



A monthly newsletter for the
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l. Summer Machnik, *Metro (detail)*, oil on canvas – r. Suzy Vance, *Come...enter the forest with me...*, digital print

Come...enter the forest with me...

let us forest bathe
 off the beaten path, pausing
 sensing surroundings

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Dual Exhibitions in September

Exhibition: September 2–30, 2023

Artists' Reception: September 9, 12–2 PM

Chesterton Art Center is pleased to announce two new upcoming exhibitions September 2–30, 2023, titled **Collaborating with the Natural World** by local artist Suzy Vance, and **As I See It**, a group exhibition by CAC's Teen Arts Group members. An Artists' Reception with both Vance and TAG members is planned for Saturday, September 9, 12–2 PM CST. Vance's work is a combination of photography and haiku and will be shown in the upper gallery, while TAG members will be exhibiting a collection of work from the past year in the lower gallery.

Vance describes herself as a "born again" lawyer who is inspired by the world and people around her. She expresses her creativity in a variety of media, one of which is Haiga, a combination of photography and Haiku. Seeking to foster self awareness and peace in the world, she hopes her work will draw the viewer in and imbue gratitude in each of us for all that we are and all that contributes to us each day in every moment.

As I See It is a group exhibition of CAC's Teen Arts Group (TAG) made up of teen artists ages 14-18 from CHS, CMS, and VHS. Their work collectively explores the perspective of leaving adolescence and entering early adulthood and how this transitional period changes their view of the world. The imaginative ideas become tangible stories that are shared through their expressive work as they attempt to define the world as they see it. TAG artists in the show include Hana Byrt, Summer Machnik, Marley Mayer, Natalie Orban, CeCe Post, Kendra Ritchie, Brooklyn Towner, and Lauren Yarosz.

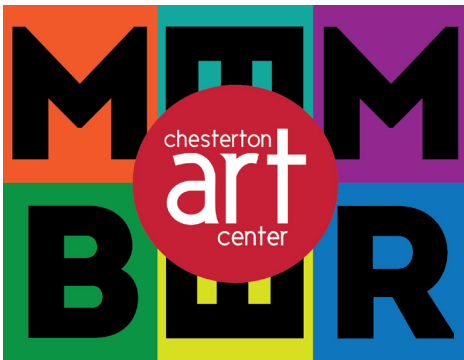
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Natalie Orban, *Shattered Self-Portrait (detail)*, graphite and colored pencil on paper

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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.

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Family Membership	\$50
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From the Executive Director



Hannah Hammond-Hagman

September always feels like a bit of reset as the new school year begins and seasons start to shift. This month brings new starts for CAC as well with two new exhibits in the galleries, new classes and workshops, and a return to our popular after school program with a new addition of sculpture on Mondays.

We are also back in the after school classrooms of the Duneland YMCA and Duneland Boys & Girls Club with our Youth Arts Outreach Program that brings weekly visual arts instruction to hundreds of local youth. Jillian Bridgeman, CAC's Program Director, has assembled a wonderful, smart, and engaging curriculum for those young artists that explores outer space, contemporary artists, mini murals, musical instruments, and more. We can't wait to see what our Duneland community creates with us this school year.

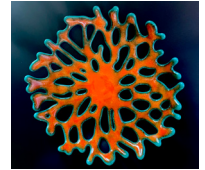
Join us for Third Friday on September 15, an artists' reception on September 9 to celebrate Suzy Vance and our Teen Arts Group, register for a class or workshop, visit our galleries and gift shop, and make CAC a part of your plans this month. We look forward to seeing you.

I first want to thank this community for showing up tremendously for this year's Chesterton Art Fair. We are grateful for the participating artists, our amazing team of volunteers, the incredible CAC planning team, our unbelievable Town of Chesterton Parks Department, and all who braved the drizzle to support the creative community. We had a wonderful weekend and have already started planning for August 3 and 4, 2024.

CAC students to have glass exhibit at Ellen Firme Gallery

Glass: An Exhibition, the Chesterton Art Center student artist exhibition at the Ellen Firme Gallery, September 8 to November 5, featuring stained and fused glass art.

An artists' reception will be held on Friday, September 8, 4-7 PM. The Ellen Firme Gallery is located at 92 Route 12, Beverly Shores, Indiana.



Artist: Jill Fuller

Participating artists include Susan Anderson, Mabelle Bissonnette, Amanda Burton, Bunny Callahan, Susie Cook, Patricia Crowle, Jill Fuller, Judy Gregurich, Randy Grieger, Marlene Hrabota, Jane Kilander, Sue Kozak, Carol Lawrenz, Rachel Lawrenz, Mindy Milan, Mark Montgomery, Lynn Novak, Melanie Pergiel, Jacqueline Polka, Veronica Simms, Cheryl Stanley, Nancy Sutton, Linda Vivirito, David Wodrich, and Marilyn Zweig.

Haiku workshop at 3rd Friday Event

Join us for Third Friday on September 15 from 4-7 PM to view our new exhibits and enjoy a cash bar and light refreshments. You'll also have the opportunity to work with exhibiting artist Suzy Vance in a fun, simple process to write your own haiku! Using photos from your cell phone or provided photos, you'll be inspired to create your own small poem while surrounded by Vance's exhibition of her photographs with haiku poems.



Annual CAC Members Exhibit Guidelines

It's time to start thinking about our Annual CAC Members' Exhibit!
December 2, 2023 – January 4, 2024
Artists' Reception is Saturday December 9 from 12 – 2 PM



ARTWORK DROP OFF will be Thursday November 30 and Friday December 1 from 10 am to 4 pm

- All current CAC members are invited to submit original work for this annual exhibit. Please contact the Center if you are unsure of your membership status.
- Member artists may submit two pieces smaller than 16 in x 20 in OR one larger piece not to exceed 24 x 30 inches. Please contact us with any questions.
- All artworks must be framed and/or ready to hang to be accepted. Sculptural works will be placed on pedestals in the gallery.
- All artworks must be clean (no dust or scratches on frames or mats) to be accepted.
- Members may only submit works that have not been shown at the Center in the past year, including in the member gallery or gift shop and last year's member exhibition.
- Artworks in the Members' Exhibit may be available for sale, and CAC will take a 30% commission on any sold artworks.



We want to acknowledge all the amazing Chesterton Art Fair sponsors and volunteers for their support of the Center and our creative community! This simply can't happen without all of you.

SPONSORS: 1st Source Bank, Porter County Community Foundation, Stuart + Benjamin Abelson Foundation Trust, John W. Anderson Foundation, Chesterton Feed + Garden Center, Luella DeWulf, Service Sanitation, SFC Gallery, Wellsand Landscaping + Hardscaping, Precision Dental, NITCO, Family Express, Discovery Charter School, R.V. Sutton, Inc., Randy + Sharon Darnell, and Egolf Coates Excavation

Youth Arts Outreach 25-week program returns for Year 3!



This September, we will be returning to Duneland Boys & Girls Club and Duneland Family YMCA for our 25-week Youth Arts Outreach program. At both sites, CAC instructor Emily Blossom will be leading hands-on, exciting art lessons that highlight unique topics during each 5-week 'camp' session. This year will feature outer space themes, musical instruments, media exploration, and more! The program begins September 12 and will run through May.

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 Duneland Family YMCA, is generously funded by 1st Source Foundation.

TAG! Teen Arts Group

This past month, Teen Arts Group (TAG) members prepared work for their exhibition at CAC titled *As I See It*. They will be showcasing original paintings, drawings, ceramics, fine jewelry, and digital art in the lower gallery from September 2-30 with a reception on September 9 from 12-2 PM. Come view some fantastic art by local teen artists!

Next TAG Meeting at CAC:
Wednesday, September 13 - 4:30-6:30 PM

We are looking for new members! September is the perfect time to join. TAG is a great opportunity for artists ages 13-18 to gain professional arts experiences and meet new people who share similar interests. Over the past two years, TAG members have enjoyed visits to MCA Chicago, hands-on artist workshops in a variety of media, local exhibitions of their work, public art projects, portfolio development, and so much more! Interested artists can contact Jillian Bridgeman, Program Director, at programs@chestertonart.org.



Join us!
Sept 9, 12-2 PM

Interested artists can meet other TAG members and learn about the program!



Youth Programs/September



After School Art

Me, Myself, and I

The September sessions of After School Art are instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on portraiture and drawing people. Students will gain introductory figure drawing skills as they learn to break down facial features into basic shapes and lines. They will study famous self-portraits from historic artists like Frida Kahlo, Rembrandt, and Vincent Van Gogh as they explore symbolism and create art all about themselves!

After School 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 topic, movement, or technique through a 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 welcome to register for one session, a few, or the whole year!

Class Schedule / Select the age group that suits your artist

- Ages 5-8 / Tuesday, Sept 5-26 from 3:30-5 PM
- Ages 5-8 / Wednesday, Sept 6-27 from 3:30-5 PM
- Ages 8-12 / Thursday, Aug 31-Sept 21 from 3:30-5 PM
- Ages 12-16 / Thursday, Aug 31-Sept 21 from 5:30-7 PM

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

After School Sculpture

Creating with Coils

The September session of After School Sculpture is instructed by Terese Maletta and will focus on the clay hand building technique of coils. Students will learn about the versatility of working with coils as they study both functional and artistic methods of using coils in their clay projects and work to construct coil vessels.

After School Sculpture class is offered every month from September-May for ages 8-12. During each 4-class monthly session, students will explore an arts-related topic, movement, or technique through a variety of 3D media such as clay, plaster, paper mache, or mixed materials.

Ages 8-12 / Monday, Sept 11-Oct 2 from 3:30-5:30 PM

Tuition is \$100 for non-members / \$90 for current CAC Family Members

Preschool Pop-In

Playful Portraits

The September session of Preschool Pop-In is instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on people! Students will learn about basic colors and shapes as they create an imaginative self-portrait full of joy.

Preschool Pop-Ins are offered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9-10:30 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 and create together with their young artist.

Ages 3-5 / Tuesday, Sept 12 from 9-10:30 AM

Tuition is \$30 for non-members / \$27 for current CAC Family Members

Specialty Classes

Teen Figure Drawing Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, September 30 from 10 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, teens will have a special opportunity to 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.

Tuition is \$40 for non-members / \$36 for current CAC Family Members

October Sneak Peek!

After School Art

Acrylic Landscapes
Tues, Oct 3-24
Wed, Oct 4-25
Thur, Sept 28-Oct 19

After School Sculpture

Pinch Pots
Wed, Oct 9-30

Preschool Pop-In

Pumpkins and color mixing
Tues, Oct 10

Lego Printing Workshop

Sat, Oct 21

Register at chestertonart.org/youth-and-teen-classes

Adult Art Classes

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



Abstract Oil Painting + Cold Wax Workshop - September 16

Critique Club

1-day workshop / Saturday,
September 9 from 10 AM-12 PM

Facilitated by award-winning painter Mark Vander Vinne, Critique Club invites artists of all skill levels, media, and styles to gain direct feedback on their work in an encouraging and friendly environment. Artists can bring up to two pieces of their original work for analysis and critique from peers. Work can be in any stage — from general concept to final version. Let's learn, grow, and talk about art together! This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$10/person, bring 1-2 pieces for critique

Hand Builder Boot Camp

3-class session / Monday,
September 11-25 from 6-9 PM

With guidance from Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, students will learn the three hand building techniques of pinch pots, slabs, and coils. Each student will produce 2-3 pieces of small functional pottery and learn how to finish their work using standard glazing methods.

This class is recommended for beginners & advanced beginners. Higher-level students can work on independent projects per instructor approval. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$95 for non-members / \$85.50 for current CAC members, supplies included

Abstract Oil Painting + Cold Wax Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday,
September 16 from 10 AM-1 PM

With guidance from Patty Roberts, students will learn about the infinite possibilities of abstract art making as they create a pair of paintings using the combination of cold wax and oil paint. With creativity guiding the way, students will learn to work more freely as they play with color combinations and composition, practice layering and mark-making techniques, and use a series of tools to experiment with surface texture. This intuitive style of painting will allow students to put perfectionist ideals aside and let whatever happens on the paper be part of the fun! All skill levels are welcome, including beginners. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

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

Intro to Digital Photography

4-class session / Monday,
September 18-October 9 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, students provide their own DSLR camera

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

Adult Art Classes

Register today at chestertonart.org/adult-classes-and-workshops



Letterpress 101 - September 23

Ceramic Dish Workshop

1-day workshop / Friday,
September 22 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 medium-sized dish or tray, commonly nicknamed a "poof plate", using the slab process and various decorative techniques. Students will be encouraged to add textures and additional details to make their project 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

Letterpress 101 Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday,
September 23 from 10 AM-1 PM

With guidance from Ida Short, this workshop will introduce students to the letterpress process, one of the oldest forms of moveable 'Type'. Students will learn about the impressive history of letterpress printing and work from a small press as they print their own pangram, short poem, or personal mantra on a poster. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$50 for non-members / \$45 for current CAC members + \$5 supply fee

Charm of Colored Pencils

4-class session / Wednesday,
September 27-October 18 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 / \$99 for current CAC members + supply list

October Sneak Peek

Ind. Study Studio Art / Oct 2-30

Multi-Range Drawing / Oct 4-25

Fall Colors in Pastel Workshop /
Oct 7-8

Mosaic Workshop / Oct 7 & 14

Ceramics / starts Oct 9

Stained Glass / starts Oct 10

Partner Wheel Throwing
Workshop / Oct 13

Glass Fusing II Workshop / Oct 14

Loosen Up with Oil Paints / Oct
16-Nov 6

Printmaking Workshop / Oct 28

Watermedia Workshop / Oct 28

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.



Duneland Photography Club News

Next meeting: Sept. 5, 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. The September 5 meeting will be led by George Kassal. He will be giving a presentation on the "What, Why and How" of creating Series Based Photography. George has a Master's Degree in Photography from Governors State University. He is an Adjunct Professor at Prairie State College, teaching the History of Photography and Art Appreciation. Work by photographers such as Sebastião Salgado, Faye Godwin, Robert Adams, Michael Kenna, and George's own projects will be used as examples. His photography was recently exhibited at the Village Gallery in Valparaiso. Doors open at 5:30 PM for mentoring.

September activities include a members' exhibit at the Hoosier Highlander in Highland and a booth at the Art Blitz at the Art Barn in Valparaiso.



Pictured are: Steve Bensing, Sheila Stephenson, Wendy Vander Kooi, Crystal Hollenbeck, Deb Armstrong, John Moore, Teresa McGinley, and Wayne Wodrich. Photo by Steve Bensing

Last month, there were some sunflower excursions and a butterfly release. Members participated in the Lake County Fair. There was also a photoshoot at the Michigan City lighthouse as the sun set over the Chicago skyline. Members visited the farm of Dawn Duty for horse and wildflower photography.

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?

Glass: An Exhibition
CAC Student Artist Exhibit – Ellen Firme Gallery
September 8–November 5, 2023

3RD FRI - Chesterton Arts District
September 15, 4–7 PM
Haiku workshop with Suzy Vance, cash bar, light bites

A Brush with Nature
Duneland Plein Air Adventures 2023
October 3–30, 2023

3RD FRI - Chesterton Arts District
October 20, 4–7 PM
Artists' Reception with exhibiting artists, cash bar, light bites

Visions of Reality
Duneland Photography Club Group Show
November 2–28, 2023
Artists' Reception: Saturday, November 4, 12–2 PM



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