

# Words to Know

## Art Vocabulary for Grades Four through Six

**ACRYLIC PAINT** – a type of paint that is a water-based plastic paint.

**D'APPARAT** – a portrait of a person painted that includes an image of the sitter along with props suggesting the interests, vocation or mood of the sitter.

**EN PLEIN AIR** – a French term that means “in the open,” this style of painting describes paintings that are made outdoors.

**FOLK ART** – traditional art made by people who have not had art training in school. Folk art originates among the common people of a nation or region and usually reflects their traditional culture.

**IMPRESSIONISM** – a style of painting developed by a group of French artists who produced an outdoor painting technique in the 1860's that focuses on the effects of light and color. Impressionist artists typically painted outdoors rather than in the studio. They emphasized their brushstrokes and the depiction of a particular time of day. Subject matter of Impressionist artists included landscapes and candid glimpses of people, involved in activities of leisure. Impressionism came to Bucks County in the early 1900's.

**ITINERANT ARTIST** – an artist who travels from place to place to do his or her work.

**LENNI LENAPE INDIANS** - a group of natives of the Americas who lived along the Delaware River Valley, from southern New York to northern Delaware.

**MEDIUM** – the material an artist uses while creating a work of art.

**MURAL** – a painting that is applied to and made integral with the surface of a wall or ceiling; usually a large picture painted directly onto an interior or exterior wall.

**OIL PAINT** – paint in which the pigment is held together by a base of oil.

**QUAKER** – a member of the Religious Society of Friends, founded in 17th century England.

**PERSPECTIVE** – a formal method of creating a three-dimensional effect on a two-dimensional surface. Creating a sense of perspective can involve overlapping, shading, size change and color fading as objects go into the distance.

