





MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

chesterton art center

CELEBRATING OUR 60TH YEAR

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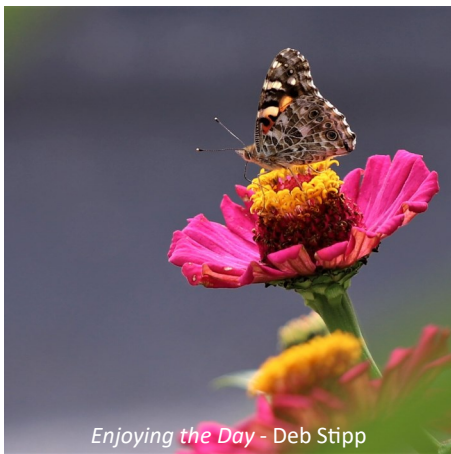
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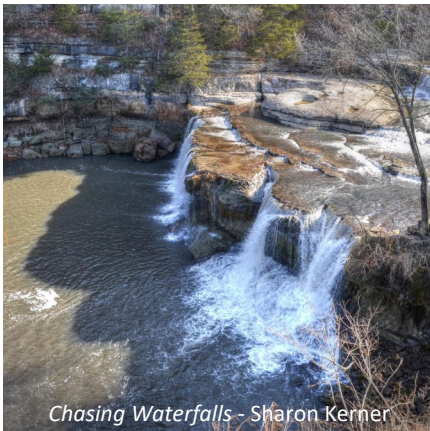
Weekdays 11 am - 4 pm ▪ Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm
Closed on Sundays unless there is a special event.



Spring Overcomes Winter - Steve Bensing



Enjoying the Day - Deb Stipp



Chasing Waterfalls - Sharon Kerner

Seasons Change and So Did I

The Works of the Duneland Photography Club

March 6 through March 31

The Duneland Photography Club will be exhibiting their work at the Chesterton Art Center in Chesterton during the month of March.

The theme of the show is "Seasons Change and So Did I". The obvious interpretation of the theme is that we do have a change of seasons. This will be shown in their works that reflect the beauty of winter, spring, summer and fall. But not only do the seasons change in nature, we change as well. These changes can be depicted either literally or metaphorically.

The line, "Seasons Change and So Did I", comes from the song "No Time" by The Guess Who. It depicts moving on from someone or something. This past year we have been dealing with the coronavirus that has affected us all in some way. So, this theme can also depict the optimism of moving on from the difficult times to better days ahead. The club has attempted to show the changes we see in the world around us and those we feel within ourselves.

The show will feature the works of 30 of the club's members, a mix of both emerging and established photographers. The exhibit will open on March 6 and concludes on March 31. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Masks must be worn and social distancing practiced. The Chesterton Art Center is located at 115 S. 4th Street in Chesterton. For more information, call 219-926-4711. Visit the website at www.chestertonart.org or social media sites Facebook and Instagram.

The Duneland Photography Club March 2nd meeting will be via Zoom, led by Deb Armstrong, Dan Ruggaber, and Sharon Kerner. The topic is "Judging Your Own Photos." The discussion will be on what makes a merit print. Show & Tell will involve doing a self-critique of a photo.

Outdoor activities involve the Maple Syrup Time at Deep River County Park, the weekends of March 13th and March 20th. Some members will join the Lake County Photo Club at 10am on March 13th. The Duneland Photo Club will also photograph this event on March 20th at 10am. Visitors are invited.

Our April meeting will be on the History of the Indiana Dunes with Photos, led by Ron Seman. For more information, find the Duneland Photography Club on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/dunelandphotoclub>.



Photo by Steve Bensing

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



Association of Artists and Craftsmen of Porter County - A Not For Profit Arts Organization



Children's Art Education

April Real-time Virtual Classes with Mrs. Jen!

On-site classes may be added later when it is safe to do so. A bag stuffed with generous supplies is included in the tuition and will be picked up from the Art Center once at the beginning of each month. Any supplies left at the end of the month are yours to keep!

Classes are designed for preschool, elementary, home school, middle school, and high school ages. 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, and more.

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 8-12-year-olds

Tuesday 1-2 p.m., Preschool & Kindy 3-5-year-olds

Tuesday 4-5:30 p.m., Elementary 5-8 year-olds

Wednesday 3:30-5 p.m., Elementary 5-8 year-olds

Thursday 1:30-3 p.m., Ages 8-15 year-olds



Come and Join Us in April!

Tuition is \$90 per month for high school, middle school, elementary, and home school students (the member rate is \$70), and \$75 for preschool & kindergarten students (the member rate is \$55). Preschoolers will need assistance from someone at home. Families must be current members of the Chesterton Art Center to receive the member rate.

Imagination will be the focus of our children's art classes in April. Inspired by the Surrealism Art Movement, projects will be created in a mix of mediums. Discussed will be some of the philosophy behind the artwork of Salvador Dali and Rene Magritte. All materials are included and our monthly sketchbooks will be filled with playful surrealism exercises to unlock creativity.

Sign up by calling the Art Center or go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/march-virtual-live-childrens-art->

Our Children's Art Education Program Art Exhibit! April 5 - May 1



Adult Art Education

Coming soon...onsite classes at the Chesterton Art Center beginning in April.

Watch our website and social media sites for announcements on new classes!

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music scene, plus much more. Hosts are Larry A. Brechner, long-time musical theater director, photographic artist, and arts organization board member, and Ester Golden, artist and gallery owner of The Nest in Michigan City.

SHOW: ART ON THE AIR

HOSTS: Larry A Brechner and Ester Golden

FORMAT: One Hour Talk (6 minute Spotlight Interview / two 23 minute guest interviews)

STATION: WVLP 103.1 FM (Valparaiso) Streaming live 24/7 at WVLP.org

Art on the Air - Tune In!

ART ON THE AIR is an hour-long radio show (available as a podcast) that opens with a short **Spotlight Interview** about local art events in Northwest Indiana's three county area, then continues with a **long-form feature interview**. Guests include individual artists, photographers, gallery owner/curators, festival sponsors, authors, musicians, the shakers and movers in NW Indiana, Chicago and beyond discussing the art, theater, and

Upcoming Exhibits:

April also brings back the Duneland Weaver's Guild show, minus the live fashion show this year due to COVID...but there may be a virtual show in the works, so we will keep you updated on that via social media and our website. Also in April, the work of our students who participated in art education classes here at the Chesterton Art Center for the past school year. "Through the Screen" will be presented April 5 through May 1st.

In **May**, we will welcome the Duneland Schools K-8 Student Art Show in both galleries.

Artists, start planning for the Chesterton Woman's Club Art Show in **June!** They will indeed be holding their competition this year so get your entries ready...

We are planning to have an Art Fair in 2021!

And we can't wait to see you. This is the 62nd year for the Chesterton Art Fair, which draws art lovers from all over the Midwest. Always the first full weekend in August, this year's dates are Saturday, August 7th and Sunday, August 8th, 2021. Artist Applications are available on our website now. Visit www.chestertonart.org now. Visit www.chestertonart.org/chesterton-art-fair



Welcome New Members!

Kelly VanderVliet, Linda Camp, Barry Felton, Jennifer Maguire, Reynaldo Caluag, Jean de St. Aubin/ Jim Mayhercy Family, Cheryl Capporelli, Melinda Marquez Family, Jamie Spurr, Wendy Vander Kooi, Linda Hunter Family, Paula Coyle-Thompson Family, Barb Russ Family, Leah Del Nagro, and Kathie Anderson. *Thank you for becoming members!*

Membership has privileges!

10% off all purchases, all the time...if you are an artist, you may display your work in our Member's Gallery and Gift Shop, plus you receive discounts on classes, virtual or on site. Check out the website at www.chestertonart.org and sign up online! Or call the Art Center at 219-926-4711 to sign up via phone. Renew your membership online or by phone as well!



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