

Angelo Charles Scibetta Mural, 1934, hanging in its original location in the former Hamburg High School stair landing

# The Unveiling of the Mural

November 14, 2008

7:00

Presented by

The Mural Restoration Committee





# **Dedication and Appreciation**

Amy Low and Suzanne Mair,

Co-Chairs, Mural Restoration Committee

Special Thanks

To Cheryl Haake,

former Union Pleasant Elementary School principal, who was instrumental in finding the mural and returning it to the district.

#### The Conservator

ConservArt Kevin Gleason

Music

Damon Beiter and Katie Webster

#### The Scibetta Mural

Since 1934, students walking through the halls of the Union Pleasant Elementary School, formerly Hamburg High School, were privileged to view Angelo Charles Scibetta's mural of a Mediterranean fishing village.

Presumed lost, the mural was removed during building renovation in the early 1980's. In reality, the mural had been rolled up and stored at the Hamburg Historical Society. Several years ago, the mural was returned to Union Pleasant Elementary School. The mural saw the light of day for the first time in nearly 2 decades; as the canvas was unrolled, beautiful colors and strong figures were revealed in an 18 X 9 foot canvas that was dirty but in remarkably good condition.

The mural, one of four created for the school, was painted in 1934 during the Depression as part of President Roosevelt's Public Works of Art Project, an effort to put thousands of unemployed artists to work.

The return of the mural to Union Pleasant Elementary School is historically and artistically significant to the school and the community. The PWAP murals are a part of our American heritage and provide a unique window into the past. "It is this legacy of the thousands of workers who labored at their craft for little money but great pride which we have to inspire us today. Although many of these works of art have been done over stolen, those that remain must be preserved. They stand as a reminder of a time in our country's history when dreams were not allowed to be destroyed by economic disaster." <a href="http://www.wpamurals.com/">http://www.wpamurals.com/</a>

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