she should do.

With the help of the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, she established a fund in their memory which would help ensure the people of Miami County will always have the opportunity to experience the joy of art through the Arts Alive! program.

Arts Alive! promotes the arts and exposes original works of art to the students and community of Miami County. Their goal is to increase the understanding and relevancy of the arts in our world.



Both Patricia and John were raised in Peru and graduated from Peru High School. After serving in the Navy, the family started a photography business in Peru. The family worked together in the business.

Art surrounded the family in other ways as well. They frequently visited museums and Patricia and John took occasional art classes as well. Throughout the years, John also took up golf and scuba-diving while Pat was fond of playing bridge and sewing.

Several years after her parents passed away, Judy had the idea of starting a fund in their honor to give back to the community that had long supported her parents and their business. She believes that art is something children need to see to fully experience, something that the Arts Alive! program allows them to do.

“Some things you have to see to appreciate,” Judy said. “Arts Alive! gets it out to the community and to the students.”

Judy herself still lives in Peru and is involved in numerous organizations around the community including the Board of the Miami County Community Foundation, the Peru Art Collection and Art Advisory Board, numerous teacher sororities, and formerly the Civic Center Board and Election Board. She enjoys playing bridge, gardening, painting, and reading.