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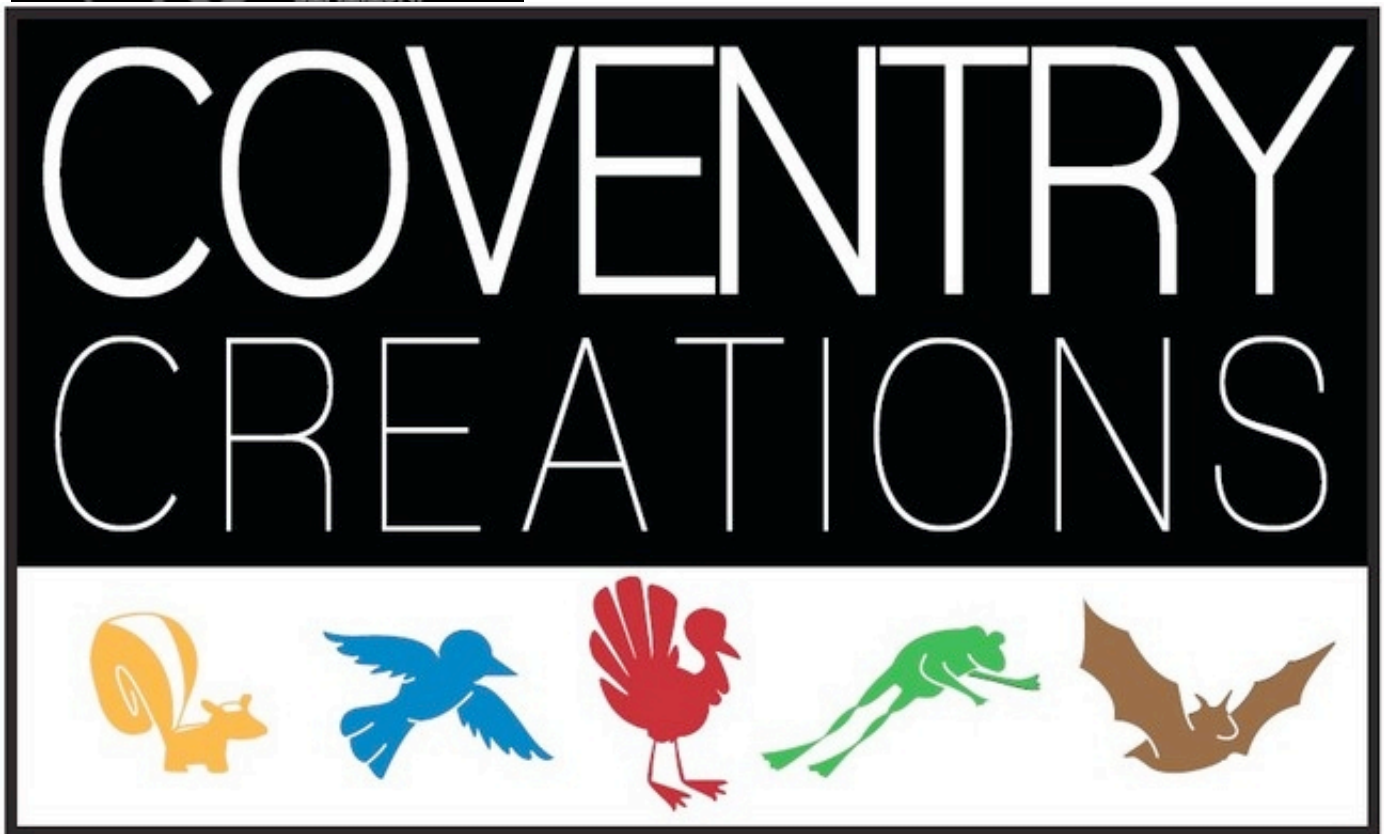
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Coventry Creations



The Cleveland Institute of Art and their partners present three days of interactive, family-friendly activities and events on Coventry Road, in Cleveland Heights. Coventry Creations will involve costumes, parades and treasure hunts to bring alive the natural history of the area, on April 17, 18 and 19. The project is an arts-driven event celebrating nature and the family, while advocating for sustainable living. All events are free and open to the public.

Coordinated by CIA's Environmental Sculpture course, the project is inspired by the Sculpture Department's visiting artist **Fritz Haeg** and his international work with environmental awareness in projects like his "Edible Estates" and "Animal Estates." Coventry Creations seeks to explore the intersections between nature and humans, through learning about the animals that were and are part of the Coventry ecosystem.

## The Events:

Friday, April 17

The second floor of 1854 Coventry Road, above Phoenix Coffee.

- 6 - 9 pm: Attend the opening reception for the exhibit “Imagining a Sustainable Life,” displaying work inspired by the natural world and sustainability, curated by CIA painting student Will Laughlin ‘10 (also open on Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm)
- 6 -7 pm: Animal Talk Back: In this live performance piece, artists will attire themselves in costumes and assume the personas of a few local animals, speaking from their points of view.

## Saturday April 18

- 10 am - 4 pm: Art Fair: The public will have the opportunity to participate in this art fair, where visitors can create their own art relating to animals. (West side of the Coventry business district, between Hampshire and Lancashire Roads)
- Noon - 12:30 pm: Harvey Webster from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History will bring along some live animal guests to meet and greet people.
- Noon - 2 pm: Coventry Creature Creations: Visitors can create a creature costume of their very own, modeled after animals that live or used to live in the Coventry area. With art materials and assistance provided by CIA students, kids can magically morph into blue birds, skunks, turtles, green frogs and butterflies (at the corner of Euclid Heights Boulevard and Coventry.)
- 2:30 pm: Creature Parade: The newly created creatures will show off their costumes in a parade down Coventry, with prizes for the best costumes.
- 10 am to 4 pm: Creature Treasure Hunt game will be open to all children who will attempt wrangle up certain herds of critter cards. Prizes will be awarded.

## Sunday April 19

- 7 – 9 pm: **Fritz Haeg** will return to Cleveland to discuss his work and his interest in the relationships between humans, nature and art and his involvement with this project (the second floor of 1854 Coventry Road, above Phoenix Coffee)

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