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Dear Parents and Friends:

We are writing to you as supporters of the creatively talented students/artists in Glen Ridge and on behalf of GRAPA - Glen Ridge Art Patrons Association. GRAPA is a town organization that advocates for the support and growth of the fine, media and visual arts in our community. We celebrate and showcase the artistic talent of our student and community artists, as well as the dedication and inspiration of our teachers. We raise funds to support their needs. Our goals are exciting and valuable but ...



GRAPA IS IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION!

The voice that would like to shout, "Glen Ridge is a community that supports the arts" can only speak softly with its current 6 voices, hearts and pairs of hands (3 from Montclair). We want everyone to know that creativity is not only about drawing and painting. It is really about a way of thinking which affects all areas of discovery and solution seeking in life. We are asking you to support your children, the town and creativity:



BECOME A MEMBER OF GRAPA!

Join us in supporting the community to understand that art and art education increases our ability to problem solve and to think creatively and outside the box in so many areas of life. In the past, GRAPA has demonstrated support by purchasing equipment and supplies such as a kiln and display frames, holding parent and child as well as community art classes and in securing and maintaining the "Art Gallery" at the train station.

The Glen Ridge Art Festival is the major source of funding for these projects and programs. This year, the festival is Saturday, May 12th, 10AM to 5PM. But with so few members and volunteers:



THE GLEN RIDGE ART FESTIVAL IS IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION!

We need you in order to continue to make this day happen. Many jobs can be accomplished right from your office or home. **There may not even be one meeting that you need to attend!!!** Are you a people person? Do you like writing press releases? Are you a fund raiser? All of these are options that may take as little as an hour of your time but can mean thousands of dollars to further art and creativity in our schools and community.

Join GRAPA now! We can continue to increase art awareness and action with your ideas, energy and personal involvement so please share you time and talents with us. Mail back the registration slip below or contact Joanne Diglio at 973-429-8981 or e-mail joanne.diglio@ny.ddb.com. Let us know that you support the arts in Glen Ridge! Thank you so much.



I would like to join GRAPA

I would like to volunteer for the Arts Festival

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mail to: Joanne Diglio, 28 Lincoln Street, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028