

Local artist shows her Buckeye pride

By Lindsey Wright

Manon Doyle, owner of Hoochie Poochie Studios and a Dublin resident, was among the artists chosen to create a version of Brutus the Buckeye for The Ohio State University's fundraising program "Brutus on Parade."

The program was created to raise money for reconstruction of The William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library. Doyle is one of more than 40 artists creating a one-of-a-kind Brutus sculpture. Each artist sent a proposal of a rendering of a Brutus Buckeye sculpture. Sponsors then chose from those submissions which artists would decorate their sculptures.

"My rendering of Brutus is made entirely of glass," Doyle says. "He is a basketball player and will be one of two that will be permanently housed in the Schottenstein Center concourse."

To create the mosaic, Doyle had to grind down every piece of glass to ensure there were no sharp edges and each piece fit perfectly.

"It is hard to grind down each piece correctly because the sculpture is not flat," Doyle says. "The head will be the easiest because it is the flattest part of his body."

The fiberglass form was provided by the university to all artists, and stands at 6 feet, 2 inches and weighs 150 pounds. Doyle began working on Brutus in late July and finished in early November, right before the Michigan vs. Ohio State football game.

Sponsored Brutus sculptures are displayed at the locations chosen by the sponsor. Non-sponsored Brutus sculptures were put up for auction in November at the university.

For more information on the "Brutus on Parade" program visit www.brutusonparade.com.



Doyle and her "Brutus" sculpture