



A monthly newsletter for the
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MEMBERS EXHIBIT

December 3, 2022–January 12, 2023

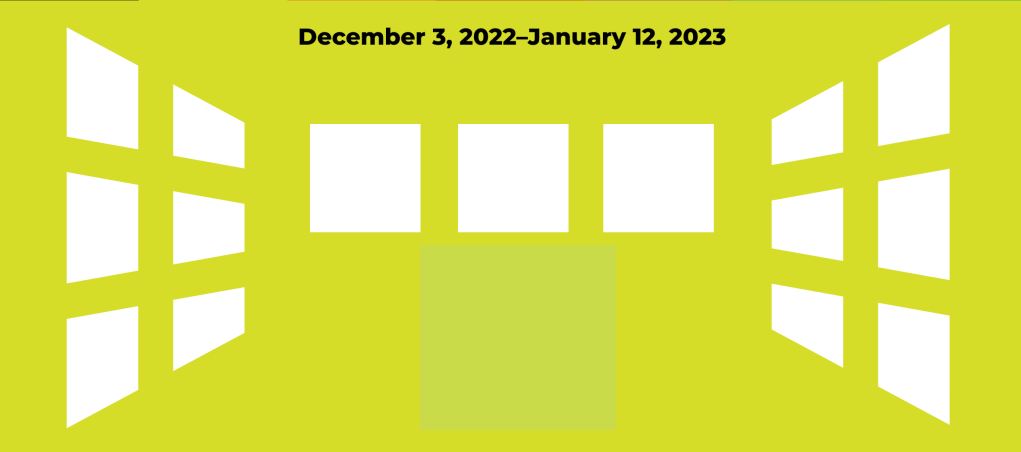


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In the Galleries...

Annual Members' Exhibition

EXHIBITION: DECEMBER 3, 2022–JANUARY 12, 2023
ARTIST RECEPTION: DECEMBER 10, NOON–2 PM

December is all about celebrations at CAC. At this time of the year, the Center hosts the annual Members' Exhibit which focuses on new works created by our members. The galleries are overflowing with fine art on display and for sale from December 3, 2022, through January 12, 2023. An artists' reception is scheduled for Saturday, December 10 from noon to 2 PM.

Every media and style is typically represented at this annual exhibition, including painting, photography, sculpture, drawing, glass, wood, ceramics, and mixed media. The spectrum of their creativity will be on display and available for purchase at a variety of price points. The members of Chesterton Art Center represent the truly unique and talented regional creative community.

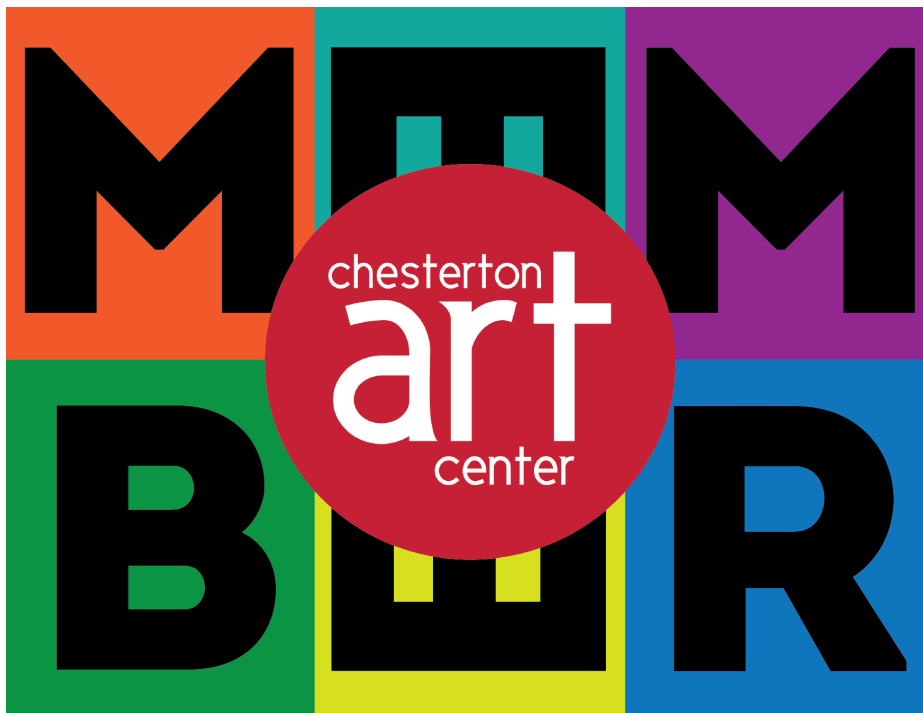
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ALL OF OUR EXHIBITIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. GALLERY HOURS ARE MONDAY–FRIDAY FROM 11 AM–4 PM AND SATURDAY, 10 AM–2 PM.



Become a Member!

Welcome to the Chesterton Art Center!

We hope that you can join us as a member! Each and every member is an essential component of our organization. Our members are the spark that keeps us going and encourages us to move in new and exciting directions. The Chesterton Art Center's goal is to provide arts and culture for NW Indiana and beyond. And we would love to do that with your help! So please consider one of the membership levels listed, and we'll look forward to having you in the family! Membership benefits are online at www.chestertonart.org.

MEMBER LEVELS

Single Membership	\$35
Family Membership	\$50
Patron	\$70
Benefactor	\$125
Changemaker	\$500

Welcome New Members!

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 Nicole Cimbajevich
 Lisa Cunningham
 Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis
 Marissa Ellis
 Tara + John Gregurich
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From the Executive Director



Hannah Hammond-Hagman

December is a time of gathering at CAC as we host our annual Members' Exhibit that showcases all the amazing artists that call CAC and our Duneland community home. This tradition brings together painting, drawing, sculpture, glass, wood, mixed media and more in one tremendous exhibit—and more importantly brings together our artist member community in celebration. You won't want to miss the reception on December 10 from noon to 2 PM.

CAC is also lit up for your festive holiday shopping this month with works from the Members' Exhibit and our member artisan gift shop. You'll always find the perfect unique piece here. You're also invited to a special after-hours Sip + Shop event on December 7 from 4-7PM with door prizes, a cash bar, free gift wrapping, and delicious treats.

With your support, we've had a tremendous year at CAC. We have grown with new outreach initiatives, more community partners, expanded classes and workshops, and additional free public programs that have welcomed more folks through our red doors.

Come celebrate with us this month—we look forward to seeing you.

Family Art Day



In November, we hosted another wonderful free Family Art Day!

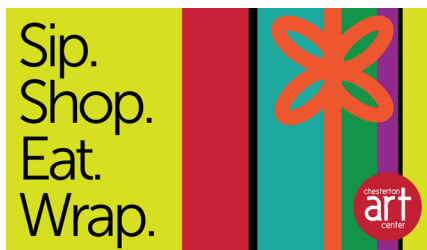
Visitors explored the Mark My Words exhibit by viewing unique zines and illustrations from local artists and reading the powerful messages on the letterpress posters made by Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr. Families then enjoyed some relaxed creative time as they participated in zine-making and printmaking activities.

With visitors in attendance from 3 regional counties, we loved getting to meet more of our community. It was wonderful to see families come together to create something special, and we're already looking forward to the next one!

Family Art Days are an initiative building on our mission to create more accessible arts programming for the Duneland community and beyond.

Holiday Shopping and more at CAC

Chesterton Art Center is going to be lit up this holiday season with amazing shopping opportunities. Shop from beautiful artwork displayed in our galleries and gift shop. Stop in for a glass of cheer, snack on delicious sweet treats, and shop our expanded gift selections at our Sip+Shop event on December 7. Venture out during the Holiday Art Stroll event, November 26–December 30, to win a big prize basket as you explore the arts district of Chesterton.



Our first-ever Sip+Shop event is December 7 from 4–7 PM. The Center will be open and welcoming with cheerful snowflake decorations and warm twinkling lights. This is a special opportunity for our artisan vendors and

artists to display additional items they have created. It's also great for our shoppers because they have more options to choose from. CAC is also offering a cash wine bar, door prizes, sweet treats, and free gift wrap to enrich the shopping experience for our guests.

As part of the newly created Arts District of Chesterton, CAC is participating in another first-time fabulous event! Holiday Art Stroll, November 26–December 30, is a fun adventure through the streets and shops of Chesterton. Grab an Explorer Pass at any of the participating businesses, and discover the 'word signs' while you browse and shop at each location. Write down the words in the Pass and, when you have found them all, bring your completed Explorer Pass to Three Moons Fiberworks before 5 PM on December 30 for a chance to win a large prize basket with gifts from the Arts District participants. The 2022 Stroll participants include Chesterton Art Center, Holly Jackson Art Studio, Moth Wing Studio, Pieces of Jayde, Red Cup Cafe & Deli, South Shore Tattoo, Stephanie Swanson Jewelry Design, Sweet Stitches Quilt Shop, The

HOLIDAY ART STROLL

Good Earth Pots, Third Coast Spice Cafe, Three Moons Fiberworks, Trusty Spot Records & Tees, and Willow.

Chesterton Art Center also offers gift certificates which can be used to purchase artwork, classes, and memberships. They make great gifts for the holidays or any time of the year! Check out the list of classes on our website at chestertonart.org/classes.

There are so many wonderful opportunities to 'shop small' in Chesterton this year and Chesterton Art Center is excited to be part of it.

Youth Arts Outreach Program



In November, the second session of CAC's 25-week Youth Arts Outreach Program began at the Duneland Boys & Girls Club and YMCA. During this session, teaching artists Brian Dortmund and Emily Casella worked with artists as they explored the topic of Imaginative Minds. Students were inspired by Surrealism as they created exquisite corpse drawings, imaginative collages, and fantastical creature masks.

For the January session, we will be exploring the topic of 'Superheroes vs. Villains'.

The Youth Arts Outreach Program supports CAC's mission of creating accessible, enriching arts programming for our community. Special thanks to our partners at Boys & Girls Club, the YMCA, and all sponsors who make these outreach programs possible.

TAG! Teen Arts Group

This past month, Teen Arts Group (TAG) members enjoyed a special glass fusing workshop with teaching artist Mindy Milan. Each artist designed their own unique pendant, plate, or ornament using a mixture of colorful glass. Then, everyone created smaller designs that will be fused into a large collaborative dish. Special thanks to Mindy for working with our members!

This month, TAG artists will begin planning a special public art project in partnership with Chesterton Park and preparing work for their exhibition at Red Cup Cafe.

Next TAG Meeting at CAC:
Wednesday, December 14, 2022 - 4:30-6:30 PM

CAC's Teen Arts Group (TAG) is a free monthly program for passionate teen artists interested in pursuing professional arts experiences and strengthening their own visual art practices. TAG members learn from one another as well as professional artists, explore area and Chicago museums and galleries, and work on individual portfolio development. TAG also offers access to various community engagement and exhibition opportunities.

Interested artists can contact programs@chestertonart.org.



Youth Art Classes

Afterschool Art Classes



Afterschool Art Classes are offered every month from September-May for ages 5-16. During each 4-class monthly session, students will explore an arts-related theme, topic, or movement through a wide variety of 2D media such as watercolor, pastel, graphite, acrylic, or printmaking. Because each monthly session offers a different theme and set of projects, families are welcomed to register for one session, a few, or the whole year!

Tuition for this prorated 2-week session is \$45 for non-members and \$35 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies provided.

The December sessions of Afterschool Art will focus on the Fauvism Art Movement, and are instructed by Jen Aitchison. Artists like Matisse and Derain loved to use color in unexpected and exciting ways. Students will push the boundaries of color during this month as they create colorful snow paintings that are sure to bring happiness and joy.

CLASS SCHEDULE | SELECT AGE GROUP/DAY FOR YOUR ARTIST

(Prorated 2-week session)

Ages 8-12 | Monday, Dec 5-12 at 3:30-5 PM

Ages 5-8 | Tuesday, Dec 6-13 at 3:30-5 PM

Ages 5-8 | Wednesday, Dec 7-14 at 3:30-5 PM

Ages 8-12 | Thursday, Dec 8-15 at 3:30-5 PM

Ages 12-16 | Thursday, Dec 8-15 at 5:30-7 PM

Preschool Pop-In Classes

Preschool Pop-ins are offered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10-11:30 AM and are recommended for ages 3-5. Young artists will focus on the development of fine motor skills through creative arts learning experiences. Each class will focus on a unique theme that highlights color, shape, cutting, building, or painting. Parents and/or caregivers are encouraged to stay & create together with their young artist.

Because each monthly session offers a different theme and special project, families are welcomed to register for one session, a few, or the whole year!

Tuition for each 1-class session is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies provided.

The December Preschool Pop-In session meets on Tuesday, December 13 at 10-11:30 AM and is recommended for ages 3-5.

This month's Pop-In will focus on color! Students will share discussions of colors they see in the snow, pulling inspiration from the colorful Fauvism Art Movement. They will create a colorful winter wonderland piece to celebrate the changing season.

In January, students will pull inspiration from Surrealism as they create an imaginative mixed-media art piece.



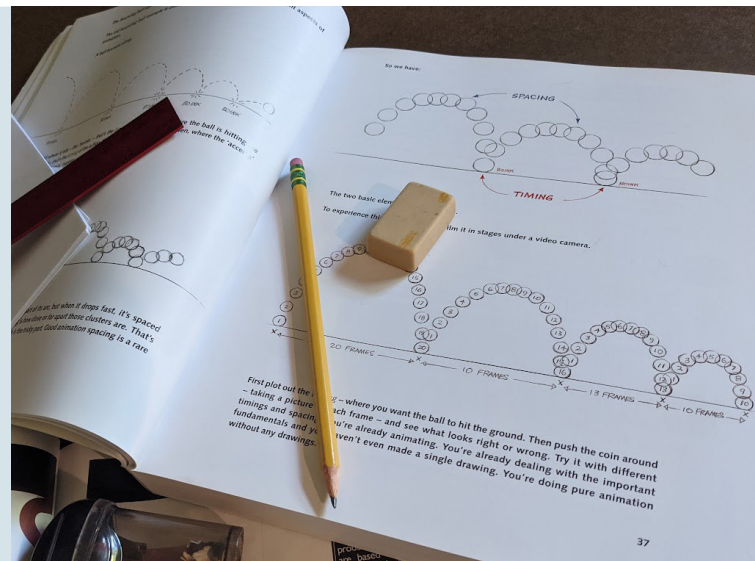
Additional Youth Programming

Introduction to Animation

This 5-week class will meet from Saturday, January 14-February 11 at 10 AM-12 PM and is for ages 12 to 18.

With guidance from Katie Wiley, this beginner-friendly class will take students through a quick history of animation and teach using traditional 2-D techniques the way the pros have been working for years! Artists can expect to learn about the 12 principles of animation and use them to complete a new animation "challenge" each week. Parents and/or caregivers are invited to attend the last class for a final showcase of the class animation 'reel'.

Tuition for non-members is \$100 and \$80 for current CAC Family members. All materials are provided.



Adult Art Classes

Our classes provide a creative space for artists to learn at every age and level.



Ceramic Mug Workshop

Drop-in Life Drawing Group

NOTE: There is no Life Drawing Group in December. The group will begin meeting again on January 10, 2023.

In January, join a diversely talented group of artists at this weekly drop-in life drawing opportunity every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4 PM facilitated by artist, Ivan Chermel. No registration required. There is a \$15 fee to attend payable to the instructor. Please bring your own materials.

Life drawing models needed. Contact Ivan Chermel at ivanl26@comcast.net

Scholarships

Scholarships are available for students of all ages. The scholarship application can be found on our website at chestertonart.org/scholarships.

Advanced Digital Photography Workshop with Deb Armstrong

This 1-day workshop will meet on Saturday, December 3 at 10 AM-1 PM.

Are you ready to take your digital photography skills to the next level? With instruction from Deb Armstrong, students will advance their introductory photo skills from basic snapshots to striking images. This workshop will review photo composition, digital photography techniques, and additional tips and tricks to help students become a master behind the camera lens. Students will also discuss the best ways to edit and share photos both digitally and in print.

Prerequisite: Intro to Digital Photography or instructor approval.

Tuition is \$50 for non-members and \$40 for current CAC members. Students must bring their own digital cameras. This class focuses on DSLR cameras, all brands welcomed.

Ceramic Mug Workshop with Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis

This 1-day workshop will meet on Friday, December 9 at 6-8 PM.

Grab your bestie, partner, sibling, or come meet new people during this fun evening of creating! With guidance from Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, students will construct a hand-built mug using the slab process and various decorative techniques to make each student's mug uniquely their own. Students will select a glaze color, and the Center will complete glazing & firing.

Tuition is \$50.00 for non-members and \$40.00 for current CAC members. All materials are provided, including glazing & firing.

Bookbinding with Terrence Chouinard

This 1-day workshop will meet on Saturday, December 10 at 10 AM-1 PM and is recommended for teens and adults, ages 16+.

A folded piece of paper makes a "folio." One folio inside another makes a "signature." One or multiple signatures sewn together make a „book“.

With instruction from Terrence Chouinard, this workshop will cover basic bookbinding terms and tools with ample time allowed for hands-on practice. Students will construct a single signature/pamphlet binding with cover variations. This workshop will lay the conceptual and practical foundation for more advanced bookbinding skills. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$70 for non-members and \$60 for current CAC members. (A \$10 supply fee is due to the instructor at the beginning of class.)

Great Gift Ideas! January Adult Art Classes

Register at chestertonart.org/classes

Gift an experience this holiday season!

Purchase a gift certificate that can be used towards a class or workshop.



Ceramics

Learn the art of clay through handbuilding and wheel throwing techniques as you create functional pottery pieces

Open Studio Ceramics: January 9-February 20 (No Feb 13) at 6-9 PM

Beginning Ceramics (Monday mornings): January 9-February 20 (No Feb 13) at 9 AM-12 PM

Beginning Ceramics (Wednesday evenings): January 11-February 22 (No Feb 15) at 6-9 PM

Painting, Drawing + Other Media

Pick up a paint brush, pencil, or work with plaster as you master a new expressive media

Life Mask Workshop: January 7-8 at 10 AM-12 PM

Oil Painting: January 9-February 13 at 7-9 PM

Acrylic Painting: January 10-February 7 at 6-8 PM

From Drawing to Painting: January 11-February 8 at 10 AM-12 PM



Glass

Learn to cut and connect beautiful pieces of glass as you design a cohesive work

Beginning Stained Glass: January 10-February 28 at 7-9 PM

Open Studio Stained Glass: January 10-February 28 at 7-9 PM

Glass Fusing I Workshop: January 28 at 1-4 PM



Photography

Learn behind the lens of your digital camera or phone and capture beautiful photos

Intro to Digital Photography: January 19-February 9 at 6-8 PM

Cell Phone Photography Workshop: January 14 at 10 AM-1 PM

Gift certificates can be purchased for any amount and used for classes, memberships, artwork, or the gift shop.



Duneland Photography Club News

Next Meeting

December 6, 2022 at 7 pm

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7:00 PM in the Horton Family Education Center. Doors open at 5:30 PM for hands-on mentoring and question time. At 7:00 PM on December 6, the club is having its annual Christmas Party. We welcome guests to join in the fun and food.

Last month the Duneland Photography Club was involved in a variety of activities. Sharon Kerner took this photo of club members visiting our oldest member, Gordon Wilder, who presented us with a slide show of his photography. We also did volunteer work for the Porter County Parks, photographing some of the events. In November, the Chesterton Christmas Parade and Sandhill Cranes were subjects of our photography. In addition, we practiced portraiture by shooting headshots at the Memorial Opera House.



Photo credit: Sharon Kerner

In December, we are planning outings to photograph holiday events, including Holly Days in Valparaiso and the Warner Christmas Wonderland in Merrillville.

The Duneland Photography Club is a group of individuals helping each other improve their photography skills through classes, photo-

shoots, meetings, individual mentoring, community service, and other activities.

For more information, contact the club at DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/dunelandphotoclub>.

What's next at CAC?

DECEMBER

CAC Members' Exhibit

December 3, 2022–January 12, 2023

Opening Reception:
December 10, 12–2 PM

CAC Closed

December 24, 2022–January 2, 2023

Sense of Place: Works from the Artists in Residence at the Indiana Dunes National Park

January 17–February 28, 2023

Artist Reception:
January 21, 2023 12–2 PM

This exhibit is generously supported by Friends of Indiana Dunes.



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