



A monthly newsletter for the  
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Bryana Bibbs, 11.22.20, 2020

## CHANGES: Bryana Bibbs Exhibit

*Exhibition: January 8 - February 29, 2024*

*Artist Reception: Saturday, January 13, 12-2PM*

*Artist Talk: Saturday, February 10, 1-2PM*

CAC welcomes Chicago-based artist Bryana Bibbs who works at the intersection of textiles, painting, and community-based practices. *Changes* features seventy-nine weavings from Bibbs' *Journal Series* of 2020 documenting the artist's personal experiences in wool, dried paint, flax, recycled sari silk, degummed silk cocoons, and handmade fibers and yarns.

Along with the scheduled gallery talk, Bibbs will teach a Weaving Workshop on Saturday, February 10, 10 AM-12 PM at CAC, visit Adult Classes at [chestertonart.org/](http://chestertonart.org/) for information and to register.

Founded in 2020, Bibbs' *We Were Never Alone Project*, eliminates the stigma of being a victim and survivor of domestic violence establishing a safe, supportive community while creating art. CAC is partnering with regional domestic violence support agencies to make this opportunity available and is offering a *We Were Never Alone Project* workshop at Three Moons Fiberworks in Chesterton on January 31 from 2PM-5PM. For more information, or to rsvp for this private workshop, please contact CAC.

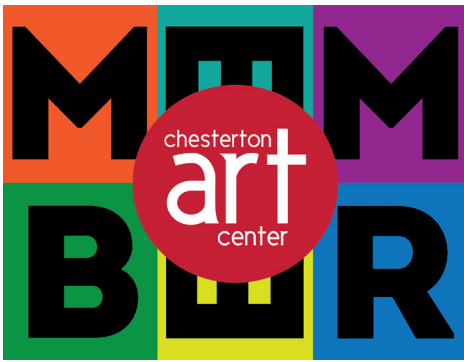
CAC exhibitions, receptions, and artist talks are free + all are welcome. This exhibit and exhibition programming are generously supported by Porter County Community Foundation.

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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](http://www.chestertonart.org).

### MEMBER LEVELS

Single Membership	\$35
Family Membership	\$50
Patron	\$70
Benefactor	\$125
Changemaker	\$500

## Welcome New Members!

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# From the Executive Director



Hannah Hammond-Hagman

If you feel anything like we do, 2023 was jam packed and feels like a blur. What a year for CAC! New classes and workshops, more free public programs, expanded outreach programs to reach hundreds of young artists in our community, exciting and diverse exhibitions, a wonderful Chesterton Art Fair, the return of our Art After Dark gala, and so much more.

We won't be slowing down as we enter 2024 with further expansion of our Youth Arts Outreach program that will serve another 150 kids with after school visual arts instruction! We will also have a slate of fascinating exhibitions welcoming artists from across the region and beyond, an expanded series of summer camp experiences for a wider range of ages, and another stellar Art After Dark event (more info to come soon!). We have new ideas to bring art and art education to even more folks in the years to come and further ways to support the artists of our local creative community.

This is an invitation to join us—to take part in all that CAC is dreaming of for the future. Our vision to build a creative community that includes everyone starts with you. We can't wait to see you here or celebrating the arts out in our community. Best wishes to all of us for a truly amazing new year.

Happy New Year,  
Hannah

## MLK Day: Art Builds Community on January 15 from 10AM - 2PM



In honor of MLK Day, families are invited to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through artmaking and being together. With guidance from the CAC team, families can partake in free art activities inspired by Dr. King's work on civic engagement, positive change, and community. Activities will include a collaborative weaving project, personalized "secret message" cards, zine making, and a story corner with books about social justice.

This event is free + all ages are welcome. Families can attend any time between 10 AM-2 PM. While this event is free, please register at [www.chestertonart.org/youth-and-teen-classes/p/mlk-day](http://www.chestertonart.org/youth-and-teen-classes/p/mlk-day) or call (219) 926-4711 to reserve your family's spot.

## 65th Annual Chesterton Art Fair Artist Applications Open January 1



Chesterton Art Fair is a premier juried art festival with a deep history of providing a stellar experience for both participating artists and visitors. The application deadline for the 2024 Chesterton Art Fair is April 30, 2024. All applicants must be artists who create original work in 2D, 3D, fiber, glass, leather, metal, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, or wood. Each artist must pay a \$35.00 jury fee. Artists may apply in more than one media category but will need to pay the \$35.00 fee for each application. There is a limit of three applications per artist. Accepted artists will be notified by May 8, 2024.

Visit [www.chestertonart.org/chesterton-art-fair](http://www.chestertonart.org/chesterton-art-fair) to learn more and submit your application.



# More youth outreach in 2024!



The new year will continue CAC's integral outreach partnerships that serve students in the Porter County community, expanding to now serve nearly 200 students at their after school sites.

In January, we are excited to launch the expansion of the Youth Arts Outreach program as we will continue to serve Duneland Boys & Girls Club and now concurrently serve all five Duneland YMCA elementary after school sites.

The January session will highlight the topic "Art in Action" as students pull inspiration from

public art and civic engagement. The Youth Arts Outreach program is generously funded by Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation.

In addition, we will continue our partnership with the Portage Township YMCA where we provide hands-on art lessons every other month throughout the school year to serve grades 3-5 in the Portage Y after school program.

These outreach initiatives support CAC's mission of creating accessible, enriching arts programming for our community.

## Family Art Day on February 3



Saturday, February 3 / attend any time between 10 AM-2 PM

With guidance from the CAC team, families will explore the solo exhibition *Changes* by Chicago-based artist Bryana Bibbs who works at the intersection of textiles, paintings, and community-based practices. Bibbs' work acts as a form of journaling and utilizes a mix of materials including wool, dried paint, flax, recycled sari silk, degummed silk cocoons, and handmade fibers and yarns.

Visitors can then move into the classroom to create a series of projects inspired by Bibbs' work. Projects will include cardboard loom + paper weaving, mixed media collage, and a coloring corner. All supplies provided, and you may want to dress for a mess! This event is free + all ages are welcome.

*Please note: Registrations are per group, not per person attending. The Registration Form will prompt you to list the headcount and ages of your group members.*

## TAG! Teen Arts Group

This past month, Teen Arts Group members enjoyed a special workshop with local artist Suzy Vance where they learned the process of papermaking and created their own small collection of handmade paper. Many thanks to Suzy for sharing her impressive skills with TAG!

This month, TAG members will begin preparing artwork for their annual exhibition at Red Cup Cafe.

Next TAG Meeting at CAC:  
Wednesday, January 10 from 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](mailto:programs@chestertonart.org).



# Youth Programs/January



## After School Art *Animal Paintings*

The January sessions of After School Art are instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on imaginative animals. Students will learn about shading and texture techniques as they then work to create an animal painting inspired by famous artists Henri Rousseau and Franz Marc who used animals as a form of symbolism in their own work.

After School 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 topic, movement, or technique through a variety of 2D media such as watercolor, pastel, graphite, acrylic, or printmaking.

Class Schedule / Select the age group that suits your artist

Ages 5-8 / Tuesday, Jan 9-30 from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 5-8 / Wednesday, Jan 10-31 from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 8-12 / Thursday, Jan 11-Feb 1 from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 12-16 / Thursday, Jan 11-Feb 1 from 5:30-7 PM

Tuition is \$90 for non-members / \$81 for current CAC Family Members

## After School Sculpture *Abstract Sculptures*

The January session of After School Sculpture is instructed by Terese Maletta and will focus on abstract sculptures. With inspiration from sculptural mastermind Louise Nevelson, students will work with recycled materials and odd objects to create an abstract three-dimensional sculpture. They will think about working with shapes, forms, angles, and objects to create a cohesive composition.

After School Sculpture class is offered every month from September-May for ages 8-12. During each 4-class monthly session, students will explore an arts-related topic, movement, or technique through a variety of 3D media such as clay, plaster, paper mache, or mixed materials.

3-class prorated session  
Monday, Jan 8-29 (no Jan 15)  
from 3:30-5:30 PM

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

### FEBRUARY SNEAK PEEK

**After School Art**  
Ages 5-16  
*Cubist Abstract Paintings*  
Tuesday, Feb 6-27  
Wednesday, Feb 7-28  
Thursday, Feb 8-29

**After School Sculpture**  
Ages 8-12  
*Ceramic Vases*  
Monday, February 5-26

**Preschool Pop-In**  
Ages 3-5  
*Cubist Hearts*  
Tuesday, Feb 13

## Preschool Pop-In *Owl Paintings*

The January session of Preschool Pop-in is instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on introductory painting techniques as students create a cheerful owl painting to celebrate the winter season.

Preschool Pop-Ins are offered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9-10:30 AM and are recommended for ages 3-5. 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 and create together with their young artist.

Ages 3-5 / Tuesday, January 9 from 9-10:30 AM

Tuition is \$30 for non-members / \$27 for current CAC Family Members

**Architecture Basics**  
Ages 10+  
Feb 24-Mar 16

Register at [chestertonart.org/youth-and-teen-classes](http://chestertonart.org/youth-and-teen-classes)

## Specialty Classes *Weaving for Kids* Ages 7-13 / Saturday, January 13-February 3 from 10 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Mary Ann Martin, students will explore weaving methods and materials as they work to create their own decorative woven piece. The class will view CAC's current exhibit titled *Changes* which highlights the work of Chicago-based fiber artist Bryana Bibbs, pulling inspiration from Bryana's use of textiles, painting, and objects. Students will learn about a variety of weaving stitches, experiment with different fibers, and incorporate objects from nature & craft into their final project.

Tuition is \$120 for non-members / \$108 for current CAC Family Members

## Teen Ceramics Ages 12-18 / Monday, January 22-February 12 from 6-8PM

With guidance from Emily Casella, students will gain introductory ceramics skills as they work to create a series of small pieces, such as bowls, vessels, or plates. Students can look forward to learning both wheel throwing and hand-building techniques, working with colorful glazes, and experimenting with different decorations that set them apart from the crowd!

Tuition is \$120 for non-members / \$108 for current CAC Family Members

# Adult Art Classes

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

**Hand Builder Boot Camp**  
3-class session / Wednesday,  
January 3-17 from 9 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, students will learn the three hand building techniques of pinch pots, slabs, and coils. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$95 for non-members / \$85.50 for current CAC members, supplies included

**Partner Wheel Throwing Workshop **SOLD OUT****

1-day workshop / Saturday,  
January 6 from 1-4 PM

With guidance from Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, students will learn basic wheel throwing techniques with a partner as each student throws a small bowl or vessel. Registration is per pair, and students will share a wheel with their partner. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition per pair is \$90 for non-members / \$81 for current CAC members, supplies included

**Wheel Throwing Boot Camp **SOLD OUT****

4-class session / Mondays +  
Wednesdays, January 8-17 from  
6-9 PM

With guidance from Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, students will throw on the wheel as they learn to center, push, pull, shape, and trim their hand-thrown ceramic pieces. Each student will produce 2-3 pieces of small functional pottery and learn how to finish their work using standard glazing methods. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$125 for non-members / \$112.50 for current CAC members, supplies included

**Independent Study Studio Art**  
5-class session / Tuesday, January  
9-February 6 from 10:30 AM-  
12:30 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, this class is designed for experienced students who are ready to move beyond foundational skills and want dedicated studio time. This class is recommended for students who work with acrylics, oils, drawing media, or mixed media. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$90 for non-members / \$81 for current CAC members + supply list



*Relief Printmaking 101 - Starts January 10*

**Beginning Stained Glass **SOLD OUT****

8-class session / Tuesday, January  
9-February 27 from 7-9 PM

With guidance from Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery, students will learn the art of copper foil stained glass. Master the techniques of working with glass, and learn how to create beautiful works from a variety of colors. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$175 for non-members and \$157.50 for current CAC members + \$75 supply fee

**Independent Study Stained Glass **SOLD OUT****

8-class session / Tuesday, January  
9-February 27 from 7-9 PM

With guidance from Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery, this class allows for advanced students to work on their own projects at their own pace with assistance from the instructors as needed. In addition, the instructors provide an optional "challenge project" that pushes the skills and creativity of students. Mosaic artists can now join fellow glass enthusiasts, too! This class is held in the lower gallery.

Tuition is \$105 for non-members / \$94.50 for current CAC members + supply list



**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.*

**No Drop-In** Tuesday, January 2

**Drop-Ins Return** Tuesday, January 9

*We are always looking for new models. Interested individuals can contact CAC at [programs@chestertonart.org](mailto:programs@chestertonart.org).*

**Scholarships** are available for students of all ages.

The scholarship application can be found on our website at [chestertonart.org/scholarships](http://chestertonart.org/scholarships).



# Adult Art Classes

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*Mixed Media Collage Workshop - January 13*

## Multi-Range Drawing

4-class session / Wednesday, January 10-31 from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, students will learn to draw from observation, practice shading techniques, and work with a variety of media including ink pens, charcoal, and graphite. Line, tone, perspective, and composition will be addressed throughout each lesson as students study the work of other artists as a point of reference. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

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

## Relief Printmaking 101

4-class session / Wednesday, January 10-31 from 6:30-9 PM

With guidance from Georgia Geis, students will be introduced to the various tools and techniques of relief printmaking. Students will learn the process of planning a design, carving a linoleum block, properly inking the block, and pulling a successful print. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

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

## Intro to Acrylics

4-class session / Thursday, January 11-February 1 from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, students will explore the versatile medium of acrylic paint. Color mixing, value, composition, perspective, and texture will be addressed through a series of weekly painting exercises as students experiment with mediums, brush types, and supports suitable for acrylics. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$125 for non-members / \$112.50 for current CAC members + supply list

## Mixed Media Collage Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, January 13 from 1-4 PM

With guidance from Laurel Izzard, students will experiment with a variety of mixed media techniques as they work to create a unique abstract collage. Media exploration will include

acrylic painting, stamping, stenciling, and lifting paint from gelli plates as students produce their collage papers. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

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

## Abstract Oil Painting + Cold Wax Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, January 20 from 10 AM-1 PM

With guidance from Patty Roberts, students will learn about the infinite possibilities of abstract artmaking as they create a pair of paintings using the combination of cold wax and oil paint. Students will learn to work more freely as they play with color combinations and composition, practice layering and mark making techniques, and use a series of tools to experiment with surface texture. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

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

## Figure Drawing Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, January 27 from 10 AM-1 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, students will grow their observational figure drawing skills as they learn to draw from a clothed figure model. This introductory workshop will cover gesture, contour, proportion, and composition. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$55 for non-members / \$49.50 for current CAC members, supplies included

## Glass Fusing I Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, January 27 from 1-4 PM

With guidance from Mindy Milan, students can look forward to creating unique fused glass projects that range from jewelry-size pieces, small plates, window hangers, and other items

utilizing several glass forming techniques. Watch some glass melt in the kiln & learn about the forms, colors, and processes of fusing glass! This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$55 for non-members / \$49.50 for current CAC members + \$20 supply fee

## FEBRUARY SNEAK PEEK

**Multi-Range Drawing II**  
Feb 7-28

**Experimental Acrylics**  
Feb 8-29

**Weaving Workshop with CAC Exhibiting Artist Bryana Bibbs**  
Feb 10

**IS Studio Art**  
Feb 13-Mar 12

**Mixed Media Drawing Workshop**  
Feb 17

**Ceramics: Monday evenings**  
Feb 19-Mar 25

**Charm of Colored Pencils II**  
Feb 20-Mar 12

**Wheel Throwing Boot Camp**  
Feb 21-Mar 13

**Ceramics: Wednesday mornings**  
Feb 21-Mar 27

**Ceramic Mug Workshop**  
Feb 23

**Glass Fusing II Workshop**  
Feb 23

**Intro to Embroidery Workshop**  
Feb 24

Register at [chestertonart.org](http://chestertonart.org)

**Scholarships** are available for students of all ages. The scholarship application can be found on our website at [chestertonart.org/scholarships](http://chestertonart.org/scholarships).

CAC January 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>CAC CLOSED</b> Chesterton Art Fair Applications Open	2	3 Hand Builder Boot Camp Begins 9AM-12PM		5	6
7	8 Bryana Bibbs Exhibition Opens After School Sculpture Begins 3:30-5:30PM	9 After School Art Begins Preschool Pop-In Begins 9-10:30AM Independent Study Studio Art Begins 10:30AM-12:30PM	10 TAG Meeting 4:30-6:30 PM Multi-Range Drawing Begins 10:30AM-12:30PM Relief Printmaking 101 Begins 6:30AM-9PM	11 Intro to Acrylics Begins 10:30AM-12:30PM	12	13 Bryana Bibbs Exhibition Reception 12-2 PM Weaving for Kids Begins 10AM-12PM Mixed Media Collage Workshop 1-4PM
	15 MLK Day: Art Builds Community 10AM-12PM	16	17	18	19	20 Abstract Oil Painting + Cold Wax Workshop 10AM-1PM
21	22 Teen Ceramics Begins 6-8PM	23		25	26	27 Figure Drawing Workshop 10AM-1PM Glass Fusing Workshop 1-4PM
28	29	30	31 Bibbs We Are Never Alone Private Workshop 2-5PM			

# What's next at CAC?

## Family Art Day

Saturday, February 3  
Attend any time between 10 AM-2 PM

## Duneland Schools Student Exhibition Chesterton High School

March 4 - 13  
Reception: Tuesday March 5, 5-7PM

### K-8

March 15 - 30  
Reception: Wednesday March 20, 5:30 - 8PM

## CAC Student Exhibit (lower gallery) + Duneland Weavers Guild (upper gallery)

April 3 - 29, 2024



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### HOURS OF OPERATION

Weekdays 11 AM-4 PM  
Saturday 10 AM-2 PM  
Closed on Sundays