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chesterton art center

CELEBRATING OUR 60TH YEAR

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Weekdays 11 am - 4 pm ▪ Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm
Closed on Sundays unless there is a special event.



Lisa Pavlopoulos posing for photographer Christopher Pupillo.

Fiber Art '21

The Works of the Duneland Weaver's Guild April 5 through April 30

The Duneland Weaver's Guild will be showcasing their work during the month of April in the front gallery space. Although they are not able to host their annual Style Show in person this year, with the help of Chris Pupillo at Bright Ideas Creative Services there is a virtual style show that can be viewed soon on their website at <https://dunelandweaversguild.org/> or the Chesterton Art Center website at www.chestertonart.org.

These very talented fiber artists have been busy creating a lot of wonderfully woven items during the pandemic last year and are very anxious for you to see them. "Doing our style show virtually may even bring us new opportunities!" Margaret Jones said as she arranged shawls on Niki and Lori Pavlopoulos, models posing for the video recently at the Chesterton Art Center. The Guild fills its exhibit space each April with masterful and exquisite handmade garments and homewares like wall hangings and

linens. You can purchase on-site at the Art Center or make arrangements for payment

and delivery of items seen online by calling the Center at (219) 926-4711.

Innovating in this unusual year, the Chesterton Art Center is making the style show video part of the exhibit. Gallery and online visitors will get the full experience of handwoven or knitted garments presented on models, as well as see closeups of pattern and structure. Margaret Jones' commentary on design peppered with fiber insider know-how is informative and assists with purchase decisions. Most garments modeled are for sale.

Weaving is a lively art in Northwest Indiana. The Duneland Weavers Guild has met monthly for more than seventy years, September through May. A program follows a members' show and tell each month. Current fiber artists, or those wishing to learn weaving are invited to join the Guild. Zoom meetings were held this past year, but the Guild hopes to return to its current home at Three Moons Fiber Works in Chesterton soon. Visit dunelandweaversguild.org for details on membership.

Sherron Pampalone, Guild President, and Wendy Marciniak, Art Center President and CEO, see the virtual style show as sharing the craft and art of fiber arts with a wider audience. "Weaving is not a lost art," noted Wendy. We use everyday objects that are commercially woven such as bath towels without realizing that local people have looms and spinning equipment in their homes and are making clothing and towels. Lisa Pavlopoulos, Guild member, hopes visitors not only grasp the beauty of the objects but learn about the fibers and time involved with their construction.



Lori, Niki, and Lisa Pavlopoulos modeling some of the beautiful hand woven items for the show.

The Chesterton Art Center is dedicated to enriching the cultural landscape of Northwest Indiana. We believe that art is for everyone!

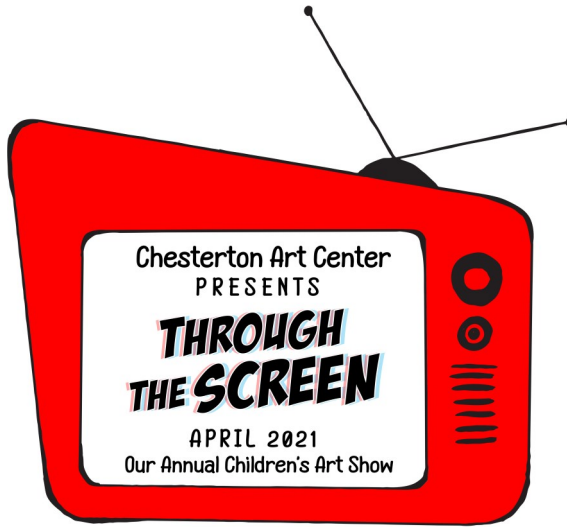


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Come and See Our Children's Art Education Program Exhibit!

April 5th through April 30



Our Chesterton Art Center children's program focused on modern art movements. Starting in September with Impressionism and moving through the western art history timeline each month through to Pop Art. What is new and very special about this year is that every single class took place through a Zoom virtual platform.

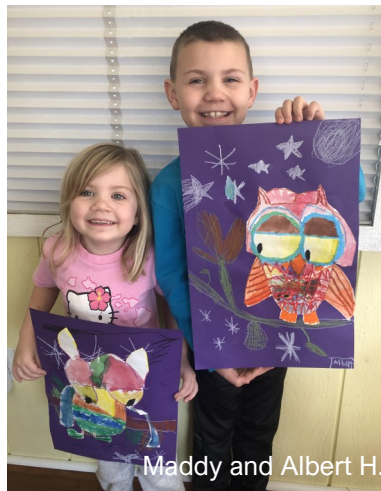
Students from preschool through high school logged on each day from home for a live instruction in an interactive class with Ms. Jen. Parents from all over the area and even out of state, picked up their red bag of art supplies at the beginning of each month. Some of our students attended for a couple months and many stayed through most of the year.

Our classes are designed with that choice and flexibility in mind. Each week children met and were able to discuss artwork, trends, news and personal accomplishments in an open conversational online space. Young artists were challenged to embrace the elements of art and focus on specific skills each month pertaining to the supplies received. Through the virtual platform we were able to "zoom" in on paint strokes of the masters, look at photos of the places great artists come from, walk through virtual online galleries, and learn about figure drawing by drawing directly on the screen. We could not be more proud of these kids and the growth they have experienced through their work. As the artwork came in this month we were amazed by the children's creations, full of imagination, beauty and perspective.

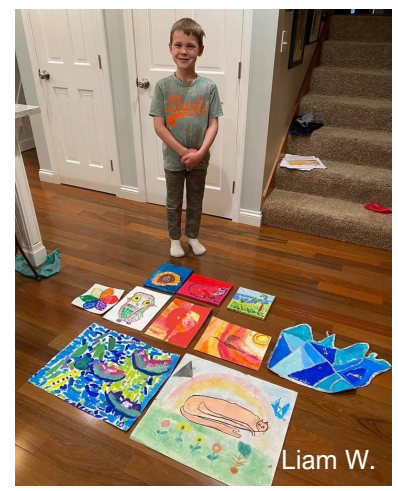
The Chesterton Art Center is so very grateful to have Jennifer Aitchison as our amazing Children's Art Education Instructor...who brought a terrific hands-on art program to her students in the midst of a pandemic. Jen quickly became a Zoom teacher expert, packing up new art supplies in bright red bags for pickup every month. Knowing how much children needed a creative outlet during the stressful year of being at home away from extended family and friends, teachers, and classmates Jen went above and beyond to ensure her students had a great art experience "Through the Screen." Thank you, Ms. Jen!



Aidan W.



Maddy and Albert H.



Liam W.

Summer Art Camps Information Coming Soon!

Ms. Jen and the Chesterton Art Center are planning to host both onsite and virtual Summer Art Camps this year. Onsite classes will be smaller to allow for social distancing, and children will need to wear masks. We will be diligent in our sanitizing efforts to keep your children safe as they enjoy creating at the Art Center with other children. Watch our website and social media sites for more information!

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Children's Art Education

May Real-Time Virtual Classes with Mrs. Jen!

On-site classes may be added later when it is safe to do so. A bag stuffed with generous supplies is included in the tuition and will be picked up from the Art Center once at the beginning of each month. Any supplies left at the end of the month are yours to keep! Classes are designed for preschool, elementary, home school, middle school, and high school ages. Students of all ages will actively participate in learning, while studying one of the major movements of modern art history each month.

Tuition is \$90 per month for high school, middle school, elementary, and home school students (the member rate is \$70), and \$75 for preschool & kindergarten students (the member rate is \$55). Preschoolers will need assistance from someone at home. Families must be current members of the Chesterton Art Center to receive the member rate. For the month of May our children's classes will focus on pieces celebrating Spring, up-close nature and the American Female Artist. We will discuss how American artists like Augusta Savage, Georgia O'Keeffe and Mary Cassatt influenced major art movements in history. There will be a generous mix of supplies in the bag. Sign ups coming soon. Watch our website and social media for the dates and schedules.

Come and Join Us
in May!



Clayworks for Kids! with Sarah Fantuzzo

3 Saturdays - May 8, 15, & 22nd - 10:00 am -11:30

The tactile medium of clay is a perfect way to express your creativity! This course will cover the basics of hand building including slab construction, coiling, and pinching as kids create unique pottery and sculptural pieces using air dry clay.

Cost of the class is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. All supplies are included..

This onsite class will be smaller to allow for social distancing, and children will need to wear masks. We will be diligent in our sanitizing efforts to keep your children safe as they enjoy creating at the Art Center with other children. To register, call the Art Center or register on Eventbrite from the link on our website.

Adult Art Education



Beginning/Intermediate Virtual Watercolor Workshop for Adults with Dale Popovich, IWS

Dale L. Popovich, IWS will be offering a two-day Beginning/Intermediate Virtual Watercolor Workshop on Saturday, April 24th and Saturday, May 8th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. A perfect class for the first time painter or a wonderful refresher for those slightly more experienced. In this zoom workshop, students will walk away with a better understanding of transparent watercolor. In this

workshop Dale will guide students as they concentrate on reflections of water. A better understanding of how to cross mixed colors that best capture the reflections in the water will be demonstrated. In this process, he will illustrate how to block-in and build a painting properly. Students will experience various applications of watercolor, color palette, properties of watercolor, tools, and techniques. Dale's objective through the step-by-step instruction will show how to avoid watercolor problems and grow as a painter.

Workshop Session #1, April 24th, Dale will conduct a 2.5-hour painting workshop on Zoom stopping between steps and answering questions along the way. During the painting process, photos will be taken of each step. The photos will be added to the original packet creating the Popovich's Start-to-Finish packet.

Workshop Session #2, May 8th, Dale will lead a Zoom Group Critique sharing his screen with students. During this time, he will walk artists through two paintings and answer any additional questions. Students will receive a recording of the entire workshop to refer to as often as they wish.

Tuition is \$115 for members and \$135 for non-members. Supplies are not included in this workshop. After payment is received, a supply list will be provided. In addition, a full reference packet will be sent prior to the workshop which will also include the Zoom links. Students must register and pay before the first class. To register stop in, call, or register now on [Eventbrite](#).



Adult Art Education

Adult classes are resuming onsite at the Art Center in April and May!

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Watercolor Explorations with Sarah Fantuzzo

Tuesdays starting April 20 for 6 weeks, 10:00 am -12 pm.

Instruction includes class critique, demonstrations, and individual attention. The class will begin with an introduction to the unique properties of watercolor and basic techniques. Students will then focus on color mixing and composition as we do a nature study, a simplified landscape, and several abstract compositions. Beginning and intermediate painters are welcome. The cost of class is \$180 for members and \$200 for non-members. A supply list will be included upon registration. The Chesterton Art Center is located at 115 S. 4th St., Chesterton, IN 46304.



Nature Studies in Pencil with Sarah Fantuzzo

Thursdays starting April 22 for 6 weeks, 10:00 am -12 pm.

Just in time for spring we'll create a sketchbook of drawings from nature. Study the unique forms of flowers, shells, leaves and other natural objects from life and photo reference. Line quality, shading and use of positive and negative shapes will be covered. Instruction includes demonstrations and individual attention. All levels welcome. The cost of class is \$180 for members and \$200 for non-members. A supply list will be included upon registration. The Chesterton Art Center is located at 115 S. 4th St., Chesterton, IN 46304.

Adult classes coming up soon...Adobe Lightroom, life drawing, and waiting lists for ceramics and stained glass. Check our website and social media sites for updated class information. Critique Night with Mark VanderVinne resumes Wednesday, May 5.



Duneland Photography Club News

On Saturday, April 17, Deb Armstrong will be teaching a nature photography class for the Porter County Parks Department at Brincka-Cross Gardens from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. This will be a hands-on outdoor event. This should be a great time to photograph the daffodils at Brincka-Cross. Check the Porter County Parks and Recreation Facebook page for more information. Other outdoor activities involve the Sunset over the

Chicago Skyline by the Michigan City Lighthouse. Club members will meet at Washington Park at 6:30pm on April 20th. Visitors are invited. We are planning an outdoor event for our May meeting at Gabis Arboretum. For more information, find the Duneland Photography Club on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/dunelandphotoclub>

Chesterton Woman's Club Art Show Coming in June-

The Chesterton Woman's Club will be holding their Annual Art Show in June. Jean Bargeron is the cover artist, and will be donating her painting entitled "Great Marsh, Summer" for raffle.

Registration information can be obtained from Jenny Gaff. Leave a message at 219-926-4575.

Registration is Tuesday June 1, from 10 am to 7pm.

Sadly, no opening reception this year due to COVID-19.

At the conclusion of the show work must be picked up on June 30, 10am-7pm

Raffle tickets will be sold for Jean's painting and the winner will be chosen at the show's end.

Welcome New Members!

Tara Duffie Family, Joyce Scully, David Lasayko, Sherri Holt, Jim Rettker, Kathy Groth, Tammy Kik Parish, Heidi Pampalone, Mary Sagala, Kathi Marie Sagala, Art Garcia, Jane Derbyshire, Ken Blumenthal, Jenelle and Richard Orelup, and Richard and Phyllis Loslo. *Thank you for becoming members!*



Photo by Larry Brechner