

JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

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CELEBRATING OUR 59TH YEAR

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Weekdays: 11 AM - 4 PM // Saturdays: 10 AM - 2 PM // Sundays: Closed unless there is an event scheduled



Dear Members and Friends,

Great news! We are planning to reopen soon! Specifically, we will be open on Saturday, June 27 from 10 am until 2 pm to celebrate the work of Jason Gast in our front gallery. You'll find more information about Jason and his amazing portraits on the next page.

We will then be closed the week after, and reopen again on Monday, July 6. We will be following the guidelines issued by the Governor of Indiana. We will ask you to please wear a mask when you visit. We will have some available if you have forgotten yours. We will also have hand sanitizer available for you to use during your visit, and staff will periodically wipe down commonly touched items such as door handles, railings, and other parts of the building in an effort to keep all of us safe. We can't wait to see you!

*Sincerely,
Wendy Marciniak
President/CEO*



The 62nd Annual Chesterton Art Fair

Sadly, we have had to cancel this year's Chesterton Art Fair due to COVID-19. Save the date for next year - August 7 & 8, 2021.

The Chesterton Art Fair is our largest fund raiser. Monies raised from the fair help us operate for the coming year. Being able to offer monthly exhibitions (featuring both emerging and established artists) and art classes for preschoolers through adult is a large part of our mission.

We need your help to overcome the loss of revenue from the cancellation of both the art fair, and the Art After Dark Gala until next year.

How You Can Help

If you aren't a member, please become one! You don't have to be an artist to be a member...your support as someone who enjoys art and fostering the love of art in others is a huge reason to become a member. If you are already a member, THANK YOU!. Please consider renewing your membership when it expires.

We also accept charitable donations. The Chesterton Art Center is a 501c3 not for profit organization. You can donate by sending a check, calling in, or using the "Donate" button on our website, www.chestertonart.com. We know you have many choices when it comes to making charitable contributions. We would be honored if you chose us!

The Chesterton Art Center is dedicated to enriching the cultural landscape of Northwest Indiana. We believe that art is for everyone!



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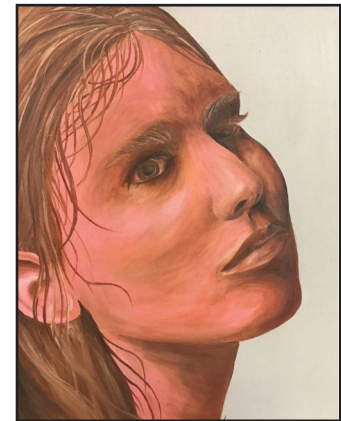
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Monochromatic View: The Works of Jason Gast

This month, we are happy to show you the work of Jason Gast. Jason is an art teacher at CMS and specializes in portraiture. We will be hosting a closing reception on Saturday, June 27 from 10 am until 2 pm. If you can't stop in, you can view the virtual tour of the show on our website.

I graduated from Ball State University in 2001 in Visual Arts Education, and 2005 with a Masters in Ceramics. I have been an art teacher for 19 years (11 years at Griffith, 8 at CMS), teaching all types of media in the 7-12 grade range. For many years my primary focus has been monochromatic imagery with a focus in portraiture. Working in a monochromatic palette with people makes the emotion of the pose stand out instead of focusing on the artificial look of some realistic images. It is about finding the right color to match the personality of the person. I've started to work with realism, but with memorials of pets. Animals already have a simplified palette. The goal is to try and find an image that brings out the personality of the animal. When someone commissions an image of their pet, they are looking for that connection that was there when the pet was with them, and I strive to give that to them.



“Dunes, Lagoons and More”

Paintings in oil by Ginny Takacs will be featured in both galleries in July.

Reception date to be announced.



Our adult classes WILL resume at the Art Center as soon as it is safe for us to do so!

We are looking forward to again offering beginning and intermediate drawing, ceramics, photography, stained glass, oil painting, pastel painting, colored pencil drawing, watercolor painting, life drawing, free critique night, jewelry, and much more.



Children's Art Education

VIRTUAL Summer Art Camps are here!
You can reserve a spot for your child on Eventbrite.com
or by calling the Art Center at 926-4711.

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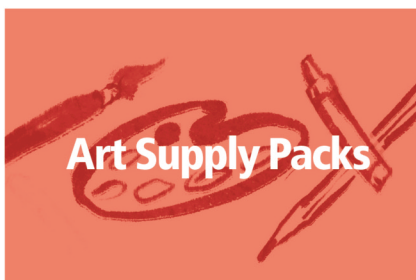
Summer camp weeks begin June 15.

Each Camp will run from Monday through Thursday for one week.

Campers will learn various art techniques while using multiple media, every session includes painting and drawing along with other surprises. We plan to incorporate fun conversations, games and stories for older and younger campers. Supplies are included.

Classes for campers 4-7 year old will run from 9-11:30.

Classes for campers 8 -young adult will run from 12-2:30 p.m.



Art Supply Packs

Art Pack Pick-Up -

Week 1 - Friday June 12 between 3:30-5:30

Week 2 - Friday June 19 between 3:30-5:30

Week 3 - Friday July 10 between 3:30-5:30

Drive by pick-up of art supplies that your camper will use throughout the week. Miss Jen will be wearing a mask and can bring the supplies to your car. She will be happy to answer questions or say hello to campers if they are in the car. Supplies are included with the camp fee and leftovers are yours to keep, along with the art your child creates.

Contact the art center if this time does not work for you, so we can make an arrangement.



Our Lakeshore

Week 1 - June 15 - 18

Our Lakeshore (Younger & Older) - Students will create artwork expressing the beauty of our ever changing local natural wonder, Lake Michigan. Children will paint on Canvas and Paper. We plan to incorporate fun conversations, games and stories for older and younger campers.



Local Animals

Week 2 - June 22-25

Local Animals (Younger & Older) - Inspired by our native creatures, children will create artwork featuring their favorite animals. Children will be working on drawing and watercolor painting techniques to create their masterpieces. We plan to incorporate fun conversations, games and stories for older and younger campers.



Fairytale Magic

Week 3 - July 13-16

Fairytale Magic (Ages 4-7) - Unicorns, dragons and sparkles for all. We will be embracing our imagination this week.

Imaginative Wizardry (Ages 8 - young adult) - Harry Potter fans will love this week. Projects for the campers have been inspired by the Harry Potter books and the magic found there. We plan to incorporate fun conversations, games and stories for older and younger campers.

We reduced our normal camp fee to create this online experience.
The cost for each week is \$65 with members receiving a \$20 discount.
For questions please contact the Chesterton Art Center at 219 926-4711.

For List of full classes, see the website at www.chestertonart.com. The Chesterton Art Center is located at 115 S. 4th St. Chesterton IN 46304



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