

Exhibition hosted by Monmouth Arts and the
Caroline Huber Wellness Center at Brookdale Community College

The Caroline Huber Wellness Center opened in October 2023, in the heart of Brookdale Community College Lincroft campus. It serves as a staple on campus, connecting students, employees, and community members to critical resources and local partners to support basic needs and enhance individual and community wellness. Programming focuses on building resiliency through physical, mental, emotional, financial, social, occupational, environmental, intellectual, and spiritual wellness. The Center is a calming place for students to study, gather and decompress; it includes a reflection room, therapy rooms, and a Nutrition Hub which provides grab and go meals, weekly supplemental grocery bags and meal vouchers. Free therapy is available for all students.



Monmouth Arts is the leading nonprofit arts organization in Monmouth County. Since 1971, Monmouth Arts has provided programs and services that support the practice, presence, and influence of the arts and of artists throughout the county. For more information, visit us online at www.monmoutharts.org.



Human Thread

the art of compassion & courage

Opening Reception:
Thursday, June 4, 4:00 - 6:00pm

On View:
June 2 – August 10

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

The Caroline Huber Wellness Center at Brookdale Community College in partnership with Monmouth Arts welcomes you to a special exhibition celebrating two of Brookdale's guiding values: Compassion and Courage. These values shape the College's poverty-informed practices—removing barriers, leading with love, and acting boldly to open doors for all learners.

Art has long served as one of humanity's most powerful tools for social transformation. Where policy stalls and words fall short, a painting, a photograph, or a mural can crack open empathy in ways that little else can. Artists like Käthe Kollwitz, whose unflinching depictions of poverty and grief gave face to the voiceless, understood that to render suffering with honesty and tenderness is to refuse its invisibility — and in that refusal, to invite others into connection rather than turning away. It is this same impulse that drives artists working today to document resilience, bear witness to hardship, and find in the human face evidence of endurance, hope, and the stubborn will to carry on.

Artists in this exhibition bring that spirit and showcase their artwork that holds the full weight of compassion and courage, and that trusts the capacity of the arts to remind us we are never as alone as struggle might make us feel. To make art about compassion and courage is not a gentle act. It is an insistence that human dignity cannot be negotiated away, and that solidarity, practiced boldly and tenderly, is itself a form of resistance.

OPENING RECEPTION PERFORMANCE: IN GOOD COMPANY DANCE

Inyeon, a site-specific piece, draws on the Korean concept of Inyeon—the idea that every relationship is shaped by accumulated encounters over time—and the cross-cultural notion of an invisible “red thread,” embodies the unseen ties that bind us. Through movement, this piece gives form to the invisible: the pull toward one another, the tension of holding on and letting go, the quiet knowing that our lives are interwoven. It insists that connection is not incidental—it is essential, and within it lies the possibility for healing.

In Good Company Dance is a professional, grassroots modern dance company based in Monmouth County, led by co-founder and artistic director Meredith Koloski.

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

Felix Ahearn	William H. Molloy
Bonnie Ambrosia	Monica Nask
Ann Antoshak	Sophie Nelson
Cynthia Coffey	Kathleen Paiz
Steve Cummings	Cheri Pessutti
Justin DeMattico	Mona Pollard
Joann Donatiello	Sarah Shardam
Val Dyshlov	Mary Ann Smorra
Ann Marie Fitzsimmons	Beth Stamp
Bennett Gewirtz	Morgan Tashjian
Pauline Gonen Smith	Nancy Cuddy Tillinghast
Gary Steven Groves	Carla Valentino
Anita Gutkin	Kristen VanderHook
Paige Haaren	Soc Wallace
Jill Kaiser	Joann Westgate
Sophie LaBell	Matt Wieczkowski
Lea Lumière	Gina Ziegler
Stacy Maiorano	
Joan Manley	Artists of The Center in Asbury Park:
Debra Maricic	Claude Anthony
Margaret Marzullo	Emilio Lucero
Mary Ann McKay	Barbara Steward
Louise Millmann	Art Sample

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