

Business Awards of Distinction

YOUNG EMERGING BUSINESS

This award cites young, up-and-coming businesses, started in Blair County, that have made a measurable impact in a relatively short time. Only businesses less than six years old are eligible.



art4...Inc opened in April 2008. Co-owners Jody Christen and Sue Port, both collectors of

local and regional art, saw an opportunity for a gallery that would feature the work of the area's talented artists. The mission of art4... is to make art available and accessible to art lovers locally and throughout Central PA.

The idea for art4... was conceived while Sue and Jody were talking at a social event. The women discovered that they had the same vision for a gallery and started working to make it a

reality. Both women believe that Central Pennsylvania has a plethora of gifted artists and wanted to provide a place for these artists to showcase and sell their work.

In addition to fine art, art4... also sells contemporary artisan crafts. At present time, art4... carries the work of over 250 artists from across the US and Canada. The items available for purchase include jewelry, handbags, and home décor, as well as glass, metal, ceramic and wood pieces. Recycled items are a growing part of the inventory.

art4... offers many services that go beyond a typical retail store. Student art classes, discussion groups, wine tastings, wedding registry and artists' open-

ings happen throughout the year. Additionally, art4... participates in many fundraisers and has been instrumental in working with the Hollidaysburg Community Partnership to establish Downtown LIVE (on the third Thursday of the month throughout the summer). Private home consults allow Jody and Sue to visit clients in their homes and offices to find the right piece(s) of art.

Sue and Jody are grateful to their fabulous staff, to the many talented and wacky artists they're blessed to represent, and to their wonderful customers.



Freedom Excursions
by Scully

What a ride! May of 2005 Altoona residents Bill & Deborah Scully took a leap of faith and purchased a 16 passenger minibus. What began as a love of travel is growing into a passion to exceed our guest's expectations!

During the first two years, Freedom Excursions by Scully worked diligently studying the transportation market for larger Wedding Parties, Corporate Events and Smaller Group Charters. The following two years, expansion began with the recruitment of five employees, three VIP mini-

coaches, and the areas only Limobus. This led the gateway for Freedom Excursions to accommodate the local area for specialized transportation service.

Freedom Excursions then obtained Pittsburgh International Airport Authority and achieved US DOT Interstate Authority. This allows us to travel coast to coast in the USA, expanding our travel radius tremendously to popular destinations, and opening the doors to other markets such as Airport and Pier Transfers, Corporate Meetings, Sporting Events and Executive Travel.

A few of this year's unique opportunities have been providing transportation for the CBS Press during the G-20 Summit in Pittsburgh, shuttle service for 20th Century Fox during

the making of the movie, *Unstoppable* with Denzel Washington and executive travel for Australian Celebrity Chef Curtis Stone, and don't forget our many beautiful brides.

Freedom Excursions is pleased to announce our newest arrival, *Americana*, the contemporary transportation experience with a seating capacity of 35.

We contribute our growing success to surrounding ourselves with dedicated employees who share our vision, our parents who instilled hardworking ethics and trusting in our Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:17...Where the Spirit of the Lord is, There is Freedom.