



A monthly newsletter for the
 Chesterton Art Center
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In the Galleries...

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

EXHIBITION: JANUARY 17–MARCH 1, 2023

The Indiana Dunes National Park Artist-in-Residence program has been sharing the park's inspirational landscape for over 25 years and has served 70 artists to date. This exhibit is a survey of works held in the National Park collection, including works from 2021 and 2022 that have not yet been exhibited publicly. View this celebration of the natural world that surrounds us as seen through the eyes of these artist visitors across many media, including painting, photography, sculpture, fiber, and mixed media.

This exhibition is made possible in partnership with Indiana Dunes National Park and is generously supported by Friends of Indiana Dunes.

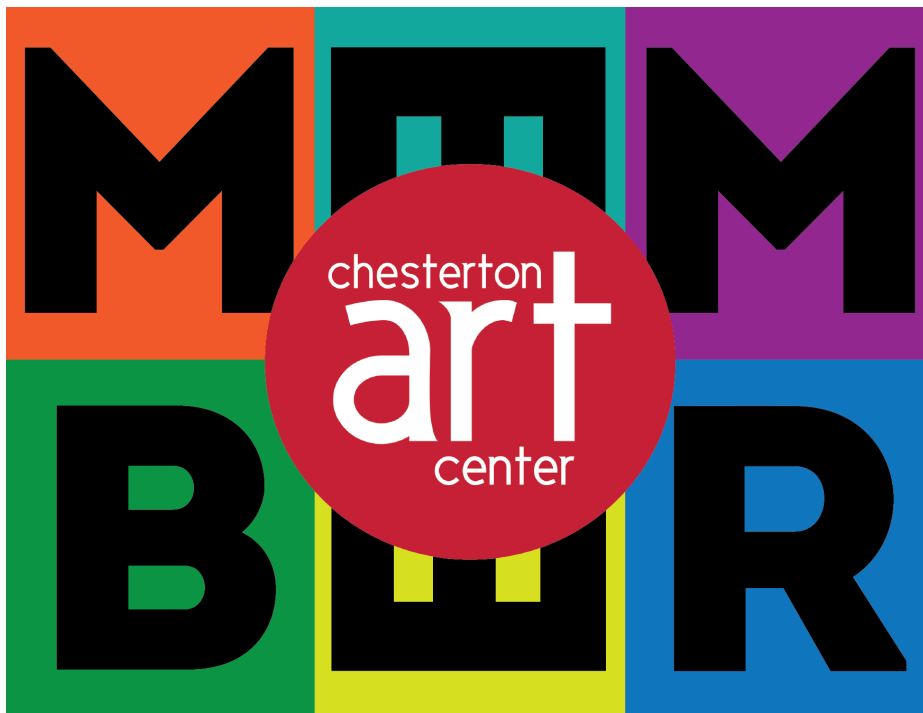


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ALL OF OUR EXHIBITIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. GALLERY HOURS ARE MONDAY–FRIDAY FROM 11 AM–4 PM AND SATURDAY, 10 AM–2 PM.



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
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Welcome New Members!

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From the Executive Director



Hannah Hammond-Hagman

There's something for everyone this month at CAC, so it's the perfect time to plan a visit. The beautiful *Sense of Place* exhibit displaying works from artists in residence of Indiana Dunes National Park continues throughout the whole month, lots of new classes and workshops are being offered, and we have a free Family Art Day planned for Saturday February 25!

It's also a terrific time to become a donor and support all the work of CAC as we have a very special match opportunity. Your gift now will have double the impact! An anonymous donor has pledged to double all contributions dollar for dollar between now and March 31 up to \$2,500.00. Help us achieve that goal and visit chestertonart.org to donate safely online, mail a donation, or give us a call or stop in to contribute during this special opportunity.

Spend some time with this month's newsletter to learn about all that we're up to, including a wonderful announcement of a special grant award that we are very proud of.

See you soon at the center!

Exciting Donation Match Opportunity

Help us meet the challenge!

An anonymous donor has offered an amazing opportunity of a one-to-one match up to \$2,500.00 for all donations received between now and March 31, 2023. Double your gift's impact by giving now to Chesterton Art Center. You can visit our website and donate safely online, mail your gift, or give us a call. These matched gifts will support CAC's Teen Arts Group (TAG) and our Family Arts Days program in 2023. TAG is a free program serving passionate teen artists from five regional schools with monthly professional arts experiences, technique workshops with professional artists, and local exhibition and public art opportunities.

Our free Family Arts Days invite kids and their favorite grown ups into our galleries and classrooms for some collaborative creative time looking at and making art. Your donation now will double your gift to support these important outreach programs that create access to the arts in our community.



CAC receives \$12,000 grant from 1st Source Foundation for Youth Arts Outreach

We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a generous grant from 1st Source Foundation to sustain and expand our vital Youth Arts Outreach Program. With this support, we will continue to serve the Duneland Boys and Girls Club with weekly visual arts classes and now will also serve the five elementary afterschool sites of the Duneland YMCA.

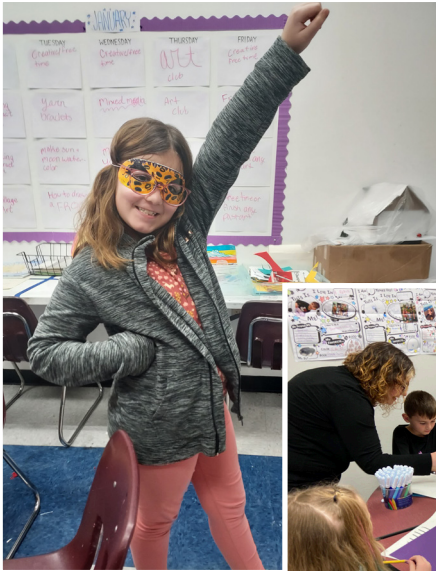
Our Youth Arts Outreach Program gives our local youth further opportunities to engage with creative learning and design thinking via a series of "camp" sessions that feature innovative curricula that challenge students to use their voices to create unique works of art. These special opportunities spark imagination while nurturing executive functioning, problem solving, and cooperative skills. Studies confirm that especially with sustained engagement, arts experiences and artmaking can help young

people gain new perspectives, deepen empathy, picture what is possible, collaborate, and even fuel civic engagement.

Thank you to 1st Source Foundation for recognizing and supporting the need for access to quality arts education. We are proud to receive this gift from 1st Source Foundation and to continue these impactful community partnerships.



Youth Arts Outreach Program



This past month, the third session of CAC's 25-week Youth Arts Outreach Program began at the Duneland Boys & Girls Club and YMCA as students explored the topic of Superheroes vs. Villains. With guidance from teaching artist Emily Blossom, students pulled inspiration from Pop Art as they designed personalized superhero logos and masks, good vs. evil comic books, and additional projects that "pop" off of the page.

The next session begins on February 14 and highlights the topic of 'Worldly Foods' as students explore eats and treats from around the world.

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 studio time together as they prepared work for their exhibition at Red Cup Cafe. Artists helped each other curate pieces, had discussions about titles and pricing, and made decisions about display options. We're so excited to showcase the talents of our TAG members and are eager to see the exhibition come together!

The exhibition will run February 11-March 30 with an opening reception on Saturday, February 11 from 10 AM-12 PM. Special thanks to Red Cup Cafe for hosting this special show.

Next TAG Meeting at CAC:
Wednesday, February 8, 2023 - 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 each 4-week session is \$90 for non-members and \$81 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies provided.

The February sessions of Afterschool Art are instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on the Post Impressionism Art Movement. Van Gogh, Gauguin, and Cézanne produced some of the most recognizable work in the history of art! Students will explore how these artists broke free from the Impressionists with bold color choices and obscured perspective. With a focus on value, students will create still life pieces through drawing and painting.

Class Schedule | Select the age group/day that suits your artist

Ages 8-12 / Monday, Jan 30-Feb 27 (No Feb 20) from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 5-8 / Tuesday, Jan 31-Feb 21 from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 5-8 / Wednesday, Feb 1-22 from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 8-12 / Thursday, Feb 2-23 from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 12-16 / Thursday, Feb 2-23 from 5:30-7 PM

Architecture Basics

4-class session, ages 10+

Saturday, February 18-March 11 from 10 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Mindy Milan, this class will be an exploration of architecture, building design, and city planning. Students will be introduced to basic design challenges facing architects now and in the future—including urban sprawl, vertical living, population density, transportation, greenspace preservation, and movement throughout communities. Working with a partner or in teams, students will use Legos specifically designed for architectural building to construct model cities. Building models and floor plans will also be explored through drawing and foam core construction. Note: Lego architecture sets belong to the instructor and will not be taken home at the end of class. Photos of students with their models will be provided.

Tuition is \$90 for non-members / \$81 for current CAC Family Members

Preschool Pop-In Classes

Preschool Pop-Ins are offered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 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 \$27 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies provided.

The February Preschool Pop-In session meets on Tuesday, February 14 from 10-11:30 AM and is recommended for ages 3-5.

This month's Pop-In is instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on our love of Van Gogh! With shapes and lines on our minds, students will create amazing Van Gogh-inspired hearts.

In March, students will focus on patterns and shapes as they create close-up flowers inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe.



Adult Art Classes

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

Charm of Colored Pencils

4-class session / Wednesday,
February 1-22 from 5:30-7:30 PM

With guidance from Emily Casella, this introductory class will uncover the vast properties of contemporary colored pencils. Students will investigate different blending and stroke techniques, understand and replicate accurate color, and find joy in coloring from the world around them and from their vibrant minds. All skill levels welcomed, including beginners. *This class is held in the upstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$110 for non-members / \$99 for current CAC members



Dunes Watercolor Workshop on February 18

Ceramic Nesting Bowls Workshop

1-day workshop / Friday,
February 3 from 6-9 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 pair of hand-built nesting bowls using the slab process and various decorative techniques to make each student's bowl set uniquely their own. Those who attend in pairs are encouraged to swap bowls so they each take home a set made by the two of them. Students will select a glaze color, and the Center will complete glazing & firing. *This class is held in the downstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$60 for non-members / \$54 for current CAC members

Exploring Watermedia Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday,
February 11 from 12-3 PM

This introductory painting workshop is instructed by Laura Krentz and is recommended for beginners. Learn the basics of working with watercolor and gouache paints in a stress-free workshop atmosphere with a certified art teacher. You'll learn how to do washes, wet-in-wet techniques, lifting color, and special tricks to enhance your work with simple tools and techniques. *This class is held in the downstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$85 for non-members / \$76.50 for current CAC members

Dunes Watercolor Workshop

1-day workshop / February 18
from 9-11:30 AM

With guidance from Nora Block, this introductory workshop will allow students to learn watercolor basics through the well-loved subject of the dunes. Students will discuss watercolor supplies, painting techniques, and composition so they can bring their ideas to life and become a more confident painter. The class will view CAC's current exhibition that highlights work from the Indiana Dunes National Park Artists-in-Residence program to inspire and motivate their own art. *This class is held in the downstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$60 for non-members / \$54 for current CAC members

Loosen Up with Oil Paints

6-class session / Tuesday,
February 21-March 28, 7-9 PM

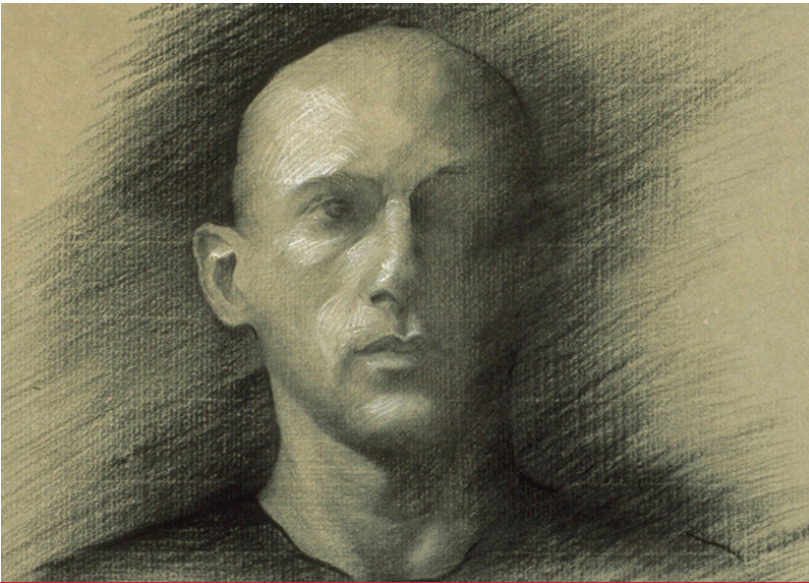
With guidance from award-winning artist Jane Cowley, this exploratory class aims to teach students a looser approach to oil painting in hopes of building confidence and achieving more successful works. Lessons will include composition, color mixing, value, perspective, spatial relations, and various techniques that help students loosen up their hand and see things in a new way. This class is open to all levels, including beginners. *This class is held in the upstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$150 for non-members / \$135 for current CAC members

Life Drawing Drop-In every Tuesday afternoon, 1-3 PM - \$15 model fee (cash) to instructor. Bring your own supplies and creativity! We are always looking for new models. Interested individuals can contact CAC at programs@chestertonart.org.

Adult Art Classes

Register today at chestertonart.org/classes.



Fundamental Portrait Drawing starts February 23

Fundamental Portrait Drawing

5-class session / Thursday,
February 23-March 23, 6-8 PM

Working with teaching artist Diana Stezalski, students will address essential elements of portrait drawing including gesture, contour, structure, proportion, volume, and composition in addition to the accurate and expressive use of line and tone. Working from figure models that are clothed or nude, students will develop a series of study drawings and one sustained figure. *This class is held in the upstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$150 for non-members / \$135 for current CAC members

Glass Fusing II Workshop

1-day workshop / Friday,
February 24 from 6-9 PM

With guidance from Mindy Milan, this advanced workshop is for students who wish to expand their glass fusing experience and knowledge as they exercise their creativity with this medium. Students will use frit, stringers, pebbles, and other forms of glass to create a larger-scale piece or grouping. Techniques will include working with transparency, layering, and cutting glass. Bring your own ideas or get new inspiration in this session! *This class is held in the downstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$55 for non-members / \$49.50 for current CAC members

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

Family Art Day

All are welcome!

CAC's next free Family Art Day is set for Saturday, February 25. Families are welcome to attend any time between 10 AM-2 PM, and all ages are welcome.

With guidance from the CAC team, families will explore the Sense of Place exhibit that celebrates work from the Indiana Dunes National Park Artist-in-Residence program. Visitors can then move into our classroom to create dunes-inspired artwork including collage birds, mixed media beach scenes, and plant study accordion books. All supplies provided, and you may want to dress for mess!

While Family Art Day is free, please register at <https://www.chestertonart.org/youth-and-teen-classes/p/family-art-day>, or call (219) 926-4711 to reserve your family's spaces.

Family Art Days are a special initiative building on our mission to create more accessible arts programming for the Duneland community and beyond. We invite you to come spend some relaxed, creative time with your family and learn more about all CAC offers.



64th Annual Chesterton Art Fair

Artist Applications accepted until April 30

The Chesterton Art Fair artist applications went live on January 1, 2023. Go to our website and click LEARN MORE on the Chesterton Art Fair graphic. This will take you to our ZAPplication artist application.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are an essential part of the success of this large-scale annual event. Individual volunteers and groups are welcome to join us August 5 and 6. Volunteer tasks and shifts are varied. There is something for everyone, and all volunteers get free entry to the fair. Interested? Please reach out to us at galler@chestertonart.org

Food Vendors Needed

If you, or someone you know, is interested in being a food vendor at the Art Fair, please contact us at galler@chestertonart.org

Duneland Photography Club News

*Next Meeting
February 7, 2022 at 7 pm*

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7 PM in the Horton Family Education Center. Doors open at 5:30 for hands-on mentoring and question time. Jim Rettker and John Roquet will be leading mentoring on getting photos from camera to computer, basic Photoshop Elements, and basic Lightroom, as well as answering questions. At the regular meeting at 7:00 PM on February 7, LeAnn Angerman will be doing a presentation on Aspect Ratio, Cropping, and Framing. LeAnn has taught college level photography classes and brings a high level of expertise to the Club. Show & Tell for the month will be Flowers in Winter.

Last month the Duneland Photography Club prepared for a couple exhibits and heard Sharon Kerner tell about photographing eagles at the Mississippi River.



Duneland Photography Club Members participating in the photo contest at the last Porter County Gardening Show. The Gardening Show returned in this January after a two-year hiatus. Pictured are Jim Beversdorf, Steve Bensing, Peggy Carter, Robert Evans, Deb Armstrong, and Dan Ruggaber.

In February, the club will be focusing on Winter Photography. In addition, the Duneland Photography Club has an exclusive exhibit on Street Photography at the Art Barn, entitled "Candid: Images Inspired by Vivian Maier."

The Duneland Photography Club is a group of individuals helping each other improve their photography skills through classes, photoshoots, 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>.



Meet Emily Blossom

CAC Front Desk + Outreach Instructor

Art has always been my passion. I enjoy working with and teaching all ages, especially children. Sharing my experience and working with people who are just as excited about art as I am is such a joy. I am looking forward to working in the community to create and explore their artistic abilities.



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Duneland Schools Student Exhibits
March 3–31, 2022

High School Reception, March 7, 5–7 PM
K–8 Reception, March 20, 5–7 PM