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Duneland Plein Air Painters Show Nov. 1 - 28

en plein air - A french expression which means "in the open air" and is particularly used to describe the act of painting outdoors



The Duneland Plein Air Painters are artists from the duneland area who meet on site once a week. They paint Lake Michigan and the surrounding beaches, dunes, farms, woodlands, towns, and gardens in northwest Indiana and southwestern Michigan.

Each fall the Duneland Plein Air Painters exhibit their work from the previous season. Painting sites this year included Lakeview, Beverly Shores; Marquette Park, Miller Beach; Sawyer Market, Sawyer, MI; downtown Valparaiso; Three Oaks, MI; the Schoolhouse Shop; Garwood Orchards, LaPorte, Lavender Hill Farm, Niles, MI; Galien River County Park, New Buffalo; and the LaPorte County Fair.

The Duneland Plein Air Painters is unique in several ways. The group's only organizing structure is its e-mail list. "We have no boards, no officers, and no dues," says Chesterton artist Laurie Carpenter, who maintains the email list. "We select sites in the spring, based on suggestions from the artists and their friends, and set a schedule. Most important, all painters are welcome — from beginners to intermediate to advanced and professional artists." The group also includes painters using a wide variety of techniques (traditional plein air to modern) and mediums (oil, watercolor, pastel, ink, and charcoal), but all are inspired by this region's wide range of beautiful and interesting sites.

The idea of painting outdoors in the duneland area took hold around six years ago when local artists Julie Kasnias of Beverly Shores and Julia Holmaas of LaPorte attended a paint-out sponsored by the Indiana Plein Air Painters Association in New Harmony, Indiana. They came home and said, "Let's do this here." Originally, these artists painting plein air were associated with the Southern Shore Artists Association, which is based in Michigan City. As interest grew in plain air painting, though, the group separated from Southern Shore and in 2013 named themselves the Duneland Plein Air Painters. Since then, more than 40 artists have joined the email list and as many as 20 may show up at any one time to paint a particular site. The group paints on Thursdays in good to fair to questionable weather conditions, either in the morning or afternoon. After painting three-four hours, the artists critique each others' work. "It's a real opportunity to learn the techniques of plein air painting," Ms. Holmaas noted. "It's very difficult to paint outdoors. The changing light, the bugs, the wind, the temperature, the sand, and the sounds can all play havoc with your work when you have only a short time to focus on a subject and paint."

Plein air painting is not new. Artists have long painted outdoors, however, in the mid- 19th century, working in natural light became important to the Barbizon School and the Hudson River School. Later in that century, the Impressionists took it up, especially Monet, Pissarro, and Renoir. The trend toward plein air painting has continued into the 21st century with groups painting plein air throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Stop in and view their work from Nov. 1 through Nov. 28 in the back gallery. See if you recognize their many subjects!

The Chesterton Art Center is dedicated to enriching the cultural landscape of the Northwest Indiana area by exhibiting the works of emerging and established regional artists. We emphasize the richness and diversity of art and endeavor to provide a continuous forum for art education in the community.



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Artist Opportunities

St. Mary's Health Center Art Exhibit Program (Valparaiso Campus)

Our current exhibit at the clinic will end on or about Jan. 15, and our new exhibit will start shortly thereafter. We will be accepting submissions throughout November into mid December. Submissions will be forwarded to St. Mary's for their consideration and artists will be notified of their decisions around early January. Accepted pieces will hang until May 15th. We will be changing the show three (3) times a year.

All mediums accepted for submission. Mats and frames (if applicable) must be in pristine condition. Use C or D hangers, no wiring necessary. Your pieces should be complimentary. Think big or in multiples. The display area is elegant and done in a soft green.

All artists who are Chesterton Art Center members are encouraged to participate. If you have already had pieces hung at the clinic, please resubmit using new works. Please call the Art Center (926-4711) and leave your name and phone number. We will contact you with further information.

I would like to thank the artists who have participated for being so patient while we have been ironing out the details. I will be notifying you regarding pick up of currently hung pieces.

- Martha McGuckin (Liaison)

Sculpture/Public Art Opportunity

The Porter County Community Foundation in partnership with the Chesterton Art Center is seeking artists to submit proposals for the creation of a piece(s) of public art to permanently install at the Porter County Community Foundation Center for Community Philanthropy to be located at 1401 Calumet Avenue in Valparaiso. For additional information on application guidelines, visit the Foundation website at www.portercountyfoundation.org/news/ or contact the Foundation at 219.465.0294.

December Small Works Show

Our artist members are invited to bring in up to 3 pieces of NEW work for our December Member's Show. These works need to be no larger than 16 x 20, tops, including the frame. Work should be labeled on the back with the artist's name, title of work, medium, and price. Wire hangers only, no sawtooth. Work needs to be brought in between Nov. 21 and 28, and will be hung on November 30. A gift of art is a beautiful thing!

NOTICE to All of Our Exhibiting Artisans

Have you noticed changes at the Art Center? More exciting changes are coming!

In January we will begin a remodeling project in our front gallery space. This will include new wall improvements, flooring, and reconfiguration of our retail area. ALL ARTISTS will be asked to pick up their remaining inventory between January 4 and 9th. We will be changing policies on how many pieces may be displayed, and artists will be responsible for the maintenance of their work. Work will need to be rotated out every 2 months. If it is not, it will be removed from the sales floor. These changes will help us keep the retail and gallery space fresh and inviting to our visitors, and more appealing to the buying public. More details will be available soon. All artists with work in the Art Center will be contacted.

Thank you!

Many, many thanks to John Mullin, Mark Montgomery, and Lu DeWulf for their combined efforts in making the outside of our building look so much better! John and Mark installed our new front doors and handrail, and also did painting and new outdoor lighting installation. Lu DeWulf spearheaded the removal of old landscaping, and along with John and Mark cleaned up the front and south side landscaping. Lu and Sue Bradford also did some outside painting. Mark and Phyllis Montgomery installed new lighting in our front gallery space. The rest of the outdoor work will have to wait until spring!

Welcome New Members!

Mike Callahan, Jane Cowley, Justin Davis, Ronda Gorby, Kathy and Jon Groth, Molly Haley, John Hancock and Dorothy Trist, Tracie Hugunin, the Vernon Jones Family, Mark and Suzanne Laatsch, Cheryl Meier, Patricia Michalak, Randy Nelson, Sandy Noel, Teresa Pavloff, and Barbara Schultz.

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Art Classes

Thursday Night Studio Painting with Susan Rosso

7:00-9:00 pm. \$40/45 Bring an artistic challenge and let Susie guide you along the way. Any medium welcome- pastel, oil, watercolor acrylic, drawing. Beginners and intermediate students welcome.

Watercolor with Dick Church - A La Carte Fridays in November

On November 6, 13, and 20 come on in and paint with watercolor on Fridays from 10 am until noon. A la carte price of \$10 per class. Come once, twice, or 3 times!

New formal session begins January 8, 2016. Fridays from 10 am until noon. \$65/70 + \$10 pattern fee. 6 classes. Beginning and Intermediate. If you are a beginner, call ahead for a supply list.

Holiday Pysanky Eggs with Mary Acton on Wednesday, November 4

Wednesday, November 4 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. \$45/50 includes all supplies. Students will learn the process of decorating a real egg using wax and dyes. Each participant will create a holiday ornament that can be used as a gift or to keep. Mary Acton is a retired teacher who has been creating pysanky or Ukrainian eggs, and teaching classes for a number of years, doing local and regional art fairs.



Holiday Pysanky Eggs with Mary Acton on Saturday, November 7

Another opportunity! Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \$45/50 includes all supplies. Students will learn the process of decorating a real egg using wax and dyes. Each participant will create a holiday ornament that can be used as a gift or to keep.

Portraits in Colored Pencil with Fred Holly

Saturday, November 14 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. \$40/45. Supply list available when you call to register. Come and learn how to draw beautiful portraits using Prismacolor pencils. Limited seating for this class. Call and get on the list.

Beyond the Basics Digital Photography Class with George Kassal

November 16th and 23rd from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Cost is \$40/45. This Monday night, 2-session workshop will help the beginning user of digital cameras move beyond basic control of their camera to an intermediate skill level. Class will start with a quick review of fundamentals and then explore a series of creative controls that will allow photographers to take advantage of more advanced camera features. Hands-on exercises will include simple portraits, night photography & holiday decorations, flowers & close-ups, using the flash, group shots and special effects. The holidays are coming! Get those special family photos without the heads cut off!

Layering Acrylic Paint and Mediums with Lee Bauman

Sunday, November 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$40/45. Come and learn about layering, mediums, and knife work. A Holly and Berry 16 X 20 Acrylic painting on canvas using palette knife work with various mediums to create an impasto effects. The canvas and medium will be supplied. Participants will need paints, brushes, palette knives and disposable gloves.

Stained Glass with Mark Montgomery and Judy Gregurich

Will resume after the first of the year. Class schedule will be listed in the December newsletter.

Jewelry Classes with Mara Wible

Will resume after the first of the year. Class schedule will be listed in the December newsletter.



Grown-Up Coloring Club

"Color Between the Wines"

One Wednesday This Month
November 11 - 7 pm until 8:30.

\$5 - All supplies included. The pages used are specifically designed for adults, with beautiful designs, figures, and nature images. Or bring your own favorite coloring book, crayons, colored pencils, pan watercolors, whatever you like to color with. Complimentary wine. No instruction - just coloring! Bring friends!

Holiday Open House!

Saturday, November 28
10 am until 8 pm

Come in and make an art project, discover locally made art, enjoy treats, visit the St. Elizabeth Bake Sale, and order a letter from Santa for that special child (or adult!)

Family fun all day!

Member News

Members: Please send us your art news about exhibits, awards, etc. for the December newsletter no later than November 20.

Many of our members were included in the juried Elkhart Regional Show at the Midwest Museum of Art in Elkhart. Included were **Tony Bianco, Judy Crawford, Mary Ann Gradisher, Sally Hooker, Connie Kassal, Lynn Lyon, Catherine McCormick, George Millet, Mary Ann Pals, Kathy Los-Rathburn, Ron Stec, and Mark VanderVinne.** Ron Stec received the Best Painting Award. Kathy Los-Rathburn, Mark VanderVinne and Lynn Lyon received Purchase Awards. This show runs October 9 through December 6. Visit the website for more details.

Photographer **Rhonda Mullen** has a show at The Village Gallery at Pines Village in Valparaiso. Her works showcase imagery that transforms the ordinary into the dazzling. The work will hang through December 10. The Village Gallery is located at 3303 Pines Village Circle in Valparaiso. Gallery Hours are Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am until 4:30 pm.

Two of our fiber artists, **Marcia Cassasa** and **Kathy Sherrard** and will be participating in Interwoven Expressions, Saturday November 7 from 9 am until 5 pm at Sand Creek Country Club. Once a year show, with 30 fiber artists participating. Free admission and parking.

Judi Tussey has three paintings in the 'Oliver Brown Exhibit' at Cornerstone Gallery in Whiting, (inside Centier Bank). Exhibit runs from Oct. 12 to Dec. 12.

Interwoven Expressions will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 9 am until 5 pm at Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton. This fabulous fiber show features 31 artists who create beautiful fiber garments, accessories, and home accents. Members participating include **Marcia Casassa** and **Kathy Sherrard.**

Artists, if you know of any competition or exhibit opportunities, please let us know! We want everyone to be aware of places for artists to show their work.



Art Center Wish List...

We could use:

electric pencil sharpener
paper clips
small white paper plates
paper cups
small CD player

Thank you!



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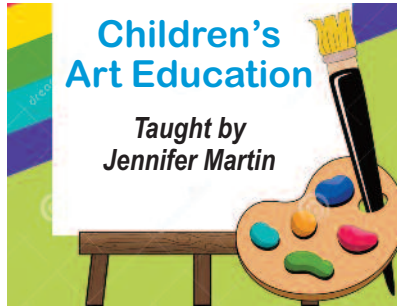
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Children's Art Education

Taught by
Jennifer Martin

Classes began September 8th and conclude in May. Children are introduced to various artists, their styles, and techniques with projects to follow.

Classes meet weekly. All supplies included in tuition. Mediums explored include drawing, painting, papier mache, sculpture, collage, and more.



Did you know that the Art Center is a GREAT place for your child's birthday party?

Call for more details.



In November the children will be studying the paintings of Edvard Munch. The focus will be on his most famous piece, "The Scream". Activities will include a canvas painting and a project using a dripping paint technique.

Upcoming Events

November

Duneland Plein Air Painters Exhibit through November 28

- 4 - Critique Night
- 6 - ART AFTER DARK GALA
- 11 - Coloring Club
- 26 - THANKSGIVING - Closed
- 28 & 29 - St. Elizabeth Bake Sale
- 28 - Holiday Open House

December

- 2 - Critique Night
- 16 - Coloring Club
- 24 - Art Center Closed
- 25 - Art Center Closed
- 31 - Art Center Closed
- New Year's Day - Closed

Happy Holidays!



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Benefits of Being A Member

As a member of the Chesterton Art Center, you'll receive this newsletter in the mail every month, a price break on classes, a 10% discount on purchases, and if you are a working artist, you may sell your work through our gallery.

Already a member? Thank you, we appreciate your membership!

Membership Dues Per Year

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