

Peru Art Club Fund

The Peru Art Club Fund was established in Miami County in 2019 to provide support to the study, appreciation and encouragement of the arts within Miami County. The Peru Art Club is the oldest existing organization of its kind in Miami County dating back to the early 1900's. Currently composed of twenty-two active members and three associate members, the Art Club has played a significant role in preserving art and art projects through the Peru High School Art Gallery and Miami County.

The fund was created to help support the arts and to solidify that the semblance of the Peru Art Club will remain in the county for years to come. When asked why the Peru Art Club was interested in starting a fund, Susie Perkins, a member of the club said, "Why would we want to give somewhere else when we have this great vehicle of the Community Foundation right here in Miami County?" Through the Community Foundation and the dedication of the Art Club's desire to ensure that the arts will be supported forever in Miami County, there will always be a strong foundation for arts within the community.

A different topic related to the arts is chosen annually. Members of the club meet twice a month and one member prepares a presentation related to the current year's topics. A sampling of recent topics includes famous architects, jewelry from different ages, Hoosier clothing designers, and artists who completed presidential paintings. These are just a few examples of areas of art that the club has highlighted. With a yearly field trip and many topics, the Art Club does a great job in broadening the knowledge of different art aspects in Miami County.

Through this fund, the Peru Art Club knows that their gift is going to create a lasting impact on the community for the years to come. Creating a way for the arts to be expressed in Miami County will keep the club alive and well.