

Member's Work in the Spotlight!



Stop in and see what our members have been creating all year!

Our member artists have brought in a wonderful assortment of works for sale in all media. Visit both downstairs galleries as well as the upstairs gallery and you won't be disappointed!

We also have an array of artisan creations in our gift shop ranging from custom cards, jewelry, fiber, glass, ceramics, wearables and more.

Giving a gift created by a local artist helps support artists in our community and assures that your gift is a one-of-a-kind treasure. Work will remain up through January 13, 2021.

Nicole Willbur



Christine Newton



Judy Crawford



Larry Brechner



Carol Underwood, Kathi Millet, Wendy Marciniak

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Art Center Holiday Hours

The Art Center will be closed starting Thursday, December 24 through January 2. We will reopen on Monday, January 4. Happiest of holidays to all and best wishes for the New Year - we hope it's a year that brings you hope, health, and happiness!



The Chesterton Art Center has always participated in the Chesterton-Duneland Kiwanis Club's Festival of Trees fundraiser. The Christmas trees line the sidewalk near the gazebo in Chesterton's downtown Thomas Centennial Park. The trees are sponsored and decorated by local not for profits and businesses to bring awareness and joy to those visiting the park, across from the downtown business district.

This year's tree sponsored by the Chesterton Art Center was masterfully decorated with works of master artists, such as Monet, Chagall, Van Gogh, Grant Wood, Degas, and many more, thanks to the talent of local artist and CAC board member Janel Borsos.

Ms. Borsos, an accomplished artist herself, painted in oil and canvas 18 small renditions of famous paintings by the Masters, and these have been color copied and presented on the

Art Center's tree for all to enjoy. Janel beautifully captured the likenesses of these famous works, and the original artist is named on the back. The Art Center appreciated the time and effort that she put into creating these miniature oil paintings, which took a year to finish.

She plans to gift several of her little paintings to special friends this holiday season. The remainder will be available for sale at the Art Center. We hope that as visitors stroll through the park, they will stop to see how many paintings they recognize.

Duneland Photography Club News: The Duneland Photography Club remains active in encouraging members in their photography. On December 1st, we had an outdoor photo shoot of the Winter Lights at Sunset Hill Farm County Park, where we normally meet on the First Tuesday of the month. We are planning a Zoom meeting on December 8th at 7:00pm to share a recap of the year and club members' photos. Our January 5th meeting will also be via Zoom, with expert photography teacher LeAnn Angerman giving tips on Photoshop Elements. Members receive invitations to the Zoom meetings. If you are not yet a member, contact President Steve Bensing at sbensing@juno.com, if you wish to participate. We are planning outdoor events during December and January. Find the Duneland Photography Club on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/dunelandphotoclub for more information.



Save the dates! August 7 & 8, 2021.

We are definitely planning an Art Fair for 2021!

Chesterton Art Fair applications going LIVE soon on Entrythingy.

Visit www.chestertonart.com, then click on the Art Fair tab to apply.

Welcome New Members!

This month we welcome Jayne Mann, Ronald Stec, Karen Verga, and Jeff Krafft. Thank you for supporting us by becoming members.



Children's Art Education

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Real-time Virtual Classes with Miss 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.

On the left: Owls created by Albert and Maddie.

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 Thursday 3:30-5:00 p.m., Middle School 5th-8th grades Thursday 5:30-7:00 p.m., Teens 13-18 years old



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.

Come and Join Us in January!

Theme for the month~Expressionism! January Classes Begin January 4.

Students will be expressing themselves in acrylic paint on canvas this month, as well as working in some other mixed media pieces. We will be discussing some concepts from the Expressionism movement. Artists who contributed to the concept of expressionism like Paul Klee, Marc Franz and Edvard Munch will be included as we focus on understanding and discussing these abstract art forms.

Adult Art Education

Thank you!

Thank you, Greg and Caryn Brown!

Greg and Caryn made a huge donation of stained glass for our student to use in upcoming stained glass classes...we can't thank you enough for your generosity. Our students will be so appreciative! Check back at the beginning of the year regarding on-site classes. We are currently planning some new virtual classes for adults as well. Watch our website and social media sites for updates.

We will also keep you informed about Critique Night, and when it can resume. Stay tuned!