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To encourage and support the arts in Clare County, Michigan through such means as sponsoring exhibitions, demonstrations, and forums; producing theatrical and musical performances; advancing arts education by offering classes for youth and adults; encouraging public support for local artists and arts projects; and raising funds needed to support the organization's work.

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DEPRESSION ERA WALKING ART TOUR



"PIONEER MOTHER"

By Sculptor Samuel Cashwan, 1938
Clare Middle School

This statue was restored in 2012



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Gerald Mast Murals, Clare Middle School

10 x 20 inch Giclee of 4 murals by Gerald Mast can be purchased for \$75.

Contact Linda Guillani at 989-386-9361

Middle School Murals

Gerald Mast (1908-1971)

Gerald Mast was born in 1908 near Lagrange, Indiana. He studied at the John Herron Art Institute (Indianapolis), the Society of Arts and Crafts (Detroit), and the Rhode Island School of Design (Providence). He studied with William Forsythe, John Carroll and Charez Murrado.

The four murals were painted as a result of President Roosevelt's New Deal. Eleanor Roosevelt was instrumental in starting the Work's Progress Administration for starving artists during the 1930s depression. That is where the term WPA Art was coined. Mast's murals in the Clare Middle School depict agriculture, academic education, peaceful endeavors and the oil and gas industry. They are estimated to be worth over \$20 million.

In 1938, Mast was the Supervisor in charge of mural painting for the Michigan Federal Art Project, Works Progress Administration.

Pioneer Mother (front cover) Samuel Cashwan (1900-1988)

Samuel Cashwan was born in Russia in 1900. He came to New York at the age of six and moved to Detroit at 16. Cashwan studied sculpture at the Architectural League at Beaux Arts in New York (1923) and later with Antoine Bourdelle in Paris, France.

In 1938, Cashwan was head of the Sculpture Department and Supervisor of the Sculpture Division of the Michigan Federal Art Project, Works Progress Administration (WPA).

Clare, Michigan US Post Office 1937 Mural

Allan Thomas (1902-1974)

Allan Thomas was born in 1902 in Jackson, Michigan. He studied as an illustrator, architect and graphic artist in England, France, and the United States.

The Clare Post Office mural, titled "Mail Arrives in Clare," was installed in 1937, funded through the Treasury Department's Section of Painting and Sculpture.



Congregational United Church of Christ (1874-present)



The Clare Congregational UCC is a historic treasure of the City of Clare. With its beautiful and unusual 45-foot dome, the church is a well-known landmark of the town. The building, completed in 1909, is a National Registered Historic Site. The interior of the sanctuary is shaped like a Greek cross and features hand-made, curved wooden pews. The walls and columns have extensive stenciling with faux gold-leafing and wood-graining. The stained glass is also remarkable, having been preserved from the earlier (1874) church of the same congregation.

The Doherty Hotel Tap Room Murals Jay McHugh

On the main floor of the hotel, in what is now the Leprechaun Lounge, a story appears on every wall. In the 1930s, Jay McHugh, who was poor and homeless, traded his talent for a place to stay.

