



A monthly newsletter for the
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Artwork by Nora Lesnick (detail)

Duneland School Corporation Student Exhibitions

K-8 Exhibition: April 1-16

K-8 Opening Reception: April 6 and 7, 6-8 PM

High School Exhibition: April 18-28

High School Opening Reception: April 19, 6-7:30 PM

Representative artwork from students in grades K-8 will be on display at Duneland Schools' annual exhibit at the Chesterton Art Center.

Three receptions will be hosted for students and their families. In order to accommodate all visitors, this schedule has been created: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 hosts Jackson Elem., Liberty Elem., Liberty Intermediate and Chesterton Middle. Thursday, April 7, 2022 will host Bailly Elem., Brummitt Elem., Yost Elem., Westchester Intermediate and Chesterton Middle. Recommended times for both dates above are: Grades K-2: 6-6:30 PM, grades 3-4: 6:30-7 PM, grades 5-6: 7-7:30 PM, and grades 7-8: 7:30-8 PM

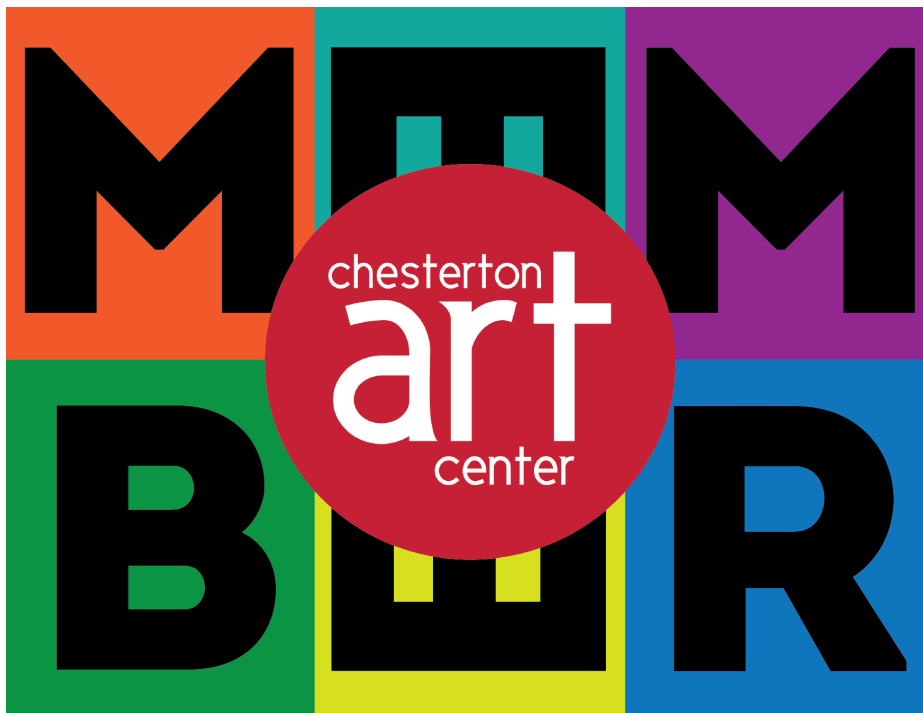
The High School artist reception is Tuesday, April 19, 6-7:30 PM.

The exhibits are open to the public weekdays 11 AM-4 PM and Saturdays 10-2 PM.

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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 encourages 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
Family Membership	\$50
Patron	\$70
Benefactor	\$125
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Welcome New Members!

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- Francie Bean
- Lynn Buckmaster
- Terrence Chouinard
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From the Executive Director



Hannah Hammond-Hagman

This month we welcome hundreds of young artists into our galleries for the Duneland School Corporation Student Exhibit. This extensive undertaking by the amazing art teachers of Duneland Schools champions all that public school art education is and can be. The galleries are filled with the imaginations, dreams, and hopes of our community's youth—how wonderful is that?

The arts and arts education bring out all that is good in each of us, and this exhibit honors all the dedication, work, creativity, and play of these young artists. I hope that you'll visit CAC this month to share in the celebration of them and their accomplishments. As always, we'd love to see you.



TAG! Teen Arts Group

Teen Arts Group (TAG) enjoyed a Q&A session with Cathy Feeman where they learned about her artmaking process, explored her work on display, and then participated in a blind contour drawing activity. Special thanks to Cathy for visiting our TAG artists and so openly sharing the story of her artistic journey.

This month, TAG artists will begin planning some future projects and partnerships for the summer, including a visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago.

Next TAG Meeting at CAC:
April 13, 2022 - 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.



Things to Know

DROP-IN LIFE DRAWING

Every Tuesday, 2–4 PM
No registration required.
Bring your own supplies.
\$15 model fee

CHESTERTON ART FAIR ZAPP ARTIST APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30

UPDATED MASK GUIDELINES

As of April 1, 2022, masks and face coverings will be optional for CAC students and visitors. We recommend that those who are unvaccinated or have underlying health concerns remain masked while visiting. CAC may change this policy at any time. Any student experiencing any flu-like or Covid symptoms needs to stay home or may be sent home by CAC instructors or staff.

CAC expects that each student and visitor will treat one another and CAC team members with respect at all times.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR OUR POPULAR SUMMER CAMPS!

See page 7 for more details and call us with any questions.

CLASS CANCELLATION POLICY

If a student needs to cancel more than 2 weeks out from the start of class, they will be provided with a full refund. If a student cancels less than 2 weeks out from the start of class, they will be provided 75% of the class fee as „store credit“. This credit can be used toward another class, or toward a gift/art purchase from the Center.

Family Art Day

Chesterton Art Center is thrilled to share the success of our first-ever Family Art Day. Visitors were guided through the galleries to learn more about Cathy Feeman's exhibit, later moving to the classroom to create a mixed-media accordion book inspired by her work. With visitors in attendance from 3 regional counties, we loved getting to meet more of our community. It was wonderful to see families come together to create something special, and we're already looking forward to the next Family Art Day this fall!

Family Art Days are a new initiative building on our mission to create more accessible arts programming for the Duneland community and beyond. We invite you to come spend some relaxed, creative time with your family and learn more about all CAC offers. All are welcome.



Outreach Update

CAC ART CAMP AT DUNELAND BOYS & GIRLS CLUB EXPLORES CARDBOARD BUILD-A-THON

During this session of our outreach program at Duneland Boys & Girls Club, artists will work on a 'Cardboard Build-A-Thon'. With instruction from CAC teaching artist Brian Dortmund, artists can look forward to designing and constructing sculptural pieces from cardboard and other recyclable materials.

Projects will be inspired by fantastical ideas of the imagination as artists create shields & swords, robots, and games.

CAC's outreach program with the Boys & Girls Club is generously funded by Urschel Giving, Janel Borsos, and Luella DeWulf.



Art Classes for Kids & Teens

Weekday Classes

Register at chestertonart.org or call (219) 926-4711
These classes are taught by the amazing Miss Jen.

Masks are still required for on-site classes at CAC regardless of vaccination status. Visit our website for our COVID-19 guidelines. There will be no make-up days for missed classes at this time.

April brings more than spring showers to CAC! Our weekday youth art classes will be focusing on Surrealism - a movement that's all about the mind. With influences from artists like Salvador Dali and René Magritte, students will be challenged to bend the rules and harness their imagination as they create artwork sourced from their dreams.



Student exploring modernism and color theory

Register today! There are classes available for pre-school, home school, and middle/high school-age kids. For more information and registration visit our website chestertonart.org or call (219) 926-4711.

Art Classes for Preschoolers Tuesdays, 1-2 PM or Wednesdays, 1-2 PM	Art Classes for Kids 5-8 years Tuesdays, 3:30-5 PM or Wednesdays, 3:30-5 PM	Art Classes for Kids 8-12 years Mondays, 3:30-5 PM or Thursdays, 3:30-5 PM	Art Classes for Homeschool-All ages Mondays, 1:30-3 PM	Art Classes for Kids 12+ Thursdays, 5:30-7 PM
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Class Tuition Preschool: \$75/month non-members, \$55/month current CAC Family Members and Elementary-Teen: \$90/month for non-member, \$70/month current CAC Family Members. **Scholarships are available for students of all ages.** The scholarship application is on our website at chestertonart.org/scholarships.

Weekend Classes

Teen Ceramics for ages 12-18 with Emily Casella
This is a 4-class session that will meet on Saturdays, April 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 12-1:30 PM

In this ceramic class, students will learn basic wheel throwing skills. They will work to complete a tea cup and saucer with intricate handles. Students can look forward to experimenting with different decoration techniques that set them apart from the crowd!

Tuition for non-members is \$120 and \$100 for current CAC Family members. All materials are provided, and class is limited to 5 students.

Kids' Clay for ages 6-13 with Emily Casella
Sat, April 16-Sat, April 30, 2022, 10-11:30 AM

Session 1 will focus on slab building construction with a goal of creating a ceramic bird house.

Session 2 will focus on pinch pot construction with a goal of creating a ceramic bird.

Tuition for non-members is \$95 and \$85 for current CAC Family members. All materials are provided, and class is limited to 8 students.



For more information and registration visit our website chestertonart.org or call (219) 926-4711.

Adult Art Classes

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



Pastel workshop with Mary Ann Pals

**O’Keeffe Flowers Workshop
with Mary Ann Pals
2-day workshop, April 2-3,
9:30 AM–3:30 PM**

This two-day pastel workshop is instructed by Mary Ann Pals and will meet on April 2-3 from 9:30 AM–3:30 PM. There will be a 1-hour off-site lunch break each day.

This workshop will focus on rendering a close-up of a flower similar to the style of Georgia O’Keeffe. Students will learn not only how to use the soft pastel medium to blend and layer, but also how to create petals and make their flowers glow with expressive color! While using reference photos, students will also learn how to avoid the pitfalls of following a photo too closely. Sound composition will be emphasized. Portions of the class will be held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$135 for non-members and \$115 for current CAC members. Previous experience using soft pastels is recommended, but not required.

**Intro to Digital Photography
with Deb Armstrong
This four-week class will meet
on Mondays from 6-8 PM and
runs April 18-May 9.**

With instruction from Deb Armstrong, participants will learn how to operate their digital cameras and compose eye-catching 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. This course is geared toward beginners and will offer question-and-answer time before and after each class.

Tuition is \$95.00 for non-members and \$85.00 for current CAC members. Students must bring their own digital cameras.

**Beginning Oil Painting
with Jane Cowley**

This 6-week class will meet on Monday, May 2-June 13 (no May 30) at 7-9 PM.

Students will be introduced to the methods and materials of oil painting with award-winning artist Jane Cowley. Lessons will include composition, color mixing, values, various techniques, spatial relations, and perspective. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$150 for non-members and \$130 for current CAC members. The supply list is available at registration.

**Lumen Printing
with Dave Lasayko**

This 1-day workshop will meet on Sat., May 7 from 10 AM-1 PM.

A lumen print is a solar photogram - an image created on photographic paper, exposed by the sun (In other words, printing with light). It began as one of photography’s earliest experiments in the 19th century.

With guidance from Dave Lasayko, students will learn different lumen printing techniques that incorporate analog printing methods and modern digital editing processes. Using black & white photographic paper, students will create a lumen print from flowers, leaves, small flat objects, or negatives arranged in their own creative composition. Students are encouraged to bring leaves, small flowers, or gathered flat objects for printing.

Tuition is \$55 for non-members and \$45 for current CAC members. (A \$15 supply fee is due to the instructor at the beginning of class.)

Summer Art Camps 2022

Registration today!



June 6-10 | Creating with Clay

Ages 9-12 @ 8:30-11 AM | Ages 12+ @ 12-2:30 PM | Instructed by Liz Cowan
Tuition | \$140 for non-members and \$120 for current CAC Family Members
Calling all clay creatives! During this 5-day camp, students will learn basic techniques of working with clay. With a strong focus on functional art and surface decoration, students will use handbuilding techniques to create a decorative mug. In addition, they can enjoy a wheel throwing experience to learn basic throwing processes.



June 13-16 | Duneland Animals

Ages 5-8 @ 8:30-11 AM | Ages 8+ @ 12-2:30 PM | Instructed by Jen Aitchison
Tuition | \$120 for non-members and \$100 for current CAC Family Members
Let's explore birds, amphibians, and furry friends galore! With projects inspired by native creatures of the Dunes, campers 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 while mastering texture, playing with painting techniques, and learning printmaking.



June 20-23 | In a Galaxy Far, Far Away

Ages 5-8 @ 8:30-11 AM | Ages 8+ @ 12-2:30 PM | Instructed by Jen Aitchison
Tuition | \$120 for non-members and \$100 for current CAC Family Members
Create, you must! In this "out-of-this-world" camp, students will learn through the lens of Indiana-born artist, Ralph McQuarrie, whose artwork can be recognized in sci-fi movies like Star Wars and ET. Students can look forward to creating innovative robots, futuristic spaceships, and extraterrestrial landscape illustrations that represent their own concepts of galaxies far, far away.



June 27-30 | Me, Myself, & I

Ages 5-8 @ 8:30-11 AM | Ages 8+ @ 12-2:30 PM | Instructed by Jen Aitchison
Tuition | \$120 for non-members and \$100 for current CAC Family Members
It's all about YOU & drawing people, too! Students will work to create self-portraits while exploring symbolism in art and experimenting with a mixture of materials. Learn to break down facial features and body forms into basic shapes and lines. Kids will also try their hand at introductory figure drawing. Campers will explore famous self-portraits from modern artists and the various ways people express themselves.



July 11-14 | Impressions of the Lakeshore

Ages 5-8 @ 8:30-11 AM | Ages 8+ @ 12-2:30 PM | Instructed by Jen Aitchison
Tuition | \$120 for non-members and \$100 for current CAC Family Members
Let's explore the beauty of our ever-changing, local natural wonder, Lake Michigan. We will discuss the works of local artist, Frank Dudley, whose landscape artworks inspired Dunes conservation in our area. Working in the Impressionistic style, students will creatively capture moments of the lovely lakeshore.



July 18-July 21 | Fantastical Worlds & Beyond

Ages 5-8 @ 8:30-11 AM | Ages 8+ @ 12-2:30 PM | Instructed by Jen Aitchison
Tuition | \$120 for non-members and \$100 for current CAC Family Members
You are the builder, and your imagination is your toolkit! During this fantastical week, we will invent landscapes and creatures that exist only in the artist's mind. Let your imagination run wild as anything from flying tigers to underwater worlds can inhabit drawings, paintings, and sketchbooks. Campers will draw their own creatures & worlds while inspired by artists who create books, video games, and movies.



To register, visit our website chestertonart.org/classes or contact the Center at (219) 926-4711. Scholarships are available for students of all ages. The scholarship application is on our website at chestertonart.org/scholarships. For more information, contact Jillian Bridgeman, Program Director, at programs@chestertonart.org.

Duneland Photography Club News

Next meeting

April 5, 2022 at 7 pm

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7 PM. Doors open at 5:30 for a newly instituted Basics Roundtable with mentoring and question time. The speaker for the next meeting on April 5 is Ron Seman, speaking on the topic, "Photogenic Places of the Indiana Dunes." Ron leads daily hikes in the Indiana Dunes State and National Park. He is a volunteer that leads groups from 2 to 50. Come join the Duneland Photography Club to learn more about this national treasure in our own backyard.

In March, we participated in Maple Sugar Time at Chellberg Farm in the Indiana Dunes National Park. Duneland Photography Club member, John Roquet, served as a National Park volunteer in the Sugar Shack. We were able to photograph the event on a cold snowy, but sunny day.



Maple Sugar Time at Chellberg Farm in the Indiana Dunes

On April 23, we are hosting, along with the Porter County Parks Department, a Wildflower Photography class at Brincka-Cross Gardens. It will be taught by our own wildflower expert, Susan Kirt. Spring is a great time of year to photograph flowers at Brincka-Cross. We also are planning a Lighthouse Sunset Photoshoot at Washington Park in Michigan City in April.

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?

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MAY

Duneland Weaver's Guild Exhibition (Upper Gallery)

Exhibition: May 1-30

Fashion Show: May 1, 1-4 PM

CAC Youth Art Exhibition (Lower Gallery)

Exhibition: May 1-30

Reception: May 7, 11-2 PM



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