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Artist Cathy Feeman discusses her artwork and techniques at exhibition opening.

Cathy Feeman: Shadow, Mooring + Undercurrents

Exhibition dates February 1–March 26, 2022

Cathy Feeman's exhibition, *Shadow, Mooring + Undercurrents* had a wonderful opening reception in February and continues through March as one of our first extended exhibitions in our new expanded gallery space. We hope to see you in March! All exhibitions are free and open to the public.

Feeman's mixed-media works explore the relationship between our histories, or our perceived histories, and our identities. Referencing physical geography, she names communities as placeholders and purveyors of individual and collective stories to be told, honored, and not forgotten.

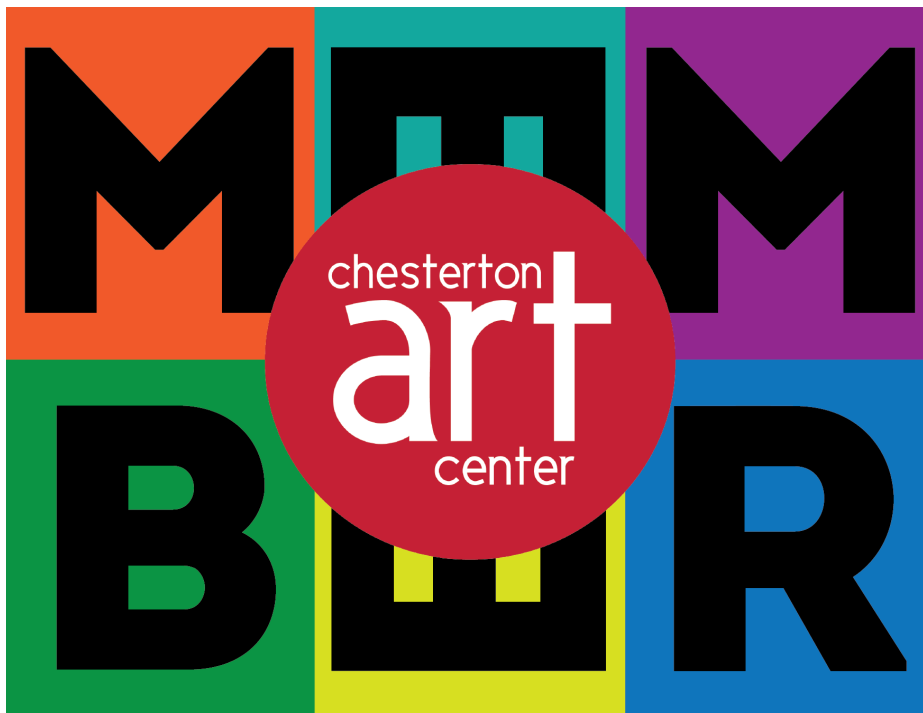
"The goal of this project is to make visible what is hidden, or even in danger of being lost; to honor the lives and stories of the women, past and present, who immigrated to this often-forgotten corner of Chicago; and to give light to the undercurrents of these communities and stories, and the erosion of these cultural moorings," says Feeman.

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Image: O'Keeffe Flower Workshop with Mary Ann Pals



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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From the Executive Director



Hannah Hammond-Hagman

Welcome to spring at Chesterton Art Center!

There is so much to talk about, and I want to focus on welcoming—welcoming of warmer weather, of summer dreams, and of all the new plans and programs here at CAC. We have been very focused on building more equitable access to all that CAC offers, and we are thrilled to launch new initiatives, events and programs that will have more folks making more art in the months and hopefully years to come. Our free Teen Arts Program (TAG) now serves young artists from six regional schools with professional art experiences and leadership opportunities. There is an exhibit up now at Red Cup Café in downtown Chesterton featuring the works of TAG artists that is not to be missed. Our new free Family Day program launches Saturday the 12th and offers families a brief tour of Cathy Feeman's exhibit, and all the supplies needed to create their own artwork inspired by what they see in the galleries.

A scholarship fund has been established so artists of any age can access tuition assistance to enroll in our classes, camps, and workshops. We very much look forward to welcoming new students through our red doors.

Our successful outreach program with Duneland Boys & Girls Club that continues this spring has introduced young artists to a series of innovative “camp” programs exploring various themes including STEAM, Global Art Traditions, Comics, and more. We are hopeful to expand this programming with more youth-serving organizations in our community in the coming months as well.

Your membership contributions and donations support these initiatives and the future creators who are welcomed into them. Let's keep going. Together we are building creative community. See you soon.

TAG! Teen Arts Group

Teen Arts Group (TAG) celebrated the opening of their exhibition, Finding (Me)aning, at Red Cup Cafe. The exhibit is on display until March 25, so be sure to stop by and enjoy their work! Special thanks to Red Cup Cafe for making this happen.

This month, TAG artists will be participating in a Q&A session with Cathy Feeman whose body of work, Shadow, Mooring + Undercurrents, is currently on display at the center. Artists will discuss Cathy's professional experience and her work on display.

Next TAG Meeting at CAC
March 9, 2022 - 4:30–6:30 PM

TAG Exhibition at Red Cup Cafe
February 12–March 25, 2022

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

CHESTERTON ART FAIR ZAPP ARTIST APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30



CAC ART CAMP AT DUNELAND BOYS & GIRLS CLUB EXPLORES GLOBAL ART TRADITIONS

During this session of our outreach program at Duneland Boys & Girls Club, artists explored the topic of Global Art Traditions. Projects were inspired by art, festivals, and folklore from various countries. To kick off the session, CAC teaching artist Brian Dortmund led students in a discussion of India's famous Diwali festival, and artists created their own clay lamps in keeping with this festival of light. Other projects and discoveries in this session include paper-woven textiles inspired by African Kente cloth patterns, sugar skulls decorated in the tradition of Dia De Los Muertos, and koi fish kites inspired by Japanese Children's Day holiday.

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

New! Family Art Days

Chesterton Art Center is excited to roll-out our new Family Art Days program. This free quarterly program invites families to visit CAC, explore the current art exhibition, and create art together inspired by the work in our galleries.

We are thrilled to be hosting our first Family Art Day on Saturday, March 12 from 10 AM-2 PM. Join us as we explore the work of Cathy Feeman, a local artist whose work highlights ideas of familial and cultural history and the impact of storytelling. With guidance from the CAC team, your family can explore Feeman's exhibit and then move to the classroom to create a mixed-media accordion book inspired by her work. All supplies provided. To support our ongoing Covid safety protocols, families must reserve a 1-hour time slot and indicate the number of people in the group. Limit 8 guests per hour. Masks are currently required at the center for all visitors, and any changes in Covid protocols will be communicated prior to the event.

For more information and registration visit our website chestertonart.org/classes (adult or children), or call our office at (219) 926-4711.

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.



Family Member Profile

Hillary Miles and PJ Murray

Hillary Miles and PJ Murray are brand new CAC Family Members---and Chesterton residents! They moved into their new home this past October and are thrilled to be just a few blocks from their neighborhood art center.



"I'm an SAIC (School of the Art Institute of Chicago) alum pushing through some big artist's block, and there's nothing quite like making objects in a shared studio space to foster feelings of community and stir up that infectious creative energy that makers chase. At CAC I feel welcomed, encouraged, and given the freedom to follow the thread!" says Hillary who began ceramics classes this past January. "PJ and I will both continue to take advantage of our discounted tuition as CAC members, and I'm eager to assemble a body of work to submit (for exhibition)."

Welcome, Hillary and PJ! We're thrilled that you're a part of our CAC community. CAC members who make artwork are encouraged to take advantage of the exhibition and sales opportunities provided by your CAC membership. Call us with any questions about membership.

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.

During March, we will discuss American Modernism with Georgia O'Keeffe and the Stieglitz Circle as a focus. Artists involved in this movement depicted familiar things with an abstracted and blown-up view, and students can look forward to doing this in class as well.



February class exploring pastels and water techniques

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

Intro to Comics for ages 6-13 with Katie Wiley
This is a 4-class session that will meet on Saturdays, March 5–26 at 10–11:30 AM.

This introductory comics class is open to children ages 6-13 and will teach basic story structure. Students will create their own 3-part story with original characters and will learn to lay out their comic book and finish with coloring. The goal of the class is to finish with a 4-8 page comic book made from their imagination.

Tuition for class is \$90 for non-members and \$80 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies are provided.

Kids' Clay for ages 6-13 with Emily Casella (Choose a session)
Session 1: Sat, Mar 26–Sat, Apr 9, 2022, 10–11:30 AM or
Session 2: 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.

Teen Printmaking Workshop for ages 12-18 with Katie Wiley Saturday, March 19 at 12–3 PM

This introductory printmaking workshop is geared towards teens (12+). This workshop will highlight linocut printmaking processes. Students will learn carving techniques, proper inking with a brayer, even coating of ink on block, and how to title their piece. The final product in this class will be a series of 3 prints correctly titled, editioned, and signed by the artist. This workshop is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition for class is \$60 for non-members and \$50 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies are provided.

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

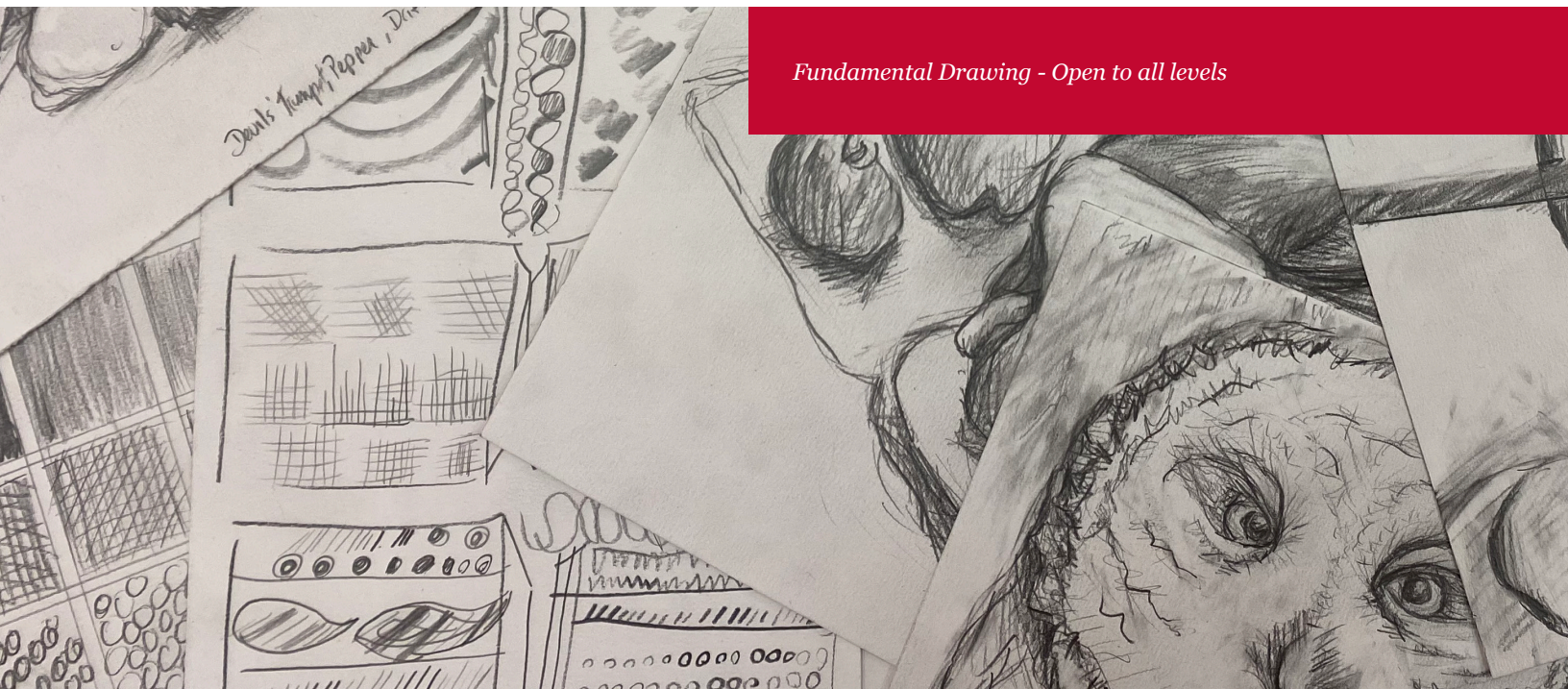
In this ceramic class, students will learn basic wheel throwing skills. They will work to complete a tea cup and saucer with intricate handles. Students can look forward to experimenting with different decoration techniques that set them apart from the crowd!

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

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.



Fundamental Drawing - Open to all levels

Glass II with Mindy Milan Tue, Mar 1–Apr 5, 6–8 PM

Glass II is for those who wish to expand their glass fusing experience and knowledge. This 6-week course meets on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 PM from March 1 to April 5, 2022.

Students will explore new glass forming and embellishing techniques -- including strip cutting, kilnforming, draping, frits and powders, and enamel painting. All supplies are provided. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Prerequisite: Glass Fusing workshop

Tuition is \$180 for non-members and \$160 for current CAC members. A \$25 material/firing fee is due to the instructor at the first class.

Painting with Watercolor I with Diane Grams Wed, Mar 2–Apr 6, 3–5 PM

This introductory watercolor class will meet for six Wednesdays from 3:00 - 5:00 PM from March 2 to April 6, 2022 and is meant for beginning and intermediate painters.

Participants will learn about different kinds of brushes, watercolor paints, papers and sketchbooks. Lesson will include strategies for starting a painting, finding yourself on the page, and how quality of paint and paper may impact your approach. Techniques with different brushes and marks will be taught along with masking, using templates, and working with watercolor pencils.

Students will practice mark-making with paint to create abstractions and paint from observation. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition for non-members is \$160 and \$140 for current CAC members.

Fundamental Drawing with Diane Grams Wed, Mar 2–Apr 6, 2022 5:30–7:30 PM

This introductory drawing class will meet for six weeks on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 PM from March 2 to April 6, 2022.

Students will leap over their fear and develop their passion for drawing. Participants will learn about different kinds of drawing tools, papers, and sketchbooks.

Lessons will include strategies to find yourself on the page by mark making, eyeballing, measuring, using templates, and using shapes in one-point perspective. Students will practice drawing abstractions, still life, and nature journaling. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition for non-members is \$150 and for current CAC member is \$130. Supply list is online at registration.

Abstract Watercolor Workshop with Herb Helm March 3, 10 AM–3 PM

This workshop is set for Thursday, March 3 from 10 AM–3 PM and is recommended for advanced beginners + above. With the guidance of Herb Helm, students will focus on creating an abstract base and then find ways to pull fish and other aquatic life from the shapes & forms they discover.

The project will incorporate negative painting techniques, a creative imagination, and opening your mind to new watercolor practices. This workshop will be held in the upstairs classroom.

Students will have a 30-minute lunch break, so bring a bag lunch or partake in any number of great restaurants in downtown Chesterton.

Tuition is \$110 for non-members, and \$90 for current CAC members.

Adult Art Classes

For a full schedule of adult classes, please see the website at www.chestertonart.org

Haiku Creative Writing Workshop with Suzy Vance Sat, March 5, 1–3 PM

This workshop is held on Saturday, March 5 from 1–3pm. With the guidance of Suzy Vance, students will learn the art of writing poetry in the style of Haiku. Toe in the water of meaningful words and bring your memories to life! This workshop will be an exploration of creating memoirs in just 3 short lines. All supplies included.

Tuition is \$40 for non-members, and \$30 for current CAC members.

Beginning Oil Painting with Jane Cowley 6-week class starting Mon, Mar 7–Apr 11, 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.

Mosaic Pendant Workshop with Sue Coombs Sat, Mar 19, 10 AM–12 PM

Join us on Saturday, March 19 from 10 AM–12 PM for a special Mosaic Pendant Workshop instructed by Sue Coombs. Students will create 2 pendants of unique, wearable mosaic art.

Participants can choose from a bounty of mosaic materials such as glass, millefiori, metal, slate, and more. Basic cutting techniques and adhesives will be discussed. Come join the fun and make one for you & one for someone special! All materials provided.

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 the class.

Beginning Stained Glass Tue, Mar 29–May 17, 7–9 PM

Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery will be offering Beginning Stained Glass starting on Tuesday, March 29 from 7–9 PM. During this 8-week class, students will learn the art of copper foil stained glass, originally invented by Louis Tiffany. Tools and supplies are provided.

Tuition is \$250 for non-members and \$230 for current CAC members. (Supplies included)

Stained Glass Open Studio Tue, Mar 29–May 17, 7–9 PM

Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery will be teaching an 8-week Stained Glass Open Studio starting Tuesday, March 29 from 7–9 PM. This class is designed for students who have taken a previous stained glass class at the Center.

Students may work on their own projects at their own pace with assistance from the instructors as needed. Students are expected to provide their own tools and supplies. Limit 10 students.

Tuition for non-members is \$105, and \$85 for CAC members.

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.

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.

Duneland Photography Club News

Next meeting

March 1, 2022 at 7 pm

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7:00pm. Doors open at 5:30 for an informal mentoring and question time. The speaker for the next meeting on March 1 is Lela Hewlett, speaking on the topic, "Teaching Kids Photography." Mrs. Hewlett is the Photography Superintendent of the Porter County 4-H. Through her leadership, the photography program has become one of the most popular 4-H projects in the county. Young people, and their parents and grandparents, learn how to excel in their photography. Many awards are achieved each year, including photography projects at the Indiana State Fair. Mrs. Hewlett is a retired teacher of the Valparaiso Schools. Come join the Duneland Photography Club for this fun and informative presentation to learn photography basics that you can also teach others.



Duneland Photo Club at Deep River

In February, we did a hike at the Indiana Dunes State Park, "How to Find Sneaky Places for Great Photos at the Indiana Dunes," led by Dunes hiking expert Ron Seman.

In March, the Duneland Photography Club plans to participate in Maple Sugar Time at Chellberg Farm in 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?

MARCH

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Exhibition: February 1–March 26

APRIL

Duneland School Corporation Student Exhibitions

K–8 Exhibition: April 1–16

K–8 Opening Reception: April 6–7, 6–8 PM

High School Exhibition: April 18–28

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



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Weekdays 11 am–4 pm

Saturday 10 am–2 pm

Closed on Sundays

Chesterton Art Center Summer Art Camps 2022



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. Campers will also enjoy time using the pottery wheel to explore 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, play with painting techniques, and learn 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 will design and create 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, and 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, Program Director, at programs@chestertonart.org.