



A monthly newsletter for the
Chesterton Art Center
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Members Exhibit Opening

Members' Exhibit Success!

Exhibition dates December 4, 2021–January 15, 2022

We are pleased to celebrate 58 creative and supportive CAC members in our Members' Exhibition this year. We had a wonderful opening reception with positivity and comraderie flowing throughout the galleries.

Our artist members are very active in the diverse regional arts community. Every media and style is typically represented at this annual exhibition. We have painters and ceramicists, photographers, sculptors, and mixed media artists. The spectrum of their creativity will be on display and available for purchase unless otherwise noted.

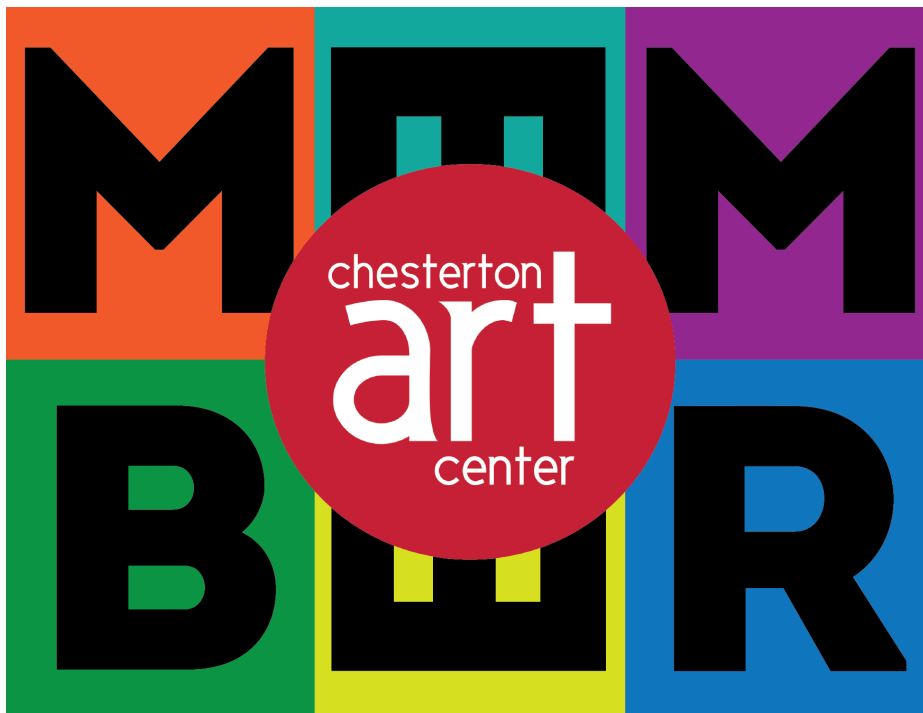
Membership in Chesterton Art Center helps widen access to art, arts education, and outreach in NW Indiana. With their help, we are expanding our mission's impact and building a creative community that includes everyone. The funds raised through memberships support our vision of a more equitable and inclusive Chesterton Art Center.

OUR GALLERIES WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 17–31 WHILE WE UNDERGO SOME SPACE TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS BOTH UPSTAIRS AND IN THE MAIN GALLERIES.

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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.

LEVELS

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

Welcome New Members!

Carol Block, Sandra Hass Yamhure, Ann O'Connell, Dan Dillabaugh, Liz Williams, Stephanie Kuziela, Kathleen Hansen, Chuck Ealy and Sheila Dolan, Susan Alterio, Kris Conrad, Susan Kozak, Martha Gallup, Bernie & Don Bloomquist, Jacqueline Polka, Thomas Drake

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This project is made possible with the support of the Indiana Arts Commission, South Shore Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

From the Executive Director



I'm not one for resolutions as they can be unneeded pressure as we enter a new year, but I am one to set intentions and welcome the chance for change. At CAC, we are planning some great changes in this next year, and we can't wait to share them with all of you.

Beginning January 17, we are closing the art galleries to the public to transform some of our spaces. We will reopen on February 1 with our project completed and a new exhibit, *Shadow, Moorings +*

Undercurrents featuring the work of Cathy Feeman. All our classes will continue as scheduled in the education building, and our current Members' Exhibit will remain on view through January 15.

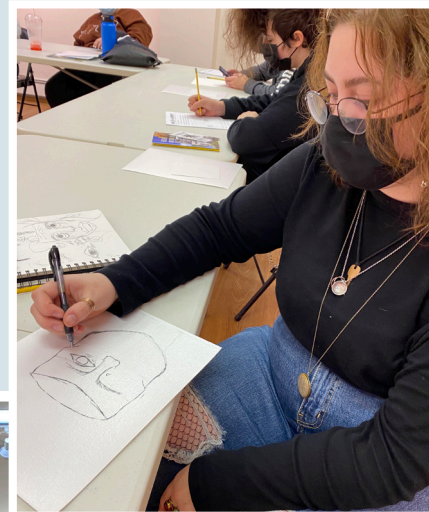
We continue to welcome change into 2022 with some new classes, new family programs, new CAC team members, and new partnerships. We look forward to sharing some new year cheer with all of you—see you soon!

TAG! Teen Arts Group

TAG Exhibit at Red Cup Cafe in February!

Our next TAG meeting will be January 12 from 4:30 - 6:30 here at the center. TAG artists will be preparing for their upcoming exhibit in February at Red Cup Cafe in downtown Chesterton. Artists should bring 3-5 finished or in-progress pieces they would consider exhibiting. TAG will discuss and begin to curate their exhibition and discuss framing, mounting and professional display of artwork.

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 hannah@chestertonart.org.



Things to Know

CAC HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Chesterton Art Center galleries and classrooms will be closed December 24 to January 3 for the holidays. We hope to see you in the new year!

ART FAIR APPLICATIONS LIVE ON JANUARY 1

The Chesterton Art Fair artist applications go live on January 1, 2022. Go to our website and click LEARN MORE on the Chesterton Art Fair graphic. This will take you to our new ZAPplication artist application.

NO CRITIQUE NIGHT IN JANUARY

The monthly critique night guided by Mark Vander Vinne on the first Wednesday of each month has been cancelled for January.

TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Chesterton Art Center Student Artist Scholarship Application is live on our website. Tuition scholarships are available for all ages. Please complete the application for consideration of a tuition scholarship for any Chesterton Art Center (CAC) class, workshop, or camp program. All applications will be received on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Jillian Bridgeman, Program Director, at programs@chestertonart.org or call (219) 926-4711 with any questions.



Chesterton Art Center is very happy to announce that **Jillian Bridgeman** has joined the Art Center team as our new Program Director.

Jillian has experience in art instruction, studio management, and developing curriculum in the NWI region for large and small groups, schools, and arts organizations. She graduated from DePaul University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art, Media & Design.

Meet the New CAC Program Director

"I am very excited to join the Chesterton Art Center team and begin working to expand both their art programs and community outreach. I hope to bring new, creative ideas driven by my own passion and experience in the Arts."

We look forward to her future work at CAC. Welcome Jillian!

Contact: programs@chestertonart.org

Member Profile

We love it when folks find a home here at CAC. **Susie Cook** has been taking our Stained Glass classes with Mark Montgomery and Judy Gregurich for almost seven years---she's never missed a session.

Susie says, "After the first class, you're hooked," and that creating at CAC has given her freedom. "You can do no wrong and can always learn from it." Finding this passion so close to home also makes her feel a real sense of community.

She is pictured here with two amazing pieces she's created this past year.



Art Classes for Kids & Teens

Winter 2021-Spring 2022
Register at chestertonart.org
or call (219) 926-4711

These classes are taught by the amazing Miss Jen.

Masks are still required for on-site classes at CAC regardless of vaccination status. Visit our website for our COVID-19 guidelines. There will be no make-up days for missed classes at this time.



Recent student artwork

In January, we look into Expressionism. Students will be expressing their feelings through color, line form and shape like the famous artists of the time, Matisse, Marc and Paul Klee. Multiple media will be used during this fun month.

Register today! There are classes available for pre-school, home school, and middle/high school-age kids. For more information and registration visit our website chestertonart.org or call (219) 926-4711.

Art Classes for Preschoolers Tuesdays, 1-2 PM or Wednesdays, 1-2 PM	Art Classes for Kids 5-8 years Tuesdays, 3:30-5 PM or Wednesdays, 3:30-5 PM	Art Classes for Kids 8-12 years Mondays, 3:30-5 PM or Thursdays, 3:30-5 PM	Art Classes for Homeschool-All ages Mondays, 1:30-3 PM	Art Classes for Kids 12+ Thursdays, 5:30-7 PM
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Class Tuition

Preschool: \$75/month non-members , \$55/month current CAC Family Members

Elementary-Teen: \$90/month for non-member, \$70/month current CAC Family Members

(December classes will meet for three weeks and tuitions are pro-rated.)

Comics I with Katie Wiley (ages 6-11)

This three-week introductory comics class is open to children ages 6-11 and will teach basic story structure. Students will create their own 3-part story with original characters and will learn to lay out their comic book and finish with coloring.

Each young artist will create a 2-3 page comic book from their imagination. Class will meet for three Saturdays, January 15, 22 and 29, 2022.

Tuition for the Comic I class is \$75 for non-members and \$65 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies are provided.

Comics II with Katie Wiley (ages 12+)

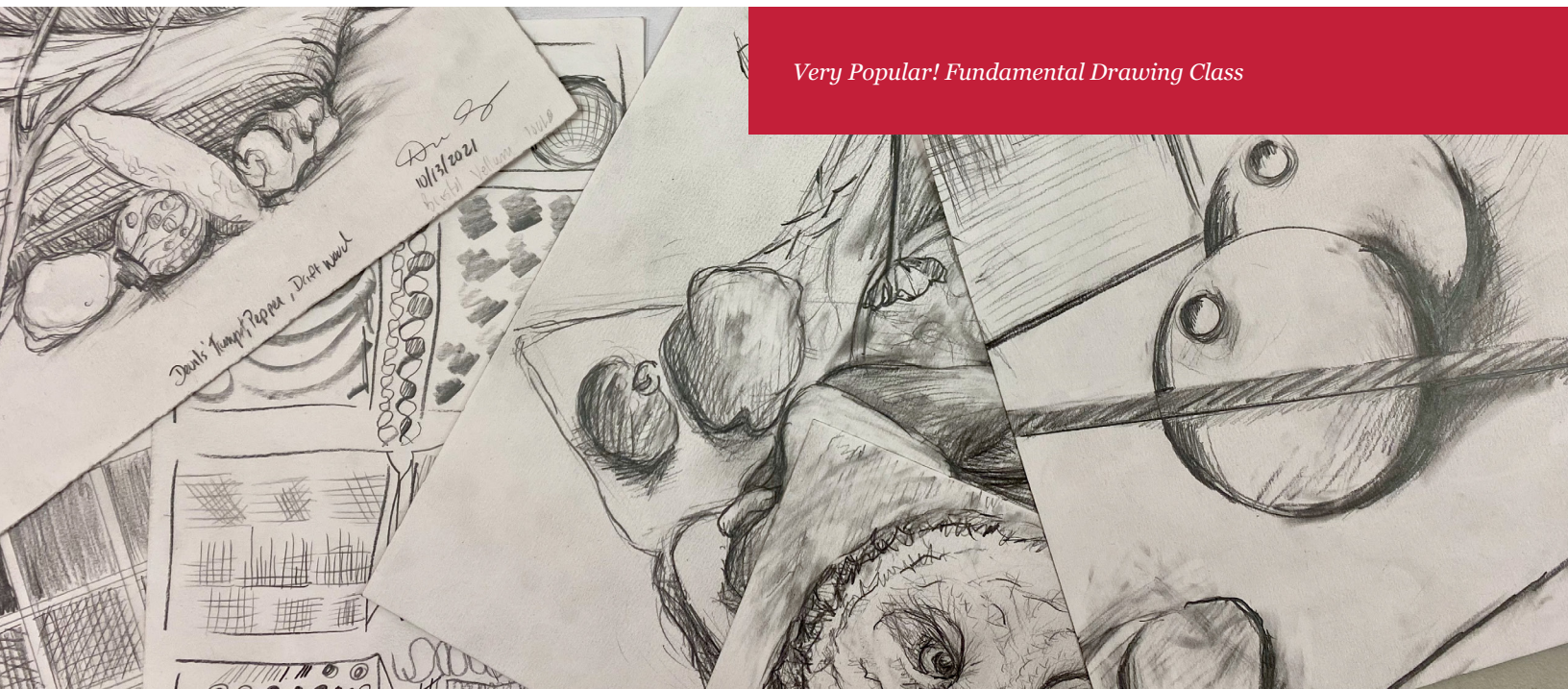
Comics II is a great five-week class, Saturdays, January 15–February 12, for those that wish to build on their comics knowledge or wish to challenge themselves with improving their storytelling. Students ages 12 and up will dive deeper into their understanding of comics by learning to script their own story, develop characters, organize thumbnails, ink their comic and use color effectively. On the last day, students will swap their 4-8 page comic books and share their stories with one another.

Tuition for the Comic II class is \$85 for non-members and \$75 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies are provided.

For more information and registration visit our website chestertonart.org or call (219) 926-4711.

Adult Art Classes

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



Very Popular! Fundamental Drawing Class

**Fundamental Drawing
with Diane Grams
Wed, Jan 5 – Mar 9, 2022
3–5 PM**

This introduction to drawing class will meet for six weeks on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM from January 5 to March 9, 2022. Students will leap over their fear and develop their passion for drawing. Participants will learn about different kinds of drawing tools, papers and sketchbooks. Lessons will include strategies to find yourself on the page by mark making, eyeballing, measuring, using templates, and using shapes in one-point perspective. Students will practice drawing abstractions, still life and nature journaling.

Tuition for non-members is \$150 and \$130 for current CAC members.

**Painting with Watercolor I
with Diane Grams
Wed, Jan 5 – Mar 9, 2022
5:30–7:30 PM**

This introductory watercolor class will meet for six Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 PM from January 5 to March 9, 2022 and is meant for beginning and intermediate painters. Participants will learn about different kinds of brushes, watercolor paints, papers and sketchbooks. Lesson will include strategies for starting a painting, finding yourself on the page, and how quality of paint and paper may impact your approach. Techniques with different brushes and marks will be taught along with masking, using templates and working with watercolor pens and pencils. Students will practice mark-making with paint to create abstractions and paint from observation.

Tuition for non-members is \$160 and \$140 for current CAC members.

**Beginning Oil Painting
with Jane Cowley
Mon, Jan 10 – Mar 14, 2022
7–9 PM**

In this class, students will be introduced to the methods and materials of oil painting with award-winning artist Jane Cowley. Beginning Monday January 10, this class will meet for six Mondays from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Lessons will include composition, color mixing, values, various techniques, spatial relations and perspective.

Tuition is \$150 for non-members and \$130 for current CAC members.

**Friday Beginning Ceramics
with Milissa Beale
Fri, Jan 14 – Mar 11, 2022,
10 AM–1 PM**

During this 5-week course that meets from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Fridays January 14 to March 11, 2022 participants will study with the amazing Milissa Beale of Beale Pottery to learn basic techniques for wheel throwing, hand building, and how to finish their works using standard decorating and glazing styles. Students will make 3-5 finished pieces of artwork.

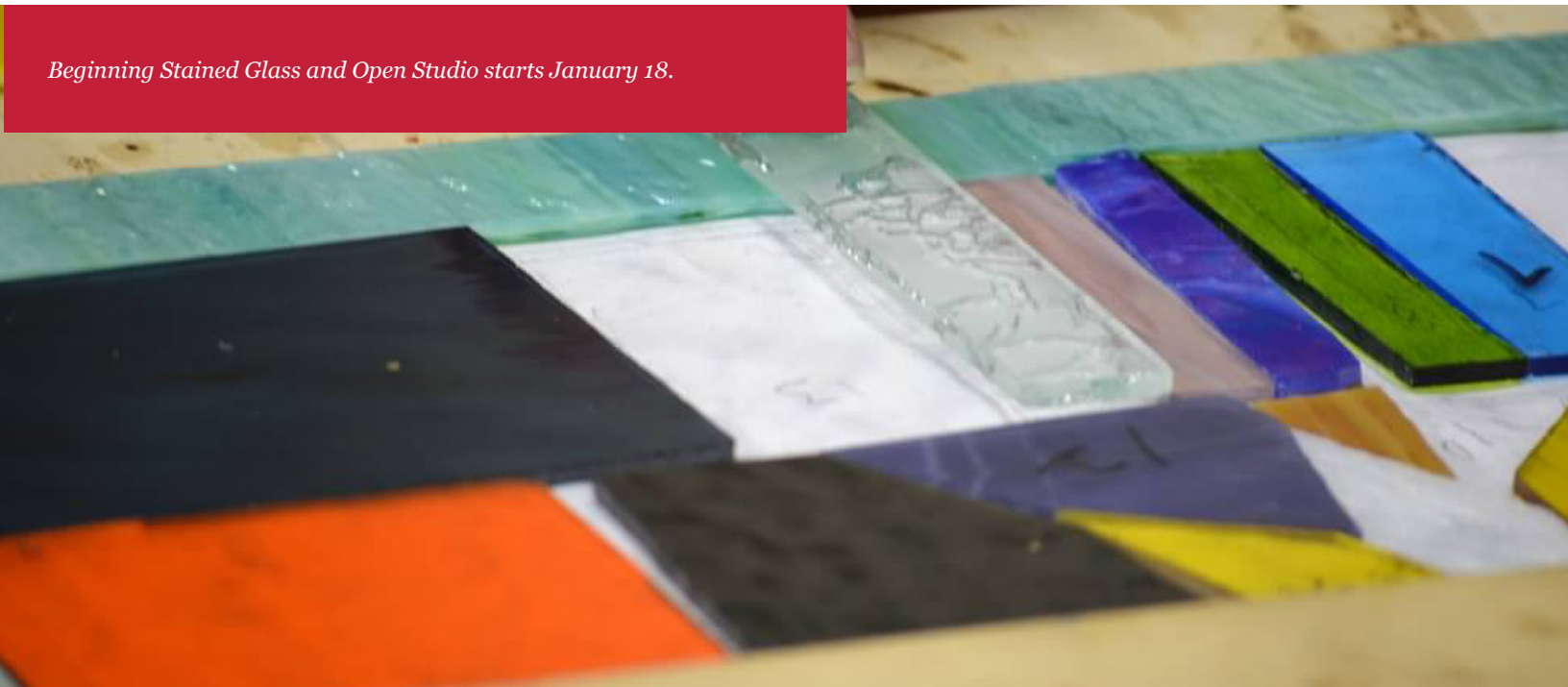
Tuition for non-members is \$165, and \$145 for current CAC members. A clay fee of \$20 for 25 lbs of clay is payable to the instructor at the first class. All other materials are provided.

APPLIES TO ALL CLASSES - Attendees can receive a full refund up to 2 weeks before class begins. If they cancel less than 2 weeks from the start of class, a participant will be refunded 75% of the class amount as a „store credit“ to be used towards another class or gift/art purchase. There will be no make-up days for any missed classes at this time.

Adult Art Classes

For a full schedule of adult classes, please see the website at www.chestertonart.org

Beginning Stained Glass and Open Studio starts January 18.



**Ceramic Open Studio
with Milissa Beale
Fri, Jan 14 – Mar 11, 2022
6:30–9:30 PM**

This 5-week Open Studio class meets Fridays from 6:30-9:30 PM from January 14 - March 11, 2022. Open Studio allows students time and space to create their own ceramic works under the guidance of Milissa Beale of Beale Pottery. Students may create works on the wheel or hand-build. This class is for students who have previously taken Beginning Ceramics at Chesterton Art Center.

Tuition for non-members is \$165, and \$145 for current CAC members. A \$20 fee for 25 lbs of clay is payable to the instructor at the first class.

**Beginning Stained Glass
Tue, Jan 18 – Mar 8, 2022
7–9 PM**

Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery will be offering Beginning Stained Glass starting on Tuesday, January 18 from 7-9 PM. During this 8-week class, students will learn the art of copper foil stained glass, originally invented by Louis Tiffany. Tools and supplies are provided.

Tuition is \$250 for non-members and \$230 for current CAC members.

**Stained Glass Open Studio
Tue, Jan 18 – Mar 8, 2022
7–9 PM**

Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery will be teaching an 8-week Stained Glass Open Studio starting Tuesday, January 18 from 7-9 PM. This class is designed for students who have taken a previous stained glass class at the Center. Students may work on their own projects at their own pace with assistance from the instructors as needed. Students are expected to provide their own tools and supplies. Limit 10 students.

Tuition for non-members is \$105, and \$85 for CAC members.

**Glass Fusing Workshop
with Mindy Milan
Sat, Jan 29, 2022
1–4 PM**

Join us on Saturday January 29 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM for this fusing workshop to create jewelry-size pieces, small plates, garden stakes, and other items utilizing several glass forming techniques. Watch some glass melt in the kiln, and learn about the forms, colors and processes of fusing glass. A great gift-making process.

Tuition is \$45 for current CAC members and \$55 for non-members. A \$15 material and firing fee is payable to the instructor at the beginning of class. All materials are provided.

**LIFE DRAWING STARTS
AGAIN ON JAN 4, 2022
TIME CHANGE! 2-4 PM**

MODELS NEEDED!

Duneland Photography Club News

Next meeting

January 4, 2022 at 7 pm

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7:00pm. The speaker for the next meeting on January 4th is Dave Lasayko. Dave will be speaking on the topic, "Film Photography and Developing Film." Dave studied at Valparaiso University and enjoys all forms of photography. His specialty is traditional photography done in different ways. For example, he uses common substances, such as coffee, to process film. He also incorporates digital processes. Come join the Duneland Photography Club for this fun and informative presentation.

In December, we took advantage of the season to photograph Christmas lights at Sunset Hill Farm, Lincoln Park Zoo, and Peteyville in Hammond. We also partner with groups, such as the Chesterton Art Center. Many of our members are also members of the Art Center. Some teach classes for the Chesterton Art Center. Here is a photo of several Duneland Photography Club



Duneland Photography Club members showing at the Chesterton Art Center Members' Exhibit, Lida Williams, Joel Janowski, Steve Bensing, and Carol Estes. (Photo by Larry Brechner)

members who are currently participating in the Chesterton Art Center Members' Exhibit, Lida Williams, Joel Janowski, Steve Bensing, and Carol Estes. (Photo by Larry Brechner). This show runs through January 15.

There is also an exhibit planned for the Duneland Photography Club at the Art Barn, titled, "Finding Light in the Dark Days." The show runs January 8–February 12, 2022.

The opening reception is January 15.

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>.

What's next at CAC?

JANUARY

Galleries closed - January 17–31, 2022

FEBRUARY-MARCH

Cathy Feeman: Shadow, Mooring + Undercurrent

Feb 1–March 26, 2022

Opening Reception - February 5, 11 AM-2 PM

APRIL

Duneland Schools Student Show



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Saturday 10 am-2 pm
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