

APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Weekdays: 11 AM - 4 PM // Saturdays: 10 AM - 2 PM // Sundays: Closed unless there is an event scheduled



Dear Members and Friends,

The Chesterton Art Center remains closed due to the Corona Virus pandemic. We will reopen when it is deemed safe to do so. In the meantime, we want to share some of the changes that will be taking place in this abbreviated edition of our monthly newsletter.

We have needed to make some changes to our exhibition schedule. We will keep you informed what we will be offering in June, as the Chesterton Woman's Club has elected not to have their June show this year, but look forward to resuming it in June of 2021. In July, we will welcome the work of Ginny Takacs. In August, we will have the privilege of showcasing a lifetime of art by the late Robert Hoffman. Michelle Hunt Newham's work will be featured in September.

We will resume our children's and adult art classes as soon as we can! Until then, check our social media sites for fun projects for kids, and inspiration for adults. We'll introduce you to some of our exhibiting members' work that is in our Member's Gallery. We will keep you informed of our status.

You can support us by becoming a member or renewing your membership. We will again need your help for the 62nd Annual Chesterton Art Fair held on August 1st and 2nd this year, our biggest fundraiser. You can also join us at our Art After Dark Gala on Saturday, October 3rd at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, IN. And when we are open again, please stop in and visit! We can't wait to see you. Until then, take good care and remain safe at home.

Sincerely,
Wendy Marciniak
President/CEO

Welcome New Members!

David Arreola, Kathie Garton, Jason Gast and Larry Petroulakis

Thank you for becoming members!



Special thanks to all who attended our Membership Madness event on Saturday, March 14. Especially to our teachers who were in attendance demonstrating their art and talking about their classes - Susan Vrska, Emily Blossom, Leona Jurincie, Deb Armstrong, and Ivan Chermel. Shown above is Leona Jurincie demonstrating colored pencil techniques.

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



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The Duneland Photography Club News:

The Duneland Photography Club has cancelled its April 7th monthly meeting, due to the Coronavirus situation. We have postponed our April field trip to the Brookfield Zoo until August. Updates to club activities and events can be found on Facebook. We encourage members and fellow artists to be safe at home as much as possible, and to follow good hygiene and social distancing guidelines during this difficult time.

President Steve Bensing will be appearing on a special Covid-19 Edition of ART ON THE AIR where hosts Larry Brechner and Ester Golden are interviewing many of their artist and creative contacts on how they are doing as they handle sheltering in place during this Covid-19 Crisis. More information can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/artontheair-wvlp/>.

The Duneland Photography Club usually 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/>.

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!

Shown with our new canvas market totes are Chris Acton and Leona Jurincie. Become a member at the Benefactor level and you'll receive one of these great canvas market bags to help the environment and show your support for the Chesterton Art Center.



Our adult classes WILL resume again as soon as it is safe for us to do so!

We are looking forward to again offering beginning and intermediate drawing, ceramics, photography, stained glass, oil painting, pastel painting, colored pencil drawing, watercolor painting, life drawing, free critique night, jewelry, and much more!



The 62nd Annual Chesterton Art Fair August 1st and 2nd

At this time we are still planning to hold the Art Fair at Dogwood Park. Artists are continuing to apply, and we are looking forward to seeing them and YOU in our wonderful art-filled outdoor event.

The Art After Dark Gala

Tentative Date:

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Blue Chip Casino • Fremont Ballroom • 6 pm

Dinner • Dancing • Entertainment
Silent Auction

Music by "Vintage Postcard"



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



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.

Note: We will let you know if classes will resume in May.

But there have been some mysterious things going on in the classroom...check it out on our Facebook page!

Summer Art Camps are coming! You can reserve a spot for your child on Eventbrite, by calling the Art Center and leaving a message (926-4711), or by emailing the Art Center at gallery@chestertonart.com.

KIDS SUMMER ART CAMPS

Starts June 8th!

Each Camp will run from Monday through Thursday for one week.

Classes for children 4-7 will run from 9-11:30 a.m.

Ages 8 and up 12-2:30 p.m.

Campers will learn various art techniques while using multiple media. Every session includes a painting and a couple additional projects. A little time will be spent each week discussing some modern artists and visiting the gallery. Kids will bring home their projects on Thursday.



Our Lakeshore

Week 1 - June 8 - 11

Our Lakeshore (Younger & Older) - Students will create artwork expressing the beauty of our ever-changing local natural wonder. Children will learn how landscape artist Frank Dudley captured the colors of Lake Michigan and used art to help preserve the Dunes. A canvas painting will be created by campers.



Stars in the Sky Science Fiction

Week 2 - June 15 - 18

Stars in the Sky (Younger) - Children will explore art with stars, night sky landscapes and a cute retro robot project.

Science Fiction (Older) - Projects include a fun retro robot still life painting and space/science pop art project with a nostalgic twist on modern art. Kids will explore some of the vintage sci-fi poster art of the past.

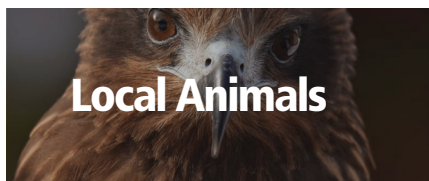


Fairytale Magic Imaginative Wizardry

Week 3 - June 22-25

Fairytale Magic (Younger) - Unicorns, dragons and sparkles for all. We will be embracing our imagination this week painting and sculpting.

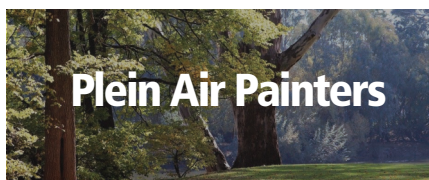
Imaginative Wizardry (Older) - Harry Potter fans will love this week. Projects for the children have been inspired by the Harry Potter books. There will certainly be a white owl project and a large Patronus in the sky painting on paper, (an animal constellation in the sky, for those who have not read the books).



Local Animals

Week 4 - July 13-16

Local Animals (Younger & Older) - Inspired by our native creatures, children will make projects showing off the creatures they see while out playing in the summer. Kids will get some drawing instruction as they create both a realistic art piece and a cute stylized one as well.



Plein Air Painters

Week 5 - July 20-23

Plein Air Painters (Younger & Older) - Students will learn about "en plein air" artwork, meaning they will work outside. Projects will be done in the classroom but will include a trip during the week to Thomas Centennial Park for finishing touches. Indiana Brown County Impressionists will be discussed.

The cost for each week is \$90 with members receiving a \$20 discount.

For questions please contact the Chesterton Art Center at 219 926-4711.

For a full list of classes, see the website at www.ChestertonArt.com.

The Chesterton Art Center is located at 115 S. 4th St. Chesterton IN 46304



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