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HENRYVILLE ARTIST SHRINKS STROUDSBURG'S GIANT SNOWMEN DOWN TO 4 INCHES

THE SNOWMEN OF HENRYVILLE: LOCAL ARTIST CREATES MINIATURE VERSIONS OF STROUDSBURG'S POPULAR WINTER SCULPTURES

HENRYVILLE, Pa.- October 19, 2026 - As downtown prepares for another season of The Snowmen of Stroudsburg to transform Main Street into a festive holiday trail, Henryville artist Marie Elaine is getting into the spirit of things, too - just on a much smaller scale.

While more than 60 life-size, hand-painted snowmen and snow-gals will soon be taking their places throughout downtown, Marie has found a way to keep a few of her favorites around all year long.

With a little polymer clay, a touch of creativity, and a lot of heart, Marie has recreated 4-inch replicas of several of her favorite frosty fellas & gals. They enjoy a year-round display behind the glass of her grandmother's 100-year-old china cabinet in her home "up on the mountain" in Henryville.

Among her miniature favorites are "Conehead," "Miss Rainbow Fin," and her husband's personal pick - and namesake - "Pocono Joe" the fisherman. An avid hockey fan, Marie also created a design of her own to commemorate the U.S. men's and women's Olympic hockey gold medal victories earlier this year - naming it "Hockey US Ayyyy" – complete with sporting a black eye, a crooked nose, and proudly draped in the red, white, and blue.

Marie and her family have made the trip down Main Street to see the sculptures every year since the project began in 2017. What was once considered a "pub crawl" has since evolved into more of a hot chocolate and coffee expedition. But her sentiment remains the same:

"...our family enjoys this special event and spending time together as a family, creating memories to cherish for a lifetime, and finding - at least temporarily - a small safe haven from the overwhelming challenges of these sometimes-turbulent days..."

BACKGROUND: THE SNOWMEN OF STROUDSBURG

Since its launch in 2017 with a modest collection of life-size, foam-based snowmen, the project has grown to include more than 60 large-scale sculptures throughout downtown Stroudsburg. Each year, from late November through the end of February, decorated snowmen transform the commercial district into its own Bedford Falls, creating a festive holiday trail that draws locals and visitors alike into the heart of the borough.

GO Collaborative was co-founded by Jim and Mary Evanisko. Following Mary's passing in July 2025 after a battle with pancreatic cancer, Jim designed and dedicated the "Mary Evanisko Memorial Tribute Snowman" in her honor. Bearing the words "Merry Christmas, Everyone!" across its belly, the tribute was intentionally made larger than the other life-size snowmen to honor Mary's vision and initiative, the countless hours she devoted to the project, and the lasting impact she made on the Stroudsburg community.

More information about The Snowmen of Stroudsburg can be found on the GO Collaborative website at: https://www.gocollaborativestbg.com/snowmen-of-stroudsburg