



A monthly newsletter for the
 Chesterton Art Center
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In Emotion on Entrain Emily Casella Exhibition

Exhibition: July 8–August 30, 2023
3rd Friday Event: August 18, 4–7 PM

Chesterton Art Center is very excited to exhibit *In Emotion on Entrain*, featuring the work of Emily Casella, July 8–August 30, 2023. All of our exhibitions and artist receptions are free and open to the public.

"This timely and thoughtful exhibit remains on view through the end of this month and has been very well received. Make a plan to visit for the first time or come view it a second or third time as there is always something new to see when spending time with Emily's work," says CAC Executive Director, Hannah Hammond-Hagman.

Casella's artworks transform the Chesterton Art Center's galleries into a train station where viewers can mingle at a cafe kiosk, hop inside a train, and disembark into a vibrant neighborhood park in full color and three dimensions. Each piece poses a different conundrum of thought about the strange motions of life propelled by what society implies, tries to control, or demands what should be versus how an individual may feel. "This show is about love, the trepidation and exasperation of waiting for the promises that media and society told us what love should be, and trying to find what it actually is on Earth."

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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.

MEMBER LEVELS

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

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From the Executive Director



Hannah Hammond-Hagman

It's our favorite time of year—Chesterton Art Fair time! We have another amazing fair planned for this first weekend in August to enjoy the work of over 80 visual artists from all over the country, a lineup of fabulous musical entertainment, delicious food vendors, and family activities. There is something for everyone this year as we have artists from every media imaginable—fiber, glass, jewelry, wood, painting, ceramics, sculpture, photography, and more.

The Chesterton Art Fair is a two-day celebration of the arts that brings our community together and has become a true regional custom. Multiple generations have enjoyed this annual event, and we are grateful and proud to continue the tradition for its 64th year. The fair is the foundation of Chesterton Art Center and exemplifies our mission still to this day of creating opportunity and access to the arts for our Duneland community and beyond.

We invite you to share in the weekend with us and visit the art center for the continued exhibit of Emily Casella's beautiful and poignant solo exhibition. We also have great classes and workshops to round out your summer plans. We can't wait to see you!

Nature in the Arts

Saturday, August 19, 2022 10 AM-1 PM
Meadowbrook Nature Preserve - 109 W 700 N, Valparaiso, IN 46385

CAC is partnering with Shirley Heinze Land Trust for their Nature in the Arts program, a special series of events that combine the outdoors with hands-on art experiences for all ages. Join us at Meadowbrook on August 19 where we will be working alongside Art Barn to create a mixed media project that celebrates native plants and pollinators. This activity is free, and all ages are welcome. We hope to see you there!



CAC students to have glass exhibit at Ellen Firme Gallery

Glass Exhibit at the Ellen Firme Gallery
September 8 - November 3.

A group exhibition of stained and fused glass students from Chesterton Art Center. An artists' reception will be held on Friday, September 8, 4-7 PM.

The Ellen Firme Gallery is located at 92 Route 12, Beverly Shores, Indiana.

CAC Outreach - A successful summer of creating with community!

This summer has been filled with fantastic outreach partnerships across the Duneland community and beyond! We created zines with ages 5-16 at the Chesterton Park Summer Fun program, visited the Portage Township YMCA and provided art lessons to 1st-5th graders, and welcomed Art Visits from Northlake Preschool Academy and Duneland Family YMCA. Our continued outreach efforts support our mission of widening access to the arts so all members of our community can benefit from the magic of creating together.

Thank you to all of our wonderful outreach partners who filled our summer with joy and creativity galore!

Chesterton Arts District's August Third Friday Event!



Save The Date! August 18, 4-7 PM
Third Friday at Chesterton Art Center

Zoe Loves Barbie is our featured pop-up artist for our Third Friday event. Join us, meet the artist, buy amazing jewelry, have some complimentary small bites, and a beverage from our cash bar. What a night!

C H E S T E R T O N Art Fair

64th Annual Chesterton Art Fair
August 5+6

Chesterton Art Fair is a premier juried art festival with a deep history of providing a stellar experience for both participating artists and visitors. In its 64th year, Chesterton Art Fair draws artists and patrons from all over the Midwest and beyond. The Fair features 80+ artists, live music, family activities, food vendors and free parking for our almost four thousand visitors.

Always the first full weekend in August, this year's dates are August 5 and 6, 2023, and fair hours are 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday, and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. Chesterton Art Fair is held in beautiful Dogwood Park, a municipal park with plenty of shade trees and amenities.

Admission: \$5/person/day - 12 and under FREE! Tickets can be purchased online at chestertonart.org, at the Center, or at the Fair gates.

We can't wait to see you there!



Artists

For a full list of participating artists, visit chestertonart.org/
chesterton-art-fair

Food Vendors

Ben's Soft Pretzels
Dog Days Ice Cream Parlor
Tacos My Fren taco truck
Sweet treats from St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Church
The Cheesy Food Truck

Music Lineup

Sat., Aug. 5	10 AM	Patti Shaffner
	12 PM	Billy Foster
	2:30 PM	Marco Villarreal
Sun., Aug 6	10 AM	Alexis Bratsakis
	12 PM	Jeff Abbott
	2 PM	Leann Stutler
	3 PM	Captain Ambivalent

TAG! Teen Arts Group

This past month, Teen Arts Group (TAG) members prepared work for their booth at the Chesterton Art Fair. Artists plan to have a variety of work for sale including original paintings, digital prints, handmade jewelry, stickers, and more. Be sure to stop by booth 35 at the fair!

This month, TAG artists will prepare for their special group exhibition at the Center that will take place in September.

Next TAG Meeting at CAC:
Wednesday, August 2 - 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 Programs/September



After School Art

Me, Myself, and I

The September sessions of After School Art are instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on portraiture and drawing people. Students will gain introductory figure drawing skills as they learn to break down facial features into basic shapes and lines. They will study famous self-portraits from historic artists like Frida Kahlo, Rembrandt, and Vincent Van Gogh as they explore symbolism and create art all about themselves!

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

Class Schedule / Select the age group that suits your artist

Ages 5-8 / Tuesday, Sept 5-26
from 3:30-5 PM
Ages 5-8 / Wednesday,
Sept 6-27 from 3:30-5 PM
Ages 8-12 / Thursday, Aug 31-
Sept 21 from 3:30-5 PM
Ages 12-16 / Thursday, Aug 31-
Sept 21 from 5:30-7 PM

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

After School Sculpture

Creating with Coils

The September session of After School Sculpture is instructed by Terese Maletta and will focus on the clay handbuilding technique of coils. Students will learn about the versatility of working with coils as they study both functional and artistic methods of using coils in their clay projects as they work to construct coil vessels.

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.

Ages 8-12 / Monday, Sept 11-
Oct 2 from 3:30-5:30 PM

Tuition is \$100 for non-
members / \$90 for current CAC
Family Members

Preschool Pop-In

Playful Portraits

The September session of Preschool Pop-in is instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on people! Students will learn about basic colors and shapes as they create an imaginative self-portrait full of joy.

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.

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

Specialty Classes

Intro to Video Production

8-class session / Mondays +
Wednesdays, August 1-31 (No
Aug 15-17) from 5-6:30 PM

With guidance from video & film producer Kyle Murphey, students will receive an introduction to the world of video production as they learn about the technical and artistic sides of filmmaking. After learning the basics of visual storytelling, students will work in a group as they each take on a role on the 'production team,' capturing footage together with professional camera equipment.

Tuition is \$130 for non-members
/ \$117 for current CAC Family
Members, students must bring
a laptop or iPad with a video
editing app installed.

Teen Figure Drawing Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday,
September 30 from 10 AM-12
PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, teens will have a special opportunity to grow their observational figure drawing skills as they learn to draw from a clothed figure model. This introductory workshop will cover essential elements of figure drawing including gesture, contour, proportion, and composition as students develop a series of quick studies.

Tuition is \$40 for non-members
/ \$36 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 / Monday, August 7-21 from 6-9 PM

With guidance from Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, students will learn the three hand building techniques of pinch pots, slabs, and coils. 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 recommended for beginners & advanced beginners. Higher-level students can work on independent projects per instructor approval. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

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



Hand Builder Boot Camp - Starts August 7

Ceramics: Wednesday evenings SOLD OUT

6-class session / Wednesday, August 9-September 20 (No Aug 30) 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.

Tuition is \$185 for non-members / \$166.50 for current CAC members, supplies included

Ceramics: Friday mornings

6-class session / Friday, August 11-September 22 (No Sept 1) from 9 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, students will learn basic techniques for wheel throwing, handbuilding, 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.

Tuition is \$185 for non-members / \$166.50 for current CAC members, supplies included

Beginning Stained Glass SOLD OUT

8-class session / Tuesday, August 15-October 3 from 7-9 PM

With guidance from Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery, students will learn the art of copper foil stained glass, originally invented by Louis Tiffany. Master the techniques of working with glass, and learn how to create beautiful works from a variety of colors. This class is a prerequisite for Independent Study Stained Glass. 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, August 15-October 3 from 7-9 PM

With guidance from Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery, 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. In addition, the instructors provide an optional "challenge project" that pushes the skills and creativity of students. This class is held in the lower gallery.

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

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



Glass Fusing 1 - August 19

Understanding Acrylics Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, August 19 from 10 AM-1 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, students will be introduced to the versatile medium of acrylic paint. Through a series of painting exercises, students will develop a greater understanding of paint application, tools and brush types, and suitable supports for acrylics — growing their confidence altogether. Fundamental skills on color mixing, composition, value, and texture will be addressed. This workshop is recommended for novice and beginner students. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

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

Glass Fusing I Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, August 19 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. There will be a focus on floral and geometric designs, but all are welcome to create their own unique design. Watch some glass melt in the kiln & learn about the forms, colors, and processes of fusing glass! This workshop is a prerequisite to the Glass Fusing II Workshop. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is \$55 for non-members / \$49.50 for current CAC members + \$15 supply fee

Landscape Drawing

5-class session / Tuesday, August 22-September 19 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. All skill levels welcome. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

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

Independent Study Studio Art

5-class session / Wednesday, August 23-September 20 from 5:30-7:30PM

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. Each class will present a new exercise that challenges students to escape creative blocks and push their creative practice further along. The rest of class time will be dedicated to independent studio time, critique and feedback, and/or collaboration with peers. This class is recommended for intermediate+ 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, supplies included

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.



Duneland Photography Club News

Next meeting: August 1, 7 PM

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7 PM in the Horton Family Education Center. The August 1 meeting will be led by Susan Kirt on the topic of Pollinators and Wildflowers. Susan is a biologist who teaches on the college level. Her photography is seen many places including in publications for Save the Dunes. Doors open at 5:30 PM for mentoring.

August activities planned include a summer wildflower hike, a sunflower photoshoot, and an adventure at the horse farm of one of our members, Dawn Duty.

Last month the annual picnic was held for members, family, and guests. (See photos.) There was a photoshoot at the Porter County Fair for night photography. Several members entered the photo competition there. Club members photographed Camp Funset activities at the Sunset Hill Farm County Park.



Right: Des Kashyap, Steven Dyke, Wayne Wodrich, Dawn Duty, Dina Heijsselaar, James Kirt, Susan Kirt, Gloria Zimmerman, Mark Zimmerman, Sheila Stephenson, and Crystal Hollenbeck.

Photos by Steve Bensing

Left: Scott Miller, Max Dust, Yuli Soeter, Peggy Carter, Georganna Edmonds, Ben Soeter, Patrice Lawson, Jeff Yelton, Nancy deCourcy, Paul Ewing, Michael Kobe, Teresa Sheppard, John Roquet, Mrs. Kobe, Steve Bensing, Bud Titak, Deb Titak, Harry deCourcy, Robert Evans, and Stephanie Tanke.



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?

64th Annual Chesterton Art Fair
August 5, 10 AM–5 PM, August 6, 10 AM–4 PM

3RD FRI - Chesterton Arts District
August 18, 4–7 PM

Suzy Vance: Collaborating with Nature
CAC Teen Arts Group: As I See It
September 2–30, 2023
Reception: Saturday, September 9, 12–2 PM

3RD FRI - Chesterton Arts District
September 15, 4–7 PM

Duneland Plein Air Group Exhibition
October 3–30, 2023

3RD FRI - Chesterton Arts District
October 20, 4–7 PM



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