



A monthly newsletter for the
 Chesterton Art Center
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CAC Youth Artist, Teagan M., 14, acrylic on canvas

In the Galleries...

Fiber Art '23-Duneland Weavers' Guild

Exhibition: April 1-28

Fashion Show Event: Sunday, April 2, 1-4 PM

Fiber Art '23: The Duneland Weavers' Guild will be showcasing their work April 1-28 at Chesterton Art Center in the front (upper) gallery space. An opening reception featuring the artists, items for sale, and prize drawings will be held on April 2, from 1-4 PM, with a style show at 2 PM. This event is free and open to the public.

Seasons-CAC Youth Art Exhibition

Exhibition: April 1-28

Reception: Saturday, April 15, 12-2 PM

Seasons is the CAC Youth Art Exhibition, also running April 1-28 in the lower gallery space. An opening reception celebrating our young artists and their work is scheduled for April 15, from 12-2 PM. Please join us to celebrate these wonderful artists.

Young artists are inspired each week by history, examples, materials, new skills, and techniques. This exhibition is a culmination of the efforts of talented artists in the program taught by instructor Jen Aitchison from September 2022 to present.

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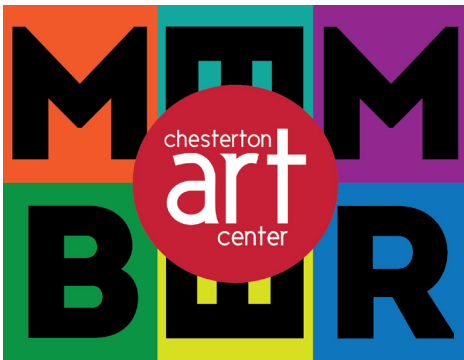


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ALL OF OUR EXHIBITIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. GALLERY HOURS ARE MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 11 AM-4 PM AND SATURDAY, 10 AM-2 PM.



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.

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Family Membership	\$50
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From the Executive Director



Hannah Hammond-Hagman

Spring has us full of excitement and anticipation---and work! We are very busy bringing new classes, events, and exhibits for you all to enjoy as the weather turns warmer, and I hope you'll find time to create with us soon.

We are also planning for an incredible celebration on May 6 as our Art After Dark fundraiser gala returns! This year's theme is "Shine", and we will turn a light on all that has been accomplished at the art center recently while honoring the bright history

that brought us to this moment. Please join us for a night to shine and sparkle as we celebrate CAC and the arts together in community.

As always, I am grateful to you all---our members, supporters, patrons, and friends for all you bring to the CAC community, and I look forward to seeing you soon in our galleries and classrooms---and on the dance floor on May 6!



Individual tickets are \$125 and tables of eight are \$1,000. For sponsorship opportunities and ticket purchases visit <https://www.chestertonart.org/art-after-dark-gala> or call the Center and we can assist you.

Welcome Judith and Michael Sawyer to our Board of Directors!



CAC welcomes Michael and Judith Sawyer to our Board of Directors. Michael's extensive legal background and Judith's event planning experience and connections with local creative community will be invaluable to our work moving forward, and we are grateful for their commitment.

A Special Thank You

Thank you to everyone that donated during our donation match opportunity offered by an anonymous donor! With your help, we exceeded our \$2,500.00 goal and all funds raised will support our ongoing youth outreach programs.

It gets even better!

CAC's 2023 Family Art Day Program series is now funded in part by Urschel Laboratories!



We are grateful for this support to bring meaningful and engaging family programming to CAC. Our very successful free Family Art Days will be offered quarterly in 2023 and invite kids and their favorite grown-ups to visit our galleries and spend creative time together making and connecting with art.

Mark your calendars now for our next Family Art Day on Saturday May 13, and learn about future dates in our newsletter, website, and social media channels.

Wait! There's more...

We are grateful for Duneland Kiwanis' gift of \$1,000 to support our Student Scholarship Fund building access to arts education opportunities at CAC for student artists of all ages.



Building Community (literally!)

CAC is pleased to announce that the Vinay and Suman Das Foundation has established a fund with the Porter County Community Foundation to support our mission into the future. A sustained contribution such as this shows acknowledgement and trust in the work that we are doing to serve the community, and we are very grateful for this gift of ongoing support.

Suman Das and her daughter Pranati Bansal are also providing Chesterton with a new housing development, 1100 Woods, a single-family subdivision located across from Dogwood Park. Investing in the growth of our community and cultural resources shows a dedication to the future of Chesterton, and we appreciate their vision that values the arts in community development.

CAC has an established gift policy to guide forward-thinking donors who wish to create sustained or endowed funds to support our work of building access to the arts and arts education for all. For more information, please contact CAC Executive Director, Hannah Hammond-Hagman, at hannah@chestertonart.org or call (219) 926-4711.

Youth Arts Outreach Program



This past month wrapped up the fourth session of CAC's 25-week Youth Arts Outreach Program at the Duneland Boys & Girls Club and YMCA. During this session, students designed their own restaurants, created veggie prints, sculpted clay sushi, and explored many more eats and treats from around the world.

The final session begins April 4 and highlights the topic of 'Everyday is Earth Day' as students explore projects inspired by nature's surroundings.

The Youth Arts Outreach Program supports CAC's mission of creating accessible, enriching arts programming for our community. CAC's outreach program, in partnership with Duneland Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA, is generously funded by 1st Source Foundation.

TAG! Teen Arts Group

This past month, Teen Arts Group (TAG) members finalized plans for their public art project at Chesterton Park. This spring, they will install a large-scale woven mural that celebrates the idea of "growth". We're eager to see this project develop over the next few months!

This month, TAG artists will begin constructing the woven forms of their public art project and cheering on their fellow members participating in the CHS IB Art Show.



Next TAG Meeting at CAC:
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 - 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 Art Classes

Afterschool Art: April

Afterschool 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 theme, topic, or movement through a wide variety of 2D media such as watercolor, pastel, graphite, acrylic, or printmaking.



Because each monthly session offers a different theme and set of projects, families are welcomed to register for one session, a few, or the whole year!

Tuition for each 4-week session is \$90 for non-members and \$81 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies provided.

The April sessions of Afterschool Art are instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on Abstract Expressionism.

With influences from Abstract Expressionists like Pollock, Rothko, and De Kooning, students will learn to express their feelings and produce meaningful work through color, line and shape. Students will experiment & play with paint in new, expressive ways as they create abstract art pieces and explore a variety of media.

Class Schedule | Select the age group/day that suits your artist

- Ages 8-12 | Monday, Apr 3-24 from 3:30-5 PM
- Ages 5-8 | Tuesday, Apr 4-25 from 3:30-5 PM
- Ages 5-8 | Wednesday, Apr 5-26 from 3:30-5 PM
- Ages 8-12 | Thursday, Apr 6-27 from 3:30-5 PM
- Ages 12-16 | Thursday, Apr 6-27 from 5:30-7 PM

Preschool Pop-In Classes

Preschool Pop-Ins are offered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10-11:30 AM and are recommended for ages 3-5. With instruction from Jen Aitchison, 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 & create together with their young artist.

Because each monthly session offers a different theme and special project, families are welcomed to register for one session, a few, or the whole year!

Tuition for each 1-class session is \$30 for non-members and \$27 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies provided.

1-class session / Tuesday,
April 11 from 10-11:30
AM, ages 3-5

This month's Pop-In is instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on playful expression! With inspiration from the famous Abstract Expressionist Jackson Pollock, students will express their feelings through color, line, and shape as they experiment with more "playful" painting techniques.



In May, students will create a cheerful mixed-media piece inspired by Pop Art.

LEGO Printing Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, April 1
from 10 AM-12 PM, ages 8-14

With guidance from Katie Wiley, this workshop will highlight traditional printmaking techniques through a modern method of printing with LEGO tiles. Students will create their very own words or design using special LEGO sets, allowing students to explore 'Type' in totally new ways. Students will learn how to properly ink their design, title their work, and successfully pull a print as they take home a small edition of handmade prints. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$40 for non-members / \$36 for current CAC Family Members

Intro to Video Production

6-class session / Monday, April 17-May 22 from
5-6:30 PM, ages 14-18

With guidance from video & film producer Kyle Murphey, students will receive an introduction to the world of video production as they learn about both the technical and artistic sides of filmmaking. Using professional camera equipment, students will work in a group as they each take on a task of the 'production team', capturing footage together. Each student will then work independently to edit footage into their own short film. Parents and/or caregivers are invited to attend the last class for a final showcase of each student's film. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$125 for non-members / \$112.50 for current CAC Family Members

Family Ceramic Wall Hanging Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, April 22
from 10 AM-12 PM, ages 5+.

This workshop invites families to join us for a fun morning of creating together! With guidance from Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, students will celebrate Earth Day together by creating a unique wall hanging using the slab process and various decorative techniques. Each student will press plants and other found flora into their clay slab to create impressions, making a sweet keepsake for them to take home. Students will apply underglaze, and the Center will complete firing. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Adult Art Classes

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

Letterpress 101 Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, April 8 from 10 AM-1 PM

With guidance from Ida Short, this workshop will introduce students to the letterpress process, one of the oldest forms of moveable 'Type'. Students will learn about the impressive history of letterpress printing and work from a small press as they print their own pangram, short poem, or personal mantra on a poster. *This class is held in the downstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$65 for non-members / \$58.50 for current CAC members



Fabric Block Printing Workshop on April 15

Landscape Drawing

5-class session / Wednesday, April 12-May 10 from 10 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, this class will encourage students to bring their sketchbooks outside and develop their observational drawing skills with inspiration from the local landscapes around them. Line, tone, perspective, composition, and technique will be addressed as students respond to what they see in their surroundings and work with a variety of drawing media. *This class is held in the upstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$140 for non-members / \$126 for current CAC members

Introduction to Linocut Printmaking

5-class session / Wednesday, April 12-May 10 from 6-8 PM

With guidance from Melissa Washburn, students will be introduced to the various tools and methods of making their own linoleum block prints. Relief printmaking is a fun, simple way to make striking images that can be hand-printed in multiples on paper or other materials. Pulling inspiration from both contemporary artists and art history, students will learn how to plan, cut, ink, print, and experiment with printing techniques as they produce a small edition of their own 8x10" image. Some drawing experience is helpful, but not required. *This class is held in the upstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$165 for non-members / \$148.50 for current CAC members

Water & Trees Watercolor Workshop

1-day workshop / Thursday, April 13 from 9:30-3 PM

With guided instruction from Herb Helm, students can look forward to creating a unique watercolor project that features the Boundary Waters with a water scene and bright greenery. 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 recommended for advanced beginners + above. *This class is held in the upstairs classroom.*

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

Fabric Block Printing Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, April 15 from 12-3 PM

With guidance from Melissa Washburn, this workshop will introduce students to the art of relief printmaking. Relief printmaking is a fun, simple way to make striking images that can be printed in multiples on various materials including paper and fabric. Students will learn basic printmaking techniques as they create a hand-cut rubber stamp to make a repeating pattern that will be printed onto paper and fabric. Each student will take home their very own set of hand-printed tea towels/wall hangings. *This class is held in the downstairs classroom.*

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

Scholarships are available for students of all ages. The scholarship application can be found on our website at chestertonart.org/scholarships.

Adult Art Classes

Register today at chestertonart.org



Water & Trees Watercolor Workshop on April 13

Ceramics: Monday mornings **SOLD OUT!**

6-class session / Monday, April 17-May 22 from 9 AM-12 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 recommended for beginners & advanced beginners. Higher-level students can work on independent projects per instructor approval. *This class is held in the downstairs classroom.*

\$185 for non-members / \$166.50 for current CAC members

Ceramics: Monday evenings **SOLD OUT!**

6-class session / Monday, April 17-May 22 from 6-9 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 recommended for beginners & advanced beginners. Higher-level students can work on independent projects per instructor approval. *This class is held in the downstairs classroom.*

\$185 for non-members / \$166.50 for current CAC members

Ceramics: Wednesday evenings **ALMOST SOLD OUT!**

6-class session / Wednesday, April 19-May 24 from 6-9 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 recommended for beginners & advanced beginners. Higher-level students can work on independent projects per instructor approval. *This class is held in the downstairs classroom.*

\$185 for non-members / \$166.50 for current CAC members

Exploring Watermedia Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, April 29 from 12-3 PM

With guidance from certified art teacher Laura Krentz, students will learn the basics of working with watercolor and gouache paints in a stress-free workshop atmosphere. Students will learn how to do washes, wet-in-wet techniques, lifting color, and special tricks to enhance their work with simple tools and techniques. This workshop is recommended for beginners. *This class is held in the downstairs classroom.*

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

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.*

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



CHESTERTON ART CENTER

64th Annual Chesterton Art Fair August 5+6

Artist Applications accepted until April 30

The Chesterton Art Fair artist applications are live! Go to our website and click LEARN MORE on the Chesterton Art Fair graphic. This will take you to our ZAPApplication artist application.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are an essential part of the success of this large-scale annual event. Individual volunteers and groups are welcome to join us August 5 and 6. Volunteer tasks and shifts are varied. There is something for everyone, and all volunteers get free entry to the fair. Interested? Please reach out to us at gallery@chestertonart.org

Food Vendors Needed

If you, or someone you know, is interested in being a food vendor at the Art Fair, please contact us at gallery@chestertonart.org

Duneland Photography Club News

Next Meeting April 4, 2023 at 7 PM

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7:00pm in the Horton Family Education Center. Doors open at 5:30 for hands-on mentoring and question time. At the regular meeting at 7:00pm on April 4, Michael Kobe will be doing a presentation Flower Photography. Show & Tell for the month will be Late winter / Early spring.

Last month members of the Duneland Photography Club photographed the Maple Sugar Time Festival at Chellberg Farm of the Indiana Dunes National Park. Five members of the club had their art selected for the Annual Art Barn Juried Exhibition: Deb Armstrong, Steve Bensing, Dina Heijsselaar, Gretchen Maguire, and Mark Zimmerman. Deb Armstrong is teaching photography classes at the Chesterton Art Center.



Duneland Photography Club Members preparing for a recent bluelight / nighttime photoshoot in downtown Valparaiso.

In April, there will be an outing to photograph Birds of Prey in at the Outdoor Discovery Center in Holland, Michigan. Also planned is a photoshoot at Washington Park in Michigan City for sunset over the Chicago skyline at the lighthouse. Dunes expert Ron Seman will be leading a wildflower hike at the Heron Rookery of the Indiana Dunes National Park.

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

What's next at CAC?

Matthew Berg | Lake Mill Club Abbie Parmele | An Invitation – Everything is Energy

Exhibitions: May 2–30, 2023
Matthew Berg Artist Talk: May 10, 6–7:30 PM
Artists' Reception: Saturday May 20, 12–2 PM

SHINE - Art After Dark Gala

May 6 at 5:30 PM
Sand Creek Country Club
For sponsorship opportunities and ticket purchases visit chestertonart.org or call CAC

Chesterton Womans Club Exhibition

Exhibition: June 2–July 2, 2023
Artists' Reception: June 8, 5–7 PM

Emily Casella | On Emotion to Entrain

Exhibition: July 8–August 30, 2023
Artist Reception: July 15, 12–2 PM
Artist Talk: July 27, 5:30–7:30 PM



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Saturday 10 AM–2 PM
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Chesterton Art Center

Summer Art Camps 2023



CAC is offering an exciting series of Summer Art Camps that highlight various art techniques and media, involve discussions about modern artists, and all follow a unique theme that directs the fine art projects students will take home at the end of the week.

June Camps

June 5-8 / Discover the Dunes

Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison
\$120 for non-members / \$108 for current CAC Family Members
Water, waves, sunshine, and gulls! Students will explore all-things dunes as they learn about local artist Frank Dudley whose landscape works inspired Dunes conservation in our area. Students will use a variety of media with a focus on acrylics as they create their own Dudley-inspired dunes painting and other fun beach-themed projects.



June 12-15 / Animals Around Us

Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison
\$120 for non-members / \$108 for current CAC Family Members
With projects inspired by native creatures of the Dunes, students can share stories about the animals they see in the woods, beaches, and backyards while on their summer adventures. Students will hone their drawing skills and learn painting techniques as they create artwork about birds, amphibians, and other local critters.



June 19-22 / Summer of Superheroes

Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison
\$120 for non-members / \$108 for current CAC Family Members
During this action-packed camp, students will make art inspired by their favorite superheroes. With many popular characters returning to the big screen this summer, students will discuss how elements of art are used in movies as a form of visual storytelling. Projects will include a mixed-media piece inspired by the Spider-Verse, a personalized superhero drawing, and a cinematic landscape illustration.



June 26-30 / Creating with Clay

Ages 9-12 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 13+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Liz Cowan
\$140 for non-members / \$126 for current CAC Family Members
Calling all clay creatives! Students will learn basic skills of working with clay as they explore handbuilding techniques and surface decoration throughout their functional art projects. In addition, they can enjoy a wheel throwing experience to learn basic throwing processes.



More camps and registration information on the back.

Chesterton Art Center

Summer Art Camps 2023

July Camps



July 10-13 / World of Mario

Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison
\$120 for non-members / \$108 for current CAC Family Members
Mushrooms, coins, blocks, and stars galore will fill the classroom as students study the magical world of Mario! Students will learn about Japanese artist-turned-designer Shigeru Miyamoto who is known for his contributions to popular video games like Mario, Zelda, and Donkey Kong. Students will create stylized projects while drawing, painting, and building all the way to Bowser's castle.



July 17-20 / Exploring Marine Life

Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison
\$120 for non-members / \$108 for current CAC Family Members
It's all about water this week! Sketchbooks will be filled with sea turtles, sharks, whales, dolphins, and tropical fish as students learn about our underwater world. Students will focus on watercolor and watermedia techniques as they create a series of illustrations and paintings using value and texture.



July 24-28 / Makers + Thinkers

Ages 9-12 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 13+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Emily Casella
\$140 for non-members and \$126 for current CAC Family Members
With sculpture as the focus, this camp will force students to 'think outside the box' as they must consider perspective from all angles, accurate scale, and proper construction. Students will explore three-dimensional art forms as they work with paper mache, construct a moveable art piece, and experiment with additional 3D media. Students will view the instructor's exhibition on display in the CAC galleries and grow inspired by the concepts of movement, sculpture, and human forms.



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Registration Information

To register, visit our website <https://www.chestertonart.org/youth-and-teen-classes> or contact the Center at (219) 926-4711. Please note: Tuitions are non-transferrable; students must attend the week that they are registered.

Scholarships are available for students of all ages. The scholarship application is on our website at [chestertonart.org/scholarships](https://www.chestertonart.org/scholarships).

For more information, contact Jillian Bridgeman, Program Director, at programs@chestertonart.org.