

A monthly newsletter for the Chesterton Art Center 115 S. 4th Street Chesterton, IN 46304 219-926-4711

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Gretchen Maguire, Rumble Dry, 2023

# Visions of Reality Duneland Photography Club

Exhibition: November 2-28, 2023

Artists' Reception: Saturday, November 4, 12-2 PM

The Duneland Photography Club Group Exhibition, *Visions of Reality*, will be available for viewing November 2–28, 2023, in the main galleries at CAC. The public is invited to an artists' reception on Saturday, November 4, 12–2 PM. Refreshments will be provided. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Visions of Reality showcases an array of artworks and perspectives from the Duneland Photography Club. With their technical skills and sense of creativity, they express their emotions and perceptions across a spectrum of image making from abstract compositions to realistic street photography. This exhibit highlights the diversity of these eighteen artists, a mix of both emerging and established photographers, all creating with the same medium to produce the reality each of them sees.

Participating artists include Michael Alvarado, Deb Armstrong, Steve Bensing, Loralei Brown, Peggy Carter, Dawn Duty, Carol Estes, Paul Ewing, Dina Heijselaar, Des Kashyap, Connie Kassal, George Kassal, Sharon Kerner, Gretchen Maguire, Suzan Perry, John Roquet, Norman Turner, and Wayne Wodrich.

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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.

#### **MEMBER LEVELS**

Single Membership \$35
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## From the Executive Director



Hannah Hammond-Hagman

As we enter a month of gathering and gratitude, I find it very easy to write about both when thinking about CAC. It's been a wonderful year of events and programs that have brought us together to learn, create, and share joy. We are so grateful to be surrounded by such a connected community that celebrates our exhibits, shops to support local artists, holds CAC memberships, creates in our classrooms, and simply spends some time with us.

I am also very grateful for this amazing team that makes CAC vibrant and alive through their dedication and passion. We continue to grow the center's mission and accomplish our strategic goals to serve more and more of our community thanks to their hard work—and we are having fun doing it!

I hope you'll visit this wonderful exhibit featuring the local artists of the Duneland Photography Club, join us for a class or workshop with your loved ones, do some early holiday shopping with us, and consider an end-of-year gift to support CAC and our work. We look forward to seeing you soon!

In gratitude, Hannah

#### 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.

# Holiday Shopping at CAC

Holiday Art Stroll and Scavenger Hunt -Shop and Win Prizes!



Join the creative businesses of the Chesterton Arts District for a Holiday Art Stroll and scavenger hunt November 25 - December 30. Visit each location to gather clues and enter your completed Stroll passport for the chance to win prizes from each participating business. Pick up a map and passport starting November 25. Sip & Shop at CAC Wednesday, December 6 5–8 PM



CHESTERTON ART CENTER

Find the perfect gifts at Chesterton Art Center's Sip & Shop event on December 6, from 6–8 PM, in our galleries and gift shop. *Members can preview the shopping event from 5–6 PM*. This free event features a cash bar and a wide variety of handmade local art and artisan-made pieces ideal for everyone on your gift list.Come sip some wine and nosh on special treats as you shop to support local artists and the art center.

#### A Special Thank You to Ellen and Tim Kollar

Thank you to Ellen + Tim Kollar for hosting a very special evening to raise awareness for Chesterton Art Center! We are grateful for the opportunity to meet more neighbors passionate about the positive impact of the arts in our community.



# Youth Arts Outreach 25-week Program Starts Session Two





In October, CAC's 25-week Youth Arts Outreach Program in partnership with the Duneland Boys & Girls Club and the Duneland Family YMCA began the second 5-week session highlighting the topic "Makers and Media".

With guidance from CAC instructor Emily Blossom, students will experiment with a variety of media including watercolor, pastel, sculpture, and collage as they create projects inspired by famous artists including Yayoi Kusama, Louise Nevelson, and Hannah Höch.

The Youth Arts Outreach program supports CAC's mission of creating accessible, enriching arts programming for our community and is generously funded by Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation.

### CAC kicks off new partnership with Portage Township YMCA



This past month kicked off CAC's partnership with the Portage Township YMCA. We will be providing hands-on art lessons every other month throughout the school year to serve grades 3-5 in the Portage Y after school program. We're thrilled to now serve additional students in our Porter County community!

For the October lesson, CAC Outreach Instructor Emily Blossom guided students as they learned about planet atmospheres and created one-of-a-kind space creatures.

Special thanks to the Portage Township YMCA for this wonderful partnership.

# TAG! Teen Arts Group

This past month, Teen Arts Group members had the special opportunity to visit the gallery of local artist Holly Jackson. Holly graciously shared her journey with members and explained her practice as a working artist. With inspiration running high, members returned to the Center to partake in studio time to build their portfolios.

Many thanks to Holly Jackson for letting us visit her beautiful space! Be sure to check out her gallery located at 103 S 2nd St. in downtown Chesterton.

This month, TAG members will enjoy a group critique, followed by a collaborative "create-it-forward" project.

Next TAG Meeting at CAC: Wednesday, November 8 from 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*.



# Youth Programs/November



# After School Art Pop Art Paintings

The November sessions of After School Art are instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on Pop Art! Students will create mixed media paintings with bold lines, polka dots, and bright colors inspired by famous artists like Andy Warhol, Yayoi Kusama, and Romero Britto. They will work in their own drawing style to create colorful artwork that reflects their interests and what is POPular to them.

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.

Class Schedule / Select the age group that suits your artist.

Ages 5-8 / Tuesday, Nov 7-28 from 3:30-5 PM Ages 5-8 / Wednesday, Nov 1-29 (no Nov 22) from 3:30-5 PM Ages 8-12 / Thursday, Nov 2-30 (no Nov 23) from 3:30-5 PM Ages 12-16 / Thursday, Nov 2-30 (no Nov 23) from 5:30-7 PM

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

# After School Sculpture Clay Slab Mugs

The November session of After School Sculpture is instructed by Terese Maletta and will focus on the clay hand building technique of slabs. Slabs are the most versatile of hand building methods as they can be used to cut out shapes, construct bases and walls, and create all sorts of functional and decorative projects. During this class, students will create a mug and plate set that will be glazed and fired.

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, Nov 6-27 from 3:30-5:30 PM

Tuition is \$100 for nonmembers / \$90 for current CAC Family Members

# Preschool Pop-In Pop Art Leaves

The November session of Preschool Pop-in is instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on Pop Art! Students will work with bright pops of color as they create a fall leaf project.

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, November 14 from 9-10:30 AM

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

#### Specialty Classes Character Design for Teens Ages 12-18 / Saturday, November 4-18 from 10 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Katie Wiley, students will learn to develop dynamic characters that can be used for animations, comics, stories, or illustrations. Lessons will highlight body language, 5-point turnarounds, character traits, and facial expressions. All lessons will be hand-drawn using paper, pencil, and coloring materials.

Tuition is \$75 for non-members / \$67.50 for current CAC Family Members

## Family Ceramic Ornament Workshop

Families, ages 5+/Saturday, November 18 from 10-11:30 AM

This workshop invites families to join us for a fun morning of creating together! With guidance from Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, each student will construct a set of handmade ornaments using the slab process and various decorative techniques. Texture tools, stamps, and shape cutters will be available. Students will apply glaze, and the Center will complete firing.

\$15/person. Please note: Every attending child and adult needs to have their own individual ticket.

#### **DECEMBER SNEAK PEEK**

#### After School Art Winter Scene Printmaking

(3-class prorated session) Tuesday, Dec 5-19 Wednesday, Dec 6-20 Thursday, Dec 7-21

#### After School Sculpture 3D Winter Landscape

(3-class prorated session) Monday, Dec 5-19

Preschool Pop-In Winter Snow Scene Tuesday, December 12

## Family Ceramic Dish Workshop

Friday, December 1

#### Family Ceramic Menorah Workshop

Saturday, December 2

Register at chestertonart.org

# **Adult Art Classes**

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

#### **Ceramics: Friday Afternoons** 6-class session / Friday, November 3-December 15 (no Nov 24) from 2-5 PM

With guidance from Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, students will learn basic techniques for wheel throwing, hand building, and how to finish their works using standard decorating and glazing styles. Students will rotate between both methods to create finished ceramic works. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$185 for non-members / \$166.50 for current CAC members. Supplies included.

#### Independent Study Studio Art 5-class session / Tuesday, Nevember 7-December 5 from

November 7-December 5 from 10 AM-12 PM

With quidance 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 and 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

#### **Fundamental Portrait Drawing**

4-class session / Wednesday, November 8-December 6 (no Nov 22) from 10 AM-12 PM

Working with teaching artist Diana Stezalski, students will address essential elements of portrait drawing including gesture, contour, structure, proportion, volume, and composition in addition to the accurate and expressive use of line and tone. Working from clothed figure models, students will develop a series of facial studies and one sustained figure. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

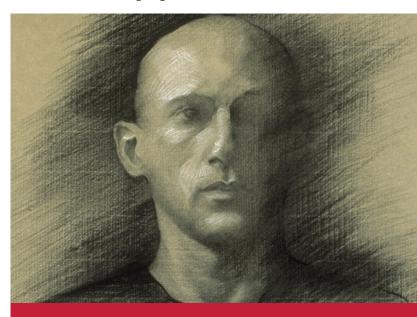
Tuition is \$125 for non-members / \$112.50 for current CAC members + supply list

## Watercolor Grapes Workshop

1-day workshop / Thursday, November 9 from 9:30-3 PM

With guided instruction from Herb Helm, students can look forward to creating a unique watercolor project that features colorful abstract grapes surrounded by vines and leaves. Through a combination of both experimental watercolor techniques and controlled painting, the project will incorporate pouring/splattering methods and negative/positive painting practices. This workshop is a great fit for students wanting to try a variety of techniques and push their creativity in new directions. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$110 for non-members / \$99 for current CAC members + supply list



Fundamental Portrait Drawing - Starts November 8

#### **Acrylic Painting**

4-class session / Thursday, November 9-December 7 (no Nov 23) from 10 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, students will be introduced to the language of painting using the versatile medium of acrylic paint. Color mixing, value, composition, structure, scale, perspective, and texture will be addressed. Students will develop an understanding of the characteristics of acrylic paint and mediums, brush types, and the supports suitable for acrylic painting. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

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

## Mixed Media Drawing Workshop

1-day workshop / Friday, November 10 from 10 AM-1 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, students will explore the vast possibilities of drawing media and learn how to create dynamic art that utilizes a mixture of materials. Students will experiment with charcoal, pencil, pastel, chalk, ink, and collage as they work to create an exploratory mixed media piece. Fundamental skills on color theory, composition, value, and texture will be addressed. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

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

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



Cell Phone Photography Workshop - November 18

#### **Glass Fusing I Workshop** 1-day workshop / Saturday, November 11 from 1-4 PM

With guidance from Mindy Milan, students can look forward to creating unique fused glass projects that range from jewelrysize pieces, small plates, window hangers, and other items utilizing several glass forming techniques. There will be a focus on seasonal and winter-themed projects, but all are welcome to create their own unique design. Watch some glass melt in the kiln & learn about the forms, colors, and processes of fusing glass! This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$55 for non-members / \$49.50 for current CAC members + \$15 supply fee

## Cell Phone Photography Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, November 18 from 1-4 PM

With guidance from Deb Armstrong, students will learn how to turn their everyday device into a creative tool so they can capture fantastic photos from their phone. Students will learn expanded cell phone camera settings, basic composition, and lighting techniques that will boost creativity and improve their skills behind the lens. Since many use their cell phones as a primary camera — for social media, family moments, day-to-day memories, etc. — let's master all of the tricks and techniques together! This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$55 for non-members / \$49.50 for current CAC members + bring your own cell phone

#### Intro to Digital Photography 4-class session / Monday, November 20-December 11 from 6-8 PM

With instruction from Deb Armstrong, students will learn how to operate their digital cameras and compose eyecatching 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 DSLR camera

## Wheel Throwing Boot Camp - SOLD OUT

4-class session / Monday, November 20-December 11 from 6-9 PM

With guidance from Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, students will throw on the wheel as they learn to center, push, pull, shape, and trim their hand-thrown ceramic pieces. 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 held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$125 for non-members / \$112.50 for current CAC members, supplies included

#### **Hand Builder Boot Camp**

3-class session / Wednesday, November 29-December 13 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 held in the downstairs classroom.

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

#### **December Sneak Peek!**

Family Ceramic Dish Workshop Friday, Dec 1

> Family Ceramic Menorah Workshop Saturday, Dec 2

Mixed Media Drawing Workshop Saturday, Dec 2

**Basket Weaving 101** Wednesdays, Dec 6-20

**Garland Printing Workshop** Friday, Dec 8

Holiday Watercolor Workshop Saturday, Dec 9

**Paper Marbling Workshop** Saturday, Dec 9

Register at chestertonart.org

**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.* **Additional Drawing Drop-In** Saturday, December 16 from 10 AM–12 PM - \$15 model fee (cash) to instructor.

We are always looking for new models. Interested individuals can contact CAC at programs@chestertonart.org.



# CAC+Holiday Hometown Celebration

Come and celebrate the holidays, Duneland style! Holiday themed Chesterton's European Market, Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the Twilight Parade. Everyone is invited!

Saturday Nov 25, 2023 8 AM–7 PM CST Thomas Centennial Park Historic Downtown Chesterton Free Admission!

#### **Hometown Holiday Outdoor Market**

The market will run from 8 AM–2 PM. Free carriage rides from 11AM–2 PM. Kids craft corner!

#### **Tree Lighting Ceremony**

The tree lighting will take place near the Thomas Centennial Park gazebo at 5 PM.

#### **Twilight Parade**

The Twilight Parade will begin at 5:15 PM.

#### **Chesterton Art Center - OPEN LATE!**

CAC is hosting a wonderful sweet treats pop-up by St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Church. Join us on Nov 25 anytime from 10 AM–7 PM.

# Duneland Photography Club News

*Next meeting: Nov. 7, 7 PM* 

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7 PM in the Horton Family Education Center. The November 7 meeting will be led by guest speaker Edward Byrne on the topic of Landscape Photography. Ed is a prolific photographer and writer who specializes in the beauty of the Indiana Dunes.

Upcoming activities include more fall photography. Our big event is our exhibition "Visions of Reality" at the Chesterton Art Center running from November 2–28. There is an opening reception so the public may meet members of the Duneland Photography Club on Saturday, November 4 from 12–2 PM. Refreshments will be provided.

Last month, the club members photographed a Trunk or Treat event for the Porter County Parks. The club also presented a free class for the public for the Porter County Parks at Sunset Hill Farm taught by out own Deb



Pictured: Duneland Photography Club Members at the Chesterton Art Center in 2019 exhibition "Photo Memories in Focus"

Armstrong on Color Theory and Cell Phone Photography. Deb is currently teaching classes at the Chesterton Art Center as well.

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 <u>DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com</u> or find us on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/dunelandphotoclub</u>

# What's next at CAC?

**St. Elizabeth's Sweet Treats Pop-up** Saturday, November 25, 10 AM–7 PM at CAC

**Dig The Dunes Calendar Release Party at CAC** November 27, 5–7 PM

#### **Annual CAC Members Exhibition**

December 2, 2023–January 4, 2024 Artists' Reception: Saturday, December 9, 12–2 PM

#### Sip & Shop - Holiday Shopping Event

Wednesday, December 6, 6–8 PM Special Members Only Preview, 5–6 PM

#### Changes Bryana Bibbs Exhibition

January 8–February 29, 2024 Artists' Reception: Saturday, January 13, 12–2 PM Artist Talk: Saturday, February 10, 1–2 PM



#### **CELEBRATING OVER 60 YEARS!**

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#### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Weekdays 11 AM-4 PM Saturday 10 AM-2 PM Closed on Sundays