

2022 FOHW TILE DESIGN ARTIST BARBARA McEVOY

This year's tile artist is Freedom's very own Freedom Gallery owner, Barbara McEvoy. Her detailed tile depicts the iconic Acorn House, built in 1850, located on Old Portland Road.

At the front of this historic home near the roadside grows a majestic oak tree, The Grateful Oak. It is said that the utility company wanted to cut down the tree to avoid interference with the power lines. The owner, Carolyn Clancy, firmly refused to let this happen and to this day while on Old Portland Road one can still see this grand tree.



Barbara McEvoy (right), with Carolyn Clancy, holding a framed rendering of Barbara's winning design

Prior to her retirement in 2007, Barbara was an educator. Once retired, she went to Baum School of Art in Allentown, PA, where she received a solid background in the visual arts. She moved to Freedom in 2010 and began her second career as an artist. Barbara loves the outdoors, which is an inspiration for her art. She moved to Elm Street in Freedom Village in 2016, where she currently has her art gallery. Barbara is a strong supporter of the arts and often collaborates with the Freedom Elementary School, sharing her enthusiasm for art with its students.

Barbara's work, as well as the work of other local artists, can be viewed at the Freedom Gallery, located at 8 Elm Street.