

The Berwyn Mural project is a community-driven public art project. The goal is to create a painted and mosaic work of art in and around the pedestrian foot tunnel underneath the Metra tracks at Berwyn and Ravenswood Avenues. The tunnel not only connects the Bowmanville and West Andersonville neighborhoods but also serves as a primary access route to Andersonville, the lake and the Berwyn Red Line for bikers and pedestrians. The tunnel is adjacent to the West Andersonville nature path and the Bowmanville Gateway vegetable gardens.

The design concept is that of an urban garden and the four seasons. All of the artists who have volunteered for the public art piece live in the surrounding neighborhoods. The Bowmanville and Rogers Park Montessori School Fall Festival and a subsequent tile workshop in the vegetable gardens were opportunities for greater community involvement in the creation of the artwork. Participants were encouraged to create and paint their own tiles, which have since been installed on the entryways. Many families and individuals also assisted by painting the interior mural inside the tunnel during the festival.

Day 1 of the mosaic installation on the west entryway (Oct 24)



Winter



Finish mosaic (Nov 13)



The goal of the budget that has been established is to cover materials and a professional lead for design & installation of the mosaic portion of the mural. Both the BCO and WANT organizations have contributed financially, and a large portion of what is needed was raised at the BCO/RPMS Fall Festival on October 16th and in a subsequent tile workshop on October 27th. Many artists are donating their time and talent, and the city has paid for and completed all of the site prep for us.

Please contact publicart@bcochicago.org or call the BCO Hotline at 1-866-837-1006 to get involved!
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Neighbors work on the painted mural at the BCO/RPMS Fall Festival on October 16th.



BCO President **Claire Shingler** worked hand in hand with local artists **Sarah Laing** and **Amy Zoeller** to develop the plan for this fantastic project. The idea grew out of frustration with ongoing graffiti in the tunnel and a lack of public art in the neighborhood. Many artists and volunteers joined the effort along the way. Prep of the tunnel began the last week of September, 2010. The majority of the work was completed in the following six weeks. The east entryway mosaic installation and then a dedication will take place in Spring 2011. A schedule and volunteer sign-up will be announced via the BCO website and facebook page.

There are STILL easy ways to still help us out:

- 1- **Give \$\$!** Can you support this inspirational public art project that is going on in your neighborhood? We are looking for businesses and individuals to make contributions to cover the remaining ~\$1000 still required to enable completion of the project. No amount is too small!
- 2- **Make a Tile!** We will be holding one more tile workshop during the winter to give neighbors another chance to make a tile to be included in the mosaic. Details TBD on the BCO website & facebook page.
- 3- **Help with the East Entryway Mosaic Installation:** A schedule will be published once the thaw begins in the spring (2011). Many hands will be needed. We will show you what to do.

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**A special thank you from the Bowmanville and West Andersonville communities
to all those contributing to the success of the Berwyn Mural Project!**

Financial & In Kind Donors

This project could not succeed without this financial support!

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40th Ward Streets & Sanitation Department

Local Artists & Other Key Contributors

The talent and commitment of neighbors and outpouring of support is fabulous!

Design Committee & local artists:

Coyle, Laura
Fecker, Jennifer
Gullo, Maria
Kane, Betsy
Kazimieraitiene, Sonata (Mosaic Leader)
Kurisch, Katie
Laing, Sarah (Project Leader)
Novy, Laura
O'Reilly, Anthony
Ostrander, Colleen
Sabransky, Laura
Shingler, Claire (BCO President)
Sowles-Barlow, Julia
Zoeller, Amy (Paint Leader)

Neighbor Volunteers:

Bonanata, Amy
Burke, Mary
Finkelstein, Jo-Ann
Goldberg, David
Kerzee, Ruth
Kuczek, Billy
Laing, Ian
Lair, Scott
Moran, Kathleen
Postel, Danny
Pryst, Bea
Pryst, Joe
Ramirez, Mary Jude
Shingler, Todd
Sun, Menghua
Swislow, Robert

Local Kids volunteering:

Buchko, Eddie
Goldberg-Finkelstein, Gabriella
Goldberg-Finkelstein, Jonah
Laing, Anna
Laing, Julian
Novy, Sam
Postel, Juan Elijah
Ramirez, Mary
Riley, Claire
Riley, Stella
Shingler, Cate
Shingler, Helena
Snagel, Adele
Wong, Veronica

**Finally, a BIG thank you to the countless other neighbors and supporters of this project
who came out to make more than 300 custom tiles that have been included in the
mosaic entryways, and to paint the backdrop of the mural during the Bowmanville Fall
Festival. Many of those were local kids.**

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