



BEBIArt & Community Center

Kulen-Vakuf

a family project

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OUR MISSION:

In the BEBI Art & Community Center , we try to give space and financial support to artists and people to do something innovative, to use the 4.000 m2 of factory space to create new ways of living and working, new forms, new spaces, new lights, maybe later also new sounds.

Presently we have two people full time in the project, Admir Sedic, Operations and Majda Gutlic, Project Manager, Art and Education. Their salaries are funded by Atlantis Kulen Vakuf.

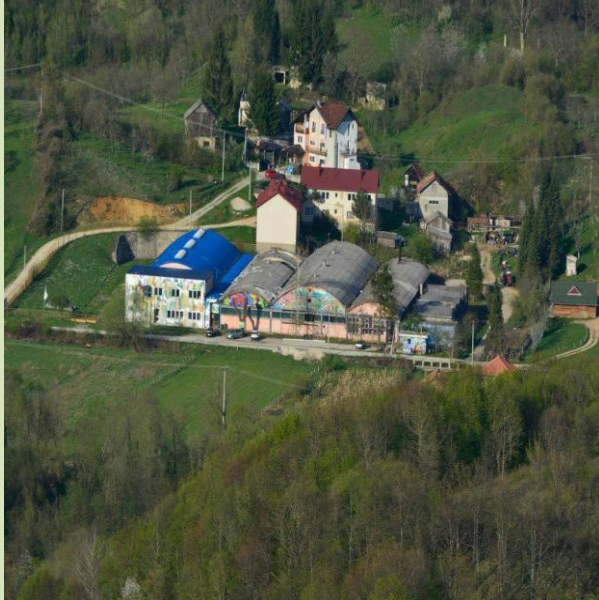
Beside the art projects , the other focus of our work are children, to offer space for children to learn and play. In that context we have transformed one of the old office rooms into a table tennis room where children can meet once a week, free of charge, and play under supervision of Majda Gutlic. We started with English language school to help young people to work and communicate easier. We plan to offer German language classes and painting classes and start a music school, e.g. for flute. For that we are looking for teachers. If we can get financial support from government, NGOs , private donors, we would close the big hole in roof and fix some walls.

We adhere to the charter of the UN on human rights and we would be glad if BiH can join the EU. We, that is the Family of Michael Schwinn and their company Atlantis Kulen Vakuf d.o.o., cooperating with and supported by people in Kulen Vakuf and like-minded people in the world.

Presently we try to create income by levying an entrance fee, € 0,50/m2 for local people and € 2,50 for foreign visitors and sell products from our textile shop.

As of today, May 2015 we are happy with the process and results and invite you to check Art Kulen Vakuf a group of young artist from our village.

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Tanja Leonhardt was the first artist who visited Bebi Art & Community Center, last year. She came in Kulen-Vakuf without clear idea what she will find here. But what she found inspired her to create amazing art work. When she came here she brought with her a kite and silk flag with Baby motive. Baby motive that represents a beginning, new start for the country that suffered so much during the past. For Tanja and for citizens of this area it represents a hope for better future.

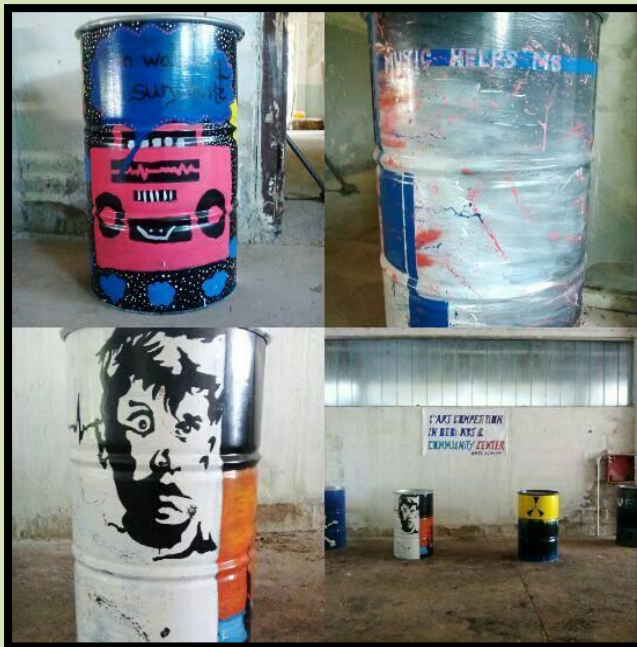


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Work of the artist from Germany, Dirk Baumanns, whose original idea was to organize “Farba Fest” event for local children to have fun, and on the other hand to create art. Children were throwing balloons filled with paint on the facade, and after that he finished this project with his painting techniques. To see the Farba fest video check: <https://www.facebook.com/atlantiscap.kulenvakuf>





First art competition, organized in order to create a group of young artists from nearby to express their creativity, have fun and decorate their environment, and also to draw attention to Bosnia and Herzegovina and National Park Una. First art project, painting the trash cans, where young artists had great time doing what they love and they got great feedback from the public.



Work of the young artist from Split, Ivan Boban aka Spaceart who with the technique of spray painting returned the life to the old substation and thus brightened the surrounding of the factory.



„This Is My World “is the work of the artist from Istanbul Mr. Hure and this is the one of our mottos for this place. We invite all to join and create their own world. The idea was to create a pleasant atmosphere for socializing within our gallery, where apart from enjoying the great works of art you can relax in a comfortable hammock or sleep in an adventurous tepee



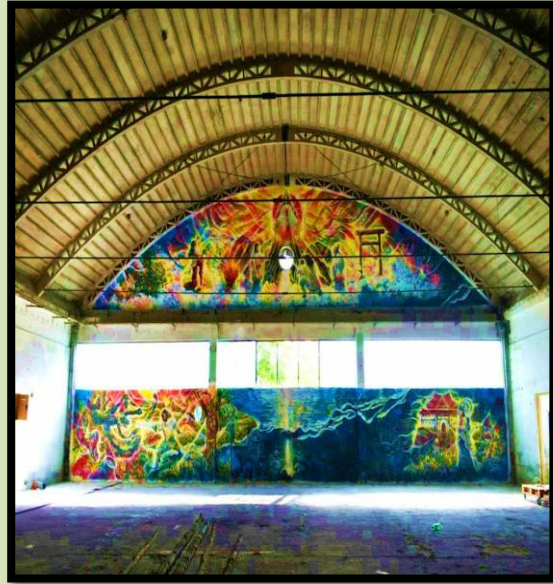
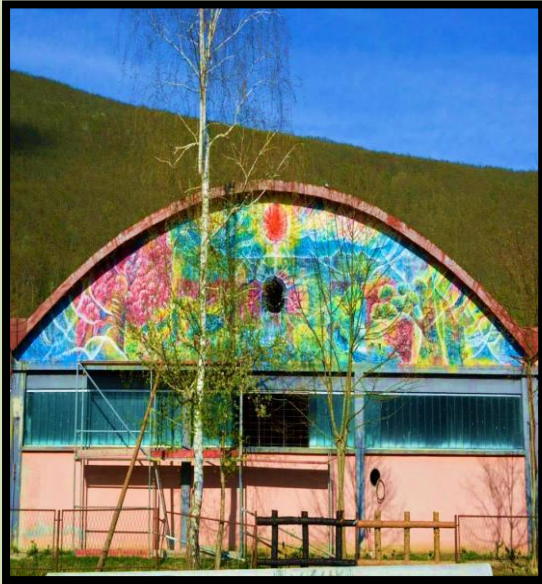
Textile work of the textile designer from Split, Sanja Petrić, her work was made by using discarded waste as raw material of textile fabric. This is the best way to show how we can repurpose the materials that usually would be discarded. Her art will put a smile not only on the child's face, but also on the faces of adults.



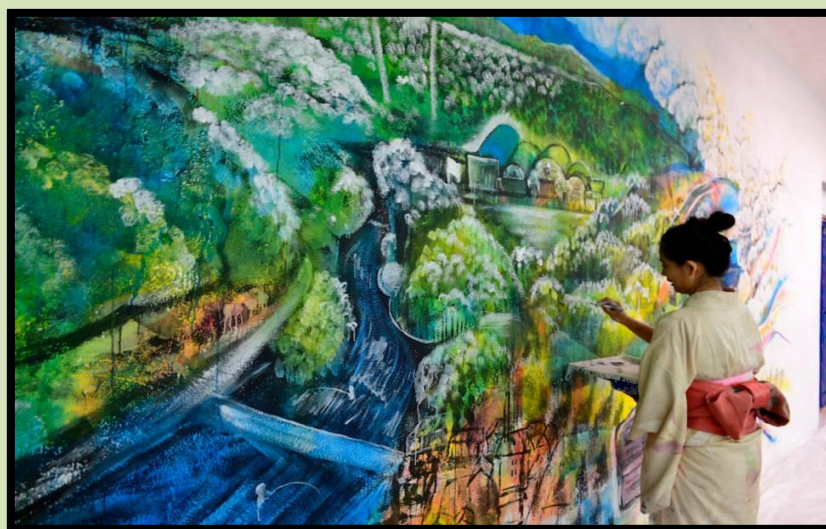


Creative textile art made by textile workers of Atlantis d.o.o. Inspired by the work of the textile designer Sanja Petrić, the workers wanted to reuse the leftover material and try their own creativity and they made this amazing piece of art interesting to every eye.





Japanese artist Kodama Kozue was the longest staying artist in Bebi Art & Community Center. She painted three murals: First painting named “Japanese Sun”, in this work she painted Japanese motifs such as the sun, cherry flowers and samurai. In her second work “Story of Kojiki” she painted in detail motifs from the famous mythological story which dates from the early 8th century. This painting is the biggest painting that she painted; each segment of this painting is a story for itself."Atlantis" is the name of the third work of the artist Kodama Kozue, fascinated by nature where she lived Kozue decided to paint the third wall featuring Kulen-Vakuf. The artist combined motives both Bosnian and Japanese, she took Bosnian boy to be her model and painted him as watching Japanese New Year firework.





During Tanja Leonhardt's 2nd stay as Artist in residence in 2015 we opened our gallery and exhibited her works, in form of photos and banners. Beside her photography you can also read her book about the factory or see her video „Angel of the Factory”



In our gallery is exhibited stone, also the work of the artist from Germany Tanja Leonhardt in which is engraved "I carry invisible monument". The message itself carries great meaning and for each individual represents their own struggle.



These are paintings of the local artist Mehmed Siljdedic. The artist was using technique of painting façade with acrylic paint. In his painting artist Siljdedic used the motifs of nature that reflect the spring and positive energy.





The "Bebi Bar" is the work of a group of local artists "Art Kulen-Vakuf". The idea of these young talented artists was of the old guardian house to create a bar and a pleasant place for socializing and entertainment. Their work is combination of different styles and techniques, but still they are finding common ground and create great works



Art project for children ,painting the tent with acrylic paints in three stages: first, drawing the sketches on the paper, second phase drawing the sketches on the tent and the last stage was painting the tent. This interesting activity woke up in the children not only joy but also enormous creativity.



Inspired by the art that surrounds them two workers of the Atlantis vcapKulenVakuf, NivetaKurtagić and HerminaĆehić painted these doors, to beautify the place where they work. These amazing doors are the best proof of how people can be motivated and that sometimes we don't know what talent is hiding in each of us.



Bebi Art & Community Center offers table tennis free of charge for all children in Una valley. Once a week children gather together and play table tennis in the Bebi Art & Community Center.

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Bebi Art & Community Center started English language school for students of all ages and all skill levels. For people in the Una valley to learn English or expand their knowledge of English in the direction of enriching the content of the new linguistic expressions and terms necessary for successful communication in English.

Bebi Art & Community Center started with art section, so far children painted two tepees and in future we plan to organize more painting projects for children, in a way that children can express their creativity and also socialize and have fun.



This painting is work of the artists from Germany, known as IZ-CREW, about 20 meters long and 4 meters high wall this group of artists painted with its cheerful and colourful work of art.

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