About the Project

March, 2014, the Metuchen Arts Council began a four-year community art project to create a series of 11'x8' ceramic murals, one featuring each season of the year. The murals are designed to cover all four sides of a small storage facility near the tennis courts on Grove Ave. From the youngest and/or newest resident, to our most elderly senior citizens, everyone is invited to participate. To date, over 200 individuals have had their "hands in clay" to create their very own, very original tile to add to the mural.

March, 2016, we begin the final half of the project. Check out the dates for this year's learn/work sessions and sign on...

...we look forward to seeing you!
We're on our way!
Weekends in March of 2014 & 2015 and one Friday during Junebug each of those years, residents of the Brainy Boro and beyond got 'hands in clay' to create the murals "Summer" and "Autumn"... it was fun, exciting and the individual tiles were amazing and so original.

Plan to be with us this March to "make your mark" on "Winter"! Bring friends! Make it a family adventure! But be sure to join us for this Metuchen Arts Council sponsored event... and BE A PART OF THE ART!

How it Works
The tiles will be prepared at Earthsongs and brought to the Metuchen Senior Center where you will actually develop your design to be included in the mural. Once dry, the tiles will then be taken back to the ceramic studio for firing and glazing.

Be Part of Our History
The Brainy Boro has a reputation for being a center for the Arts: music, literature and the visual arts, but even in our downtown area, public art has been non-existent. Now, for the first time in our over 100-year history, Metuchen is developing a substantial piece of public art, created by the community.

The first two of the murals are complete and installed on the storage facility on Grove Ave. near the tennis courts. March, 2016 we are poised to begin "Winter". Dates for the team/work sessions inviting you to add your original tile are listed here. Our hope is that many who have worked on "Summer" and "Autumn" will join us to develop "Winter"... along with many newcomers!

Sponsored by the Metuchen Arts Council and under the direction of local ceramic artist Linda Vonderschmidt-LaStella (Earthsongs Ceramic Studio), this four-year project is giving everyone who wishes an opportunity to include an originally designed tile in a permanent ceramic mural.

For more information, find us on Facebook at "Mud Making Magic: A Community Mural Project" or contact Nancy Goldberg (ngoldberg@metuchen.com or 732.632.8502) or Linda Vonderschmidt-LaStella (EarthsongsCeramicStudio@gmail.com or 732.322.8512).

Double the beauty of the city you live in and you double the beauty and dignity of this life.

— Jennie Force Thornall, 1906 founding president of Metuchen's Borough Improvement League.