



**TRAVELING THROUGHOUT  
BUCKS COUNTY**

*October 2005–June 2006*

**October 2005**

- 10–13 Bucks County Community College, *Newtown* ★
- 14–16 PA Guild of Craftsmen, Tyler State Park, *Newtown* ★
- 17–20 Davis Elementary School, *Southampton*
- 21–25 Stackpole Elementary School, *Southampton*
- 26–Nov 1 Maureen M. Welch Elementary School, *Churchville*

**November 2005**

- 2–7 Rolling Hills Elementary School, *Holland*
- 8–14 Nativity of Our Lord School, *Warminster*
- 15–17 William Tennent High School, *Warminster*
- 21–28 Longstreth Elementary School, *Warminster*
- 29–Dec 9 Mill Creek Elementary School, *Warrington*

**December 2005**

- 12–15 Alta S. Leary Elementary School, *Warminster*
- 16–20 Wrightstown Elementary School, *Wrightstown*

**January 2006**

- 4–10 Goodnoe Elementary School, *Newtown*
- 11–18 Afton Elementary School, *Yardley*
- 19–25 Neshaminy High School, *Langhorne*
- 26–Feb 1 Cornwells Elementary School, *Bensalem*

**February 2006**

- 2–7 School Lane Charter School, *Bensalem*
- 8–9 Our Lady of Fatima School, *Bensalem*
- 10–15 Our Lady of Grace School, *Penndel*
- 16–22 Ralph W. Emerson Elementary School, *Levittown*
- 23–27 St. Bede the Venerable School, *Holland*
- 28–Mar 2 Walt Disney Elementary School, *Levittown*

**March 2006**

- 3–9 St. Michael the Archangel School, *Levittown*
- 10–15 Mary W. Divine Elementary School, *Croydon*
- 16–17 Valley Day School, *Morrisville*
- 20–21 Grey Nun Academy, *Yardley*
- 22 Saint Paul's Preschool & Childcare, *Warrington*
- 23–28 Oliver Heckman Elementary School, *Langhorne*
- 29–31 Tohickon Valley Elementary School, *Quakertown*

**April 2006**

- 3–7 Sol Feinstone Elementary School, *Newtown*
- 10–19 McDonald Elementary School, *Warminster*
- 20–26 Warwick Elementary School, *Jamison*
- 27–May 5 Bridge Valley Elementary School, *Furlong*

**May 2006**

- 8–12 Simon Butler Elementary School, *Chalfont*
- 15–19 Pine Run Elementary School, *New Britain*
- 20–20 Quakertown Arts Alive, *Quakertown* ★
- 22–24 Durham Nockamixon Elementary School, *Kintnersville*
- 25–30 Tincum Elementary School, *Pipersville*
- 31– June 05 Doyle Elementary School, *Doylestown*

**June 2006**

- 06–09 J. M. Grasse Elementary School, *Sellersville*
- 10–15 Bucks County Library Center, *Doylestown* ★
- 16–1 Levittown Regional Library, *Levittown* ★

★ *Public Visits*



*Life Taking Shape*

*The Bronzes of Stella Elkins Tyler*





# Life Taking Shape *The Bronzes of Stella Elkins Tyler*



THE TRAGEDY OF THE TITANIC, two world wars, music, ballet, modern dance, and the great French sculptor Auguste Rodin—Stella Elkins Tyler was influenced by them all. *LIFE TAKING SHAPE* presents small to mid-sized sculptural bronzes by this prolific local artist in the context of the art and culture of her time.

Stella Elkins Tyler (1884–1963) was almost fifty years old when she began to work as a serious sculptor in the early 1930s. Her mentor was Boris Blai, a former student of Rodin. In 1935, she had her first solo exhibition at the Grand Central Art Galleries in New York City. Her third and last such show was held in 1959 at the Woodmere Art Gallery in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. Tyler ultimately created and displayed approximately one hundred-and-fifty different sculptural designs, most



relatively small, but some close to life-size. Eventually, she had nearly all of her compositions cast into bronze by the Roman Bronze Works, a major foundry located in Corona, New York. In 1964, the estate of George and Stella Elkins Tyler became the home of Bucks County Community College. Today, thirty-one of Tyler's bronze sculptures remain as part of the College's art collection.

*LIFE TAKING SHAPE* presents a dozen pieces from the College's collection along with an exciting exhibit on the process of making bronze sculpture. A short video clip of an actual bronze pour brings the process to life. A professional Artmobile educator meets each class and engages students in a discussion about the exhibition geared to their grade level. Stimulating hands-on displays of tools and materials along with sequencing and matching games reinforce the concepts presented by our educator. In addition, each school is sent teachers' manuals to help teachers incorporate the Artmobile experience into their curricula. The manuals provide background information on the exhibition, pre-visit and post-visit activities for all ages, a glossary, a bibliography, and class hand-outs. They are used to enrich and extend our visit and as a valuable teacher resource for years to come.

Tyler's sculpture will provide a springboard for exploring art-making, art history, as well as learning history and science through art. Curated by Jon Burns and Fran Orlando, *LIFE TAKING SHAPE* will delight and excite students of all ages.



## MISSION STATEMENT

Artmobile is a non-collecting, traveling museum dedicated to providing the school children and residents of Bucks County access to fine, original works of art. It is a vital component of Bucks County Community College which provides important cultural outreach programs in accordance with the college's mission. We are committed to fostering an understanding of art, art making and the value of art in our communities and our lives by exhibiting and interpreting works of art.

Artmobile travels throughout Bucks County to schools and public sites. Trained, professional Guides engage students of all ages in dialogue about the art through tours geared to their grade level. At public sites the Guide is available to provide information and engage in informal discussion with visitors. Artmobile's exhibition program includes written materials sent to teachers prior to our visit with background information about the exhibit and practical, interdisciplinary

ideas for related classroom activities in order to assist them in incorporating the Artmobile experience into their curricula.

Artmobile contributes to Bucks County Community College by providing a valuable service to our community, enhancing the college's public image, and promoting its presence throughout Bucks County. Through innovative and stimulating exhibitions appropriate for all ages, Artmobile establishes the college as a center for community services and cultural activities. By providing arts education programming for county schools, Artmobile supports the college's intention of serving as a resource to the community in areas of arts instruction. Artmobile is essential to the college's commitment to collaborative leadership in the arts.

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