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HVCCA Awarded \$25,000 Grant for Children's Public Tile Project



Peekskill NY — We are pleased to announce that The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Consulate General of the Netherlands New York (CGNY) for its educational program The Public Tile Project. During the award ceremony on Sunday December 7th, 2008 at the museum a check was presented by Robert Kloos, Director of Visual Arts, Architecture and Design (CGNY) to HVCCA President / Co-Founder Dr. Livia Straus.

About the program: The Public Tile Project was initiated by the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art in February '07 in association with the City of Peekskill, Peekskill Education Foundation, the Dutch Consulate and 30 school districts throughout the Hudson Valley. Some 1500 regional students were invited to design ceramic tiles in a Dutch motif referring to the history of the Hudson Valley over the last 400 years. HVCCA provided students, from grades 5 through 12, with a series of books, magazines, supplies, and examples of Dutch Delft tiles. Their designs reflect the cultural, geographic, social and political heritage of the region and connect that heritage to the history of Peekskill. Alternating with traditional Dutch tiles, their artworks will form a 1.5 mile historic path in Peekskill, beginning at the train station on the Riverfront and ending at Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art. Currently 20 % of this pathway is installed and the completion and celebration of the trail will coincide with 400th anniversary of the Dutch settlement along the Hudson River in mid-Sept. 2009.

The Public Tile Project was also made possible with the generous support The City of Peekskill, The Peekskill Education Foundation, Mohegan Lake Motors, Stanley and Judith Zabar, and the Westchester Arts Workshop.