

What's their story? \_\_\_\_\_



ELLEN  
DEMRAY

*"If I were going to write about one of the pictures it would be Wee the People. It would be about the hugely important part each individual person plays in making an event happen, no matter how small their role may seem. Cooperation and collaboration rule!"*

Ellen Demray received the State of Michigan Exemplary Blue Ribbon School Award in 2005, the same year she was named State Principal of the Year by the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association! Ellen was honored in Washington DC as a National Distinguished Principal in 2006.

Ellen enjoys more travel time in retirement and spends as much time as she can visiting her favorite granddaughter, Taylor Mae!



JILL  
KARA

*"I would write about the columns...back in time to a southern cotton planter's mansion...the Union army marching through Atlanta, burning a path of destruction... taking with it all the ancestral homes along the way... a time in history where sparring between brothers from the north and south began a pivotal time in our history filled with great loss, of both life and lifestyle, and wounds that never fully healed..."*

Jill Kara is an MSU graduate, a certified secondary English teacher in Michigan and Georgia, and has earned her Masters with a specialty in Literacy Education from Madonna University.

Jill, and her husband Michael have three children - Parker, Emaline and Madeline.



PAT  
FELDT

*"If I were writing about one of the photos it would be Rose. The young woman in the photo is beautiful in every way, but if you look at her eyes it's pretty clear she's got a secret or two..."*

Patricia Feldt enjoys reading and writing - and she has since childhood. Pat's Irish heritage may have something to do with her passion, her great-grandfather was an Irish poet. She has been a storyteller for as long as she can remember. Pat had a piece published in The MacGuffin while in college and had a one-act play performed by the Livonia Redford Community Theater.

Pat is the mother of nine and the grandmother of nine...and counting!



PAUL  
ROSSI

*"If I were to enter this year's contest I would write a poem about Snow Man. His appearance is a stark juxtaposition to his setting, hinting at an epic journey with love at its center."*

Paul Rossi is a Learning Support Specialist at University Liggett Middle School in Grosse Pointe Woods, where he serves as a mentor leader for the First Tech Challenge Robotics Team and supervises a Michigan DNR Salmon in the Classroom Tank. Paul received a B.A. in Elementary Education from Michigan State University and an M.A. in Education from Wayne State University.

He enjoys reading, hunting, exploring all the nooks and crannies of Michigan and spending time with his wife and two sons.