

Meet the Martino's

Joe and Gail Martino have been together ten years. They live in the home they built in Nimishillen Township, where Joe has a second floor art studio, something he has wanted most of his life.

Now, a retired high school teacher of chemistry, marine biology, and anatomy, this Canton native is focusing on his lifelong passion to paint. Joe exhibits his work in many juried art shows in and around Ohio. He is working with ArtsinStark to teach water science through art in Stark County Schools. He is very proud to have been included in the recently published *Stark Arthology*, a new book featuring artists in Stark County. Once a high school football coach and a respiratory therapist, this man with many interests is enjoying all of the arts in Stark County.

Gail, a lifelong educator, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was influenced greatly by her family of farmers, teachers, artists, ministers, and restaurant owners. She currently is a county curriculum

consultant, dividing her time among supporting the arts, social studies, and gifted programs in Stark County schools. Gail, in her words, is a mediocre but enthusiastic potter, is hopelessly addicted to gardening and tree planting, taught middle school Sunday School for 27 years, and has been creating greeting cards and stationery for a quarter of a century. Through Gail's consultant work at the Stark County Educational Service Center, she is on advisory boards for Massillon's Artful Living Preschool Project, Canton Symphony Orchestra's Board of Trustees, and IlluminArts.



Joe and Gail Martino love the arts, including live music and theatre, and can be seen at many of the arts events and galleries in Canton and around the county. They love eating and preparing gourmet dinners for themselves and their family and dear friends, and when they are not doing that, they are enjoying the fine food and events in the arts district and in the county.



Top Ten Reasons why we want to be Mardi Gras King & Queen.....

10. Everyone wants to be "cool", and Mardi Gras King and Queen would be the coolest of all!
 9. They will actually come in costume to the Mardi Gras...
 8. Someone has to do it....
 7. Why not?
 6. They've been practicing that royal "wave" for weeks....
 5. Their parents will finally be impressed with them!
 4. They will finally have somewhere to wear their crowns...
 3. It would add some authenticity to their next year's Halloween costumes.
 2. Their four adult children will finally be impressed with them!
- and the #1 reason why Joe & Gail should be Mardi Gras King & Queen
.....For a fairly seasoned couple, they are really cute!*

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