



MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

chesterton art center

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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

Duneland Schools Art Exhibits

Representative artwork of students from the Duneland School Corporation in grades K-12 will be on display during the month of March.

The first exhibit on March 3-14 will feature artwork of students in grades K-8. An opening reception will be hosted at the Center on Wednesday, March 4 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

The second exhibit on March 17-31 will feature the artwork of students in grades 9-12. An opening reception will be hosted for grades 9-12 at the Center on Wednesday, March 18 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

The exhibits are open to the public without cost during Chesterton Art Center hours Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Duneland School Corporation

ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT

Featuring the Works of Students
Kindergarten through 8th Grade



MARCH 3 THROUGH MARCH 14



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Munster Photo Club Workshop - 11th Annual Photography Clinic, an all-day event.

Saturday, March 28, at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, Munster, Indiana. Featured speaker will be photographer Adam Jones from Crestwood, Kentucky. He is a Canon Explorer of Light who travels extensively around the world leading tours and photography workshops. Nature photography will be emphasized at the clinic. Presentation topics will include developing strong images, dealing with high contrast, using flash in wildlife photography, post processing issues, and more. Photographers of all skill levels and interests are welcome to attend. **For clinic details or for more information about the Calumet Region Photo Club, visit the club's website at www.calregionphoto.org.** Registration forms may be downloaded from the website. Fee for the all-day clinic is \$85. Sign-up by March 14th. Fees include all presentations, continental breakfast, luncheon, opportunity to visit with vendors, and a chance at winning door prizes. The Calumet Region Photo Club is a non-profit education organization. Monthly meetings are held at Fairmeadow Community Church in Munster. The club is a member of the Chicago Area Camera Clubs Association.

March Membership Madness!



**Join us on Saturday, March 14
10 am until 2 pm**

Tour the building. • Have some treats. • Free drawings!
Meet the teachers. • Watch some art demonstrations.
Shop for art and gifts. • Sign up for kids & adult classes.
AND become a member! Bring friends.

Special incentives for current members!

Your membership matters! Did you know that in February:

- Your membership helped eight preschoolers learn about Cubism?
- Our after school students came from Duneland, Beverly Shores, Valparaiso, Wheeler, Michigan City, Discovery Charter School, and St. Patrick School, as well as home schooled students. They are learning about art, but are also creating friendships through their experience at the Art Center.
- Because of your support hundreds of visitors were able to view the Duneland Photography Club show?
- Your membership helped sponsor our free monthly Critique Night for artists?

Thank you for being a member!



Tickets are \$75, available on Eventbrite or by calling the Art Center.

Save the Date!

The Art After Dark Gala

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Blue Chip Casino • Fremont Ballroom • 6 pm

**Dinner • Dancing • Entertainment
Silent Auction**

Music by "Vintage Postcard"

Looking for Inspiration?

Did You Know...that to compliment your classes, you are able to borrow books from our extensive library? Members are encouraged to visit the library and check out books for as long as you need them. The checkout process is simple, and there is no such thing as an overdue book!

The new Chesterton Art Center library has a section called "Subjects to Paint and Draw." There are over 65 books on various subjects (Birds, Flowers, Travels, Marine Life, etc.) with hand-drawn illustrations that will encourage you to pick up that paintbrush!



Adult Art Classes

Life Drawing Open Studio

Held on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 6-9 p.m. Typically, fully clothed models will be used for each session. On rare occasion, there will be a professional partially clad or nude model. Artists can use any media from pencil, charcoal, pastel or paints. This is an open studio setting, so each participating artist will need to come prepared with their own supplies and will be asked to clean up afterwards. Ivan Chermel, the organizer, can provide some guidance to students. But, this is not a structured class.

The cost of each session is \$15 and students MUST pre-register. For questions, please contact the Chesterton Art Center at 219-926-4711.

Beginning-to-Advanced Watercolor Class with Leona Jurincic

6-weeks, starting Friday, March 6 from 10-1. Leona will lead students through a variety of watercolor techniques and styles- a perfect class for the first-time painter or a wonderful refresher for the more experienced. The cost of the class is \$200, with members receiving a \$20 discount. Supplies are not included. Leona will discuss supplies with all beginners to start the class.



Drawing Toolbox with Sarah Fantuzzo

In this series, Sarah will touch on a different topic once a month, with techniques and tips for how to effectively improve a student's drawing skills. Sessions take place on a Saturday from 10-2, with a 30-minute break for lunch. Students may bring a bag lunch, or step out. Topics are: March 21 - Drawing Facial Features; April 11 - Drawing Textures; May 9 - Drawing Nature; and June 13 - Drawing On The Go. (Portable Studio) On March 21, Sarah will focus on parts of the face and capturing various nuances. By the end of the workshop, participants will have a solid idea of how to create realistic facial features in their artwork. The cost of the Drawing Toolbox workshops are \$60 per (members of the Chesterton Art Center receive a \$20 discount). A supply list will be provided upon registration.

Prismacolor Pencil Drawing with Leona Jurincic

6-weeks, starting Saturday, March 21 from 9-12. Participants will learn blending, layering applications, various techniques with Prismacolor pencils and art sticks, plus utilizing the correct solvent for specific effects. The class is designed for beginners and beyond. A supply list will be provided upon registration. The cost of class is \$200, with members receiving a \$20 discount.

Oil Painting with Leona Jurincic

6-weeks, starting Saturday, March 21 from 1-4. The class is designed for beginners, as well as more advanced students. Beginners will learn basic oil painting techniques. Leona will walk them through starting a project, mixing colors, using/cleaning brushes, and utilizing solvents. Intermediate and advanced students will practice using still lifes or reference photos. They will learn how to enhance their work with color, and how to use more than one reference photo. A supply list will be provided upon registration. The cost of class is \$200, with members receiving a \$20 discount.



Stained Glass with Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery: Beginning Stained Glass

Beginning Stained Glass Class starting on Tuesday, March 24 from 7-9 p.m. During this 8-week class, students will learn the art of copper foil stained glass, originally invented by Louis Tiffany. Tools and supplies are included. Limit 4 students. The cost for class is \$260, with members receiving a \$30 discount.

Stained Glass with Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery: Open Studio Stained Glass:

8-weeks, starting Tuesday, March 24 from 7-9. This class is designed for students who have taken a previous stained glass class at the Art 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 8 students. The cost is \$105, with members receiving a \$30 discount. All students MUST register and pay prior to the first class.

Intermediate/Advanced Drawing with Sarah Fantuzzo

6 weeks, beginning Wednesday, April 1 from 10-1. The class will focus on design and composition as well as creating realistic volume through perspective and value. Students will work from more complex still lifes, as well as landscape drawing and an introduction to portrait and figure drawing. Special attention will be given to drawing textures such as metal, fur, and wood. Prior drawing experience is required. The cost of class is \$200, with members of the Art Center receiving a \$20 discount. A supply list will be included upon registration.



Member News

Members: Please send us your art news about exhibits, awards, etc. for the April newsletter no later than March 25, 2020.

The Duneland Photography Club News:

The next meeting of the Duneland Photography Club is Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Sunset Hill Farm County Park in the new education center (round silver building that looks like a grain bin). Mentoring is at 5:30pm, and the regular meeting starts at 7:00. Our guest speaker, Rafi Wilkenson, a ranger with the Indiana Dunes National Park, will do a presentation on Bird Photography. Show and tell for the month will be "Still Life".

Our exhibit at the Art Barn in Valparaiso, "Anticipating Spring . . .," continues through March 14th. Twenty members of the Duneland Photo Club are exhibiting 69 hanging pieces. There are also matted prints and photo cards available for purchase. Two members, Henry Schultz and Deb Armstrong, have an exhibit at the Ellen Firme Gallery at Glenn Firme Art and Office Supply in Beverly Shores.

The club will also be doing two field trips in March, one to Brookfield Zoo, and another to the Studebaker / National History Museum in South Bend. Contact the club for more information.

The Duneland Photography Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill County Park, U.S. 6 and Meridian Road, Valparaiso.

The club may be contacted at dunelandphotoclub@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/dunelandphotoclub/>.

Critique Night

Mark VanderVenne will host Critique Night on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs classroom.

Guests are welcome with no prior registration required. All ability levels and artistic styles are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for this monthly event. Thank you, Mark!



Welcome New Members!

In February we welcomed new members Ronda Cole, Joyce Craig, Stefka Ford, Heather Kubiak Family, Bill Kurfman, Leslie Michaels, Claudia Pletting, Zeljka Rau Family and the Carol Sylvester Family

Thank you for becoming members!

Upcoming Exhibits:

April - Duneland Weaver's Guild Style Show and Exhibit, and the Chesterton Art Center Children's Art Education Show

May - A Retrospective: Works of Robert Hoffman

June: The 69th Annual Chesterton Woman's Club Art Show (non-juried)

July: The work of Ginny Takacs



Children's Art Education

Preschool Classes for ages 3-5 are taught by Emily Blossom. Homeschool and after school classes for elementary through high school are taught by Jen Aitchison.

March class schedule:

(Note: No classes the week of March 23, Spring Break)

Students of all ages will actively participate in learning, while studying one of the major movements of modern art history each month. All classes will include drawing throughout the month in some form. Students will be exposed to a mix of mediums, including painting, printmaking, sculpture, collage, drawing, weaving, paper arts, etc. The schedule of classes is as follows:



Monday 1:30-3:00 p.m., Home School 8-15 year-olds
 Monday 3:30-5 p.m., Elementary 7-12 year-olds
 Tuesday 1-2 p.m., Preschool 3-5 year-olds
 Tuesday 4-5:30 p.m., Elementary 5-8 year-olds
 Wednesday 1-2 p.m., Preschool 3-5 year-olds
 Wednesday 3:30-5 p.m., Elementary 5-8 year-olds
 Thursday 3:30-5 p.m., Elementary 7-12 year-olds
 Thursday 5:30-7:00 p.m., Middle School 5-8th grade
 Friday 3:30-5:00 p.m., High School 9-12th grade

Tuition is \$90 per month for high school, middle school, elementary, and home school students (the member rate is \$70), and \$75 for preschool students (the member rate is \$55). Families must be current members of the Chesterton Art Center to receive the member rate. Supplies and a nut-free snack are included. Students must register and pay before the first class. A \$20 fee will be added to any late payments made after the 10th of each month. To register, please contact the Art Center, or register online through Eventbrite at eventbrite.com.

March students will move into the 20th century on the modern art timeline with a focus on surrealism. Children's imaginations will be stretched as they study the work of Dali, Ernst, and Magritte.

The Art Center is a GREAT place for a party!

Birthday Parties!

Parties can celebrate other occasions as well.

Call the office for more information.



COOKIES AND CANVAS



MARCH 13

The Chesterton Art Center will be hosting the March Cookies and Canvas on Friday, March 13. Children ages 3-7 can attend from 5-6:30, and ages 8 & up can attend from 7-8:30. This fun art evening will include an 8" x 10" bird-themed, stretched canvas painting, as well as cookies and juice. The cost is \$10 per child, or \$5 for those who are members of the Chesterton Art Center. All interested students must register and pay no later than Thursday, March 12.

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Our Policy Regarding Class/Workshop Fee Payments

All classes must be paid for in full one day before class starts. This can be done by calling the Art Center with credit/debit card, stopping in, or by using Eventbrite online ticketing. 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. Thank you!

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