



A monthly newsletter for the  
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Matthew Berg, *Hunters*, Acrylic on raw canvas, 54" x 56"  
Abbie Parmele, *Awakening*, Oil on canvas, 20" x 16"



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## Dual Exhibitions

**Matthew Berg | *Lake Mill Club*** (Upper Gallery) and  
**Abbie Parmele | *An Invitation – Everything is Energy*** (Lower Gallery)

*Exhibitions: May 2–30, 2023*

*Matt Berg Artist Talk: May 10, 6–7:30 PM CST*

*Artists' Reception: Saturday May 20, 12–2 PM CST*

Berg's narrative paintings tell stories of idyllic summers at a nearby lake surrounded by the presence of loved ones, companionship, and the natural surroundings. By using a variety of surface textures, Berg aims to visually convey the delicate and delightful nature of childhood memories of endless summers and family gatherings. *A selection of Berg's paintings will also be on exhibit at The Country Inn & Suites by Radisson at 2020 LaPorte Avenue, Valparaiso, IN through July.*

Parmele's oil paintings are a blending of ethereal abstracts and landscapes that radiate life's energy. These heart-centered works are an invitation to experience another dimension that touches us all.



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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 encourage 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](http://www.chestertonart.org).

### MEMBER LEVELS

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Family Membership	\$50
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# From the Executive Director



Hannah Hammond-Hagman

We are in full bloom at the art center this month, and we look forward to sharing so much with you! We are celebrating the return of our annual gala fundraiser, Art After Dark: Shine, on May 6 for a wonderful evening with members, patrons, friends, and partners. We have two new exhibits in our galleries by Matthew Berg and Abbie Parmele, both painters that speak to the human quality of connection—through family, place, memory, and energy. Please put their May 20 reception and Matt Berg's May 10 artist talk on your calendars. We look forward to another Family Art Day on May 13, more classes and workshops throughout the month, and our summer camp programs are right around the corner.

It's a great month of celebration at CAC and consider this your open invitation to be a part of it all. Plan a visit. Learn with us. Connect with others. We'll be here and look forward to seeing you.

## A special Thank You to Chesterton-Porter Rotary!



Photo: Barbara Black, Hannah Hammond-Hagman, Jane Delligatti

We are grateful to the Chesterton-Porter Rotary Club for their \$1,000 donation to our student scholarship program and our Art After Dark: Shine gala fundraiser.

This continued support from a community-grounded organization means a great deal to us. We are also grateful to Delta Theta Tau for their continued contributions that assist us with purchasing supplies for our youth programs. This year, their gift of \$200 in Amazon gift cards allows us to prepare for our popular summer camps serving kids ages 5+ with seven weeks of creative options.

## A silver lining...

When our front streetscape needed to undergo emergency gas main repair at the end of March, we were first grateful that there was no danger and then further grateful that NIPSCO contracted with Wellsand Landscaping & Hardscapes, Inc. Wellsand arrived immediately and began to put our curb and sidewalk back together with the kindest, most attentive crew. Not only did they return the streetscape to its previous state, but they went above and beyond by cleaning up and bringing in new, beautiful landscaping elements in front of the art center. We are so appreciative of their hard work and their generosity, and we are very proud of our facelifted curb appeal. Thank you to Zack, Bevan, and the whole Wellsand team!



# Chesterton Arts District presents 3rd Fridays!



CAC is proud to be a presenting partner of Chesterton Arts District's Summer Third Fridays! On the third Fridays this summer, Chesterton's downtown arts and creative businesses will all come together for special programs, promotions and events on June 16, July 21, and August 18 that will keep us open until 7pm each night. Mark your calendars now for wonderful, creative evenings with us, Three Moons Fiberworks, Duneland Pottery, Willow, Trusty Spot, Mothwing

Studios, Pieces of Jayde, Third Coast Spice Café, Lemon Tree Mediterranean Grill, Stephanie Swanson Jewelry Design, and more!

We'll have a special pop-up with Stephanie Swanson Jewelry Design, light bites, and cash bar in our galleries on June 16 from 4 – 7PM. Stay tuned for future programming from CAC for the July and August Third Fridays.



# Youth Arts Outreach Program



This past month began the 5th session of CAC's 25-week Youth Arts Outreach Program at the Duneland Boys & Girls Club and YMCA. During this session, students explore the topic 'Everyday is Earth Day' as they learn about native plants and pollinators, create tree ring collages, and design fantastical nature wands. This session will conclude the 25-week program for the school year.

The Youth Arts Outreach Program supports CAC's mission of creating accessible, enriching arts programming for our community. CAC's outreach program, in partnership with Duneland Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA, is generously funded by 1st Source Foundation.

## TAG! Teen Arts Group

This past month, Teen Arts Group (TAG) members began constructing the woven forms for their public art project in partnership with Chesterton Park. We're excited to see this colorful project come to life as each member personalizes their individual forms!

This month, TAG artists will have dedicated studio time to complete their woven forms and finalize a plan for installation.

Next TAG Meeting at CAC: Wednesday, May 10 - 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](mailto:programs@chestertonart.org).*



# Youth Art Classes

## Afterschool Art: May

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 May sessions of Afterschool Art are instructed by Jen Aitchison

and will focus on Pop Art. This month, students will discuss pivotal artists like Warhol, Lichtenstein, and Murakami who all play with ideas of popular culture, fine art, and bright colors. Students will explore what is popular to themselves and represent that in their own fine art pieces full of bright, 'poppy' colors.

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

Ages 8-12 | Monday, May 1-22 from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 5-8 | Tuesday, May 2-23 from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 5-8 | Wednesday, May 3-24 from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 8-12 | Thursday, May 4-25 from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 12-16 | Thursday, May 4-25 from 5:30-7 PM

## 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. With instruction from Jen Aitchison, 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.

1-class session / Tuesday, May 9 from 10-11:30 AM, ages 3-5

This month's Pop-In is instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on art that pops! Students will create bright, happy mixed-media pieces inspired by the Pop Art Movement. The addition of neon colors will make their pieces truly "Pop"!



# Upcoming Family Art Day

CAC's next free Family Art Day is set for Saturday, May 13. 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 work of Indiana-based artists Matthew Berg and Abbie Parmele whose work invites viewers into their personal memories and expressive minds. Visitors can then move into our classroom to create a series of projects inspired by the warm weather and summer days ahead. Projects will include watercolor suns, ice cream drawings, framed beach scenes, and a card making station. All supplies provided, and you may want to dress for mess!

While Family Art Day is free, please register at [www.chestertonart.org/youth-and-teen-classes/p/family-art-day](http://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.

*Family Art Days are generously supported by Urschel Giving, Chesterton Feed and Garden Center, and Wellsand Landscaping.*



# Adult Art Classes

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

## **Experimental Acrylic Painting**

4-class session / Monday, May 1-22 from 10 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, students will push their acrylic painting skills in new ways and learn to take greater artistic risks as they explore experimental methods of working with acrylic paints.

Each class will present a new exercise that highlights different additive materials and exploratory techniques, allowing students to rethink the texture, thickness, and application of their paint. This class is for advanced beginner+ students who have previous experience with painting. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$125 for non-members / \$112.50 for current CAC members + supply list

## **Charm of Colored Pencils**

4-class session / Tuesday, May 2-23 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, learn proper shading and layering methods, understand how to 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 / \$90 for current CAC members + supply list



*Charm of Colored Pencils starts May 2*

## **Independent Study Studio Art**

4-class session / Thursday, May 4-25 from 10 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, this class is designed for experienced students who are ready to move beyond foundational skills and want dedicated studio time. Each class will present a new exercise that challenges students to escape creative blocks and push their creative practice further along. The rest of class time will be dedicated to independent studio time, critique + feedback, and/or collaboration with peers.

This class is recommended for intermediate+ students who work with acrylics, oils, drawing media, or mixed media. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$90 for non-members / \$81 for current CAC members + supply list

## **Figure Drawing Workshop**

1-day workshop / Saturday, May 13 from 10 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, students will grow their observational figure drawing skills as they learn to draw from a clothed figure model.

This introductory workshop will cover essential elements of figure drawing including gesture, contour, proportion, and composition as students develop a series of quick studies. This class is open to all skill levels, including beginners. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$50 for non-members / \$45 for current CAC members, supplies included

## **Glass Fusing I Workshop**

1-day workshop / Saturday, May 13 from 1-4 PM

With guidance from Mindy Milan, students can look forward to creating unique fused glass projects that range from jewelry-size pieces, small plates, window hangers, and other items utilizing several glass forming techniques. Watch some glass melt in the kiln & learn about the forms, colors, and processes of fusing glass! This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

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

**Scholarships** are available for students of all ages.

The scholarship application can be found on our website at [chestertonart.org/scholarships](http://chestertonart.org/scholarships).

# Adult Art Classes

Register today at [chestertonart.org](http://chestertonart.org)



*Figure Drawing Workshop on May 13*

## **Intro to Digital Photography**

4-class session / Wednesday, May 17-June 7 from 6-8 PM

With instruction from Deb Armstrong, students will learn how to operate their digital cameras and compose eye-catching photos rather than just snapshots. The class will include the basics on camera functions and settings, lighting and exposure, composition, file management and storage, digital editing and online use. There will be assignments and group critiques along the way to advance photography skills, as well as question-and-answer time before and after each class. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$95 for non-members / \$85.50 for current CAC members, bring your own camera

## **Ceramic Mug Workshop**

1-day workshop / Friday, May 19 from 6-9 PM

Grab your bestie, partner, family, 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 complete glazing, and the Center will complete firing. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$50 for non-members / \$45 for current CAC members, supplies included

## **Pastel Water & Skies Workshop**

2-day workshop / May 20-21 from 9:30 AM-3 PM, with a 1-hour lunch break each day

With instruction from IAPS Master Circle Pastelist Mary Ann Pals, students will learn not only how to use the soft pastel medium to blend and layer, but also how to create realistic waves and skies as they learn to render water scenery.

While using reference photos, students will learn how to avoid the pitfalls of following a photo too closely and how to develop a strong composition. Mary Ann will give demonstrations and will also provide individual help to students. This workshop is recommended for advanced beginners + above. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$135 for non-members / \$121.50 for current CAC members + supply list

## **Beginning Stained Glass**

8-class session / Tuesday, May 23-July 18 (No Jul 4) from 7-9 PM  
**SOLD OUT**

With guidance from Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery, students will learn the art of copper foil stained glass, originally invented by Louis Tiffany. Master the techniques of working with glass, and learn how to create beautiful works from a variety of colors. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$175 for non-members / \$157.50 for current CAC members + supply fee

## **Independent Study Stained Glass**

8-class session / Tuesday, May 23-July 18 (No Jul 4) from 7-9 PM

With guidance from Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery, 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. In addition, the instructors provide an optional "challenge project" that pushes the skills and creativity of students. This class is held in the lower gallery.

Tuition is \$105 for non-members / \$94.50 for current CAC members + supply list

**Life Drawing Drop-In** every Tuesday afternoon, 1-3 PM - \$15 model fee (cash) to instructor. Bring your own supplies and creativity! *This drop-in group meets in the upstairs classroom.*

We are always looking for new models. Interested individuals can contact CAC at [programs@chestertonart.org](mailto:programs@chestertonart.org).





64th Annual Chesterton Art Fair August 5+6

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 gallery@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 gallery@chestertonart.org

Duneland Photography Club News

Next Meeting May 3, 2023 at 7 PM

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7:00pm in the Horton Family Education Center. Doors open at 5:30 for hands-on mentoring and question time. At the regular meeting at 7:00 pm on May 2, John Moore will be doing a presentation Astrophotography. Show & Tell for the month will be "Something Beautiful."

Last month members of the Duneland Photography Club photographed actors for "Nonsense" at the Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso. They joined with other local photography clubs for a Birds of Prey photoshoot in Holland, MI. Also in April they photographed a view from Michigan City overlooking the sunset over the Chicago skyline and participated in a wildflower hike at the Heron Rookery of the IN Dunes National Park, led by Ron Seman.



Duneland Photography Club Members at the Birds of Prey photoshoot in Holland, MI.

In May, the Duneland Photography Club will be leading a Photography Trail at the Sunset Hill Farm County Park.

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?

Chesterton Woman's Club Exhibition Exhibition: June 2-July 2, 2023 Artists' Reception: June 8, 5-7 PM

3RD FRI - Chesterton Arts District June 16, 4-7 PM

Emily Casella | On Emotion to Entrain Exhibition: July 8-August 30, 2023 Artist Reception: July 15, 12-2 PM Artist Talk: July 27, 5:30-7:30 PM

3RD FRI - Chesterton Arts District July 21, 4-7 PM

64th Annual Chesterton Art Fair August 5, 11 AM-5 PM, August 6, 11 AM-4 PM

3RD FRI - Chesterton Arts District August 18, 4-7 PM



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# Summer Art Camps 2023



CAC is offering an exciting series of Summer Art Camps that highlight various art techniques and media, involve discussions about modern artists, and all follow a unique theme that directs the fine art projects students will take home at the end of the week.

## June Camps

### June 5-8 / Discover the Dunes

Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison  
\$120 for non-members / \$108 for current CAC Family Members  
Water, waves, sunshine, and gulls! Students will explore all-things dunes as they learn about local artist Frank Dudley whose landscape works inspired Dunes conservation in our area. Students will use a variety of media with a focus on acrylics as they create their own Dudley-inspired dunes painting and other fun beach-themed projects.



### June 12-15 / Animals Around Us

Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison  
\$120 for non-members / \$108 for current CAC Family Members  
With projects inspired by native creatures of the Dunes, students can share stories about the animals they see in the woods, beaches, and backyards while on their summer adventures. Students will hone their drawing skills and learn painting techniques as they create artwork about birds, amphibians, and other local critters.



### June 19-22 / Summer of Superheroes

Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison  
\$120 for non-members / \$108 for current CAC Family Members  
During this action-packed camp, students will make art inspired by their favorite superheroes. With many popular characters returning to the big screen this summer, students will discuss how elements of art are used in movies as a form of visual storytelling. Projects will include a mixed-media piece inspired by the Spider-Verse, a personalized superhero drawing, and a cinematic landscape illustration.



### June 26-30 / Creating with Clay

Ages 9-12 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 13+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Liz Cowan  
\$140 for non-members / \$126 for current CAC Family Members  
Calling all clay creatives! Students will learn basic skills of working with clay as they explore handbuilding techniques and surface decoration throughout their functional art projects. In addition, they can enjoy a wheel throwing experience to learn basic throwing processes.



*More camps and registration information on the back.*

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# Summer Art Camps 2023

## July Camps



### July 10-13 / World of Mario

Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison  
\$120 for non-members / \$108 for current CAC Family Members  
Mushrooms, coins, blocks, and stars galore will fill the classroom as students study the magical world of Mario! Students will learn about Japanese artist-turned-designer Shigeru Miyamoto who is known for his contributions to popular video games like Mario, Zelda, and Donkey Kong. Students will create stylized projects while drawing, painting, and building all the way to Bowser's castle.



### July 17-20 / Exploring Marine Life

Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison  
\$120 for non-members / \$108 for current CAC Family Members  
It's all about water this week! Sketchbooks will be filled with sea turtles, sharks, whales, dolphins, and tropical fish as students learn about our underwater world. Students will focus on watercolor and watermedia techniques as they create a series of illustrations and paintings using value and texture.



### July 24-28 / Makers + Thinkers

Ages 9-12 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 13+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Emily Casella  
\$140 for non-members and \$126 for current CAC Family Members  
With sculpture as the focus, this camp will force students to 'think outside the box' as they must consider perspective from all angles, accurate scale, and proper construction. Students will explore three-dimensional art forms as they work with paper mache, construct a moveable art piece, and experiment with additional 3D media. Students will view the instructor's exhibition on display in the CAC galleries and grow inspired by the concepts of movement, sculpture, and human forms.



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## Registration Information

To register, visit our website <https://www.chestertonart.org/youth-and-teen-classes> or contact the Center at (219) 926-4711. Please note: Tuitions are non-transferrable; students must attend the week that they are registered.

Scholarships are available for students of all ages. The scholarship application is on our website at [chestertonart.org/scholarships](https://www.chestertonart.org/scholarships).

For more information, contact Jillian Bridgeman, Program Director, at [programs@chestertonart.org](mailto:programs@chestertonart.org).