

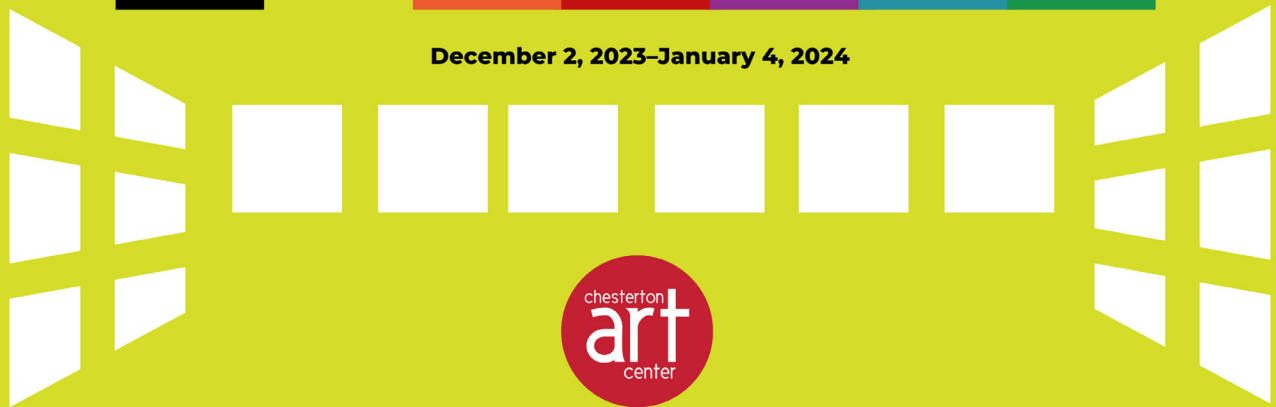


A monthly newsletter for the
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MEMBERS' EXHIBIT

December 2, 2023–January 4, 2024



Annual Members' Exhibit

Exhibition: December 2, 2023 - January 4, 2024

Artists' Reception: Saturday, December 9, 12pm-2pm

Chesterton Art Center is pleased to host and celebrate our creative and supportive members with the Annual Members' Exhibit on display December 2, 2023, through January 4, 2024. An artists' reception is scheduled for Saturday December 9 from 12-2 PM.

The members of Chesterton Art Center represent the truly unique and talented regional creative community. They are an integral part of CAC's mission to serve and champion our local artists. "This annual exhibit is a community accomplishment and demonstrates the depth of talent in our region," says CAC Executive Director Hannah Hammond-Hagman, "We invite everyone to join us on December 9 to meet the artists and celebrate with CAC." Every media and style is represented at this annual exhibition, including painting, photography, sculpture, drawing, glass, wood, ceramics, and mixed media.

Membership with Chesterton Art Center helps widen access to art, arts education, and outreach in our community. With member support, CAC builds a creative community via arts education, outreach, exhibits, and events year-round. Members benefit too! When you join CAC, depending on your membership level, you receive discounted tuition for CAC classes and workshops, the opportunity to sell your artwork in our member gallery and gift shop, and opportunities for special member events and programs.

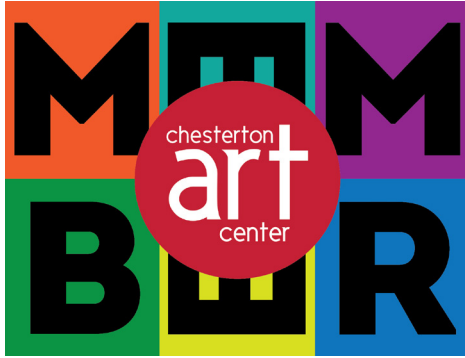
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ALL OF OUR EXHIBITIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. GALLERY HOURS ARE MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 11 AM-4 PM AND SATURDAY, 10 AM-2 PM.



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

Welcome New Members!

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From the Executive Director



Hannah Hammond-Hagman

I want to thank everyone reading these words for an amazing 2023 at CAC. We're grateful to this beautiful community for their support, creativity, and presence that has allowed us to reach many of our goals to expand our outreach, public programs, exhibition calendar, and partnerships to serve more folks within and beyond our walls. With your continued support, we are setting our sights on more programs and events in 2024 that will welcome more community into all that CAC offers.

We are bounding into this holiday season with our annual Members Exhibit that showcases the depth and breadth of talent of our local creative community, a stocked gift shop full of artisan handmade gifts, and upcoming events and receptions that will bring us together in celebration. Join us for our new tradition of our Sip + Shop for afterhours shopping on December 6 from 6-8PM with a special Members' Only preview from 5-6PM where you can put your 10% member discount to good use! We'll have light bites, a cash bar, and free gift wrapping to round out the evening.

Please make some time to celebrate with us this month. Come visit the exhibit, pick up some special gifts for your loved ones and support local artists, grab a gift certificate to give someone a special experience, consider an end-of-year donation to your local, beloved art center, or simply stop in and say hello. As always, we would love to see you.

In gratitude,
Hannah

Holiday Elf Hunt - Shop and Win Prizes!



Chesterton Arts District Elf Hunt November 25 - December 30

Join the hunt for Chester the Elf at 14 creative businesses throughout Chesterton! Pick up your Elf Hunt passport at any participating business and visit each location to discover what Chester is up to. Completed passports can be turned into Three Moons Fiberworks before December 30th for a chance to win a gift basket with goodies from all the businesses!

Locations include: Chesterton Art Center, Chelle's Boutique, Duneland Pottery, Lemon Tree Mediterranean Grill, Pieces of Jayde, Red Cup Cafe, South Shore Tattoo, Stephanie Swanson Jewelry, The IN Coast, Three Moons Fiberworks, Willow, Third Coast Spice Cafe, Trusty Spot Records and Tees, and Westchester History Museum! Happy elf hunting!

CAC Welcomes New Marketing Director

Agia is a recent Indiana University graduate who majored in Media Advertising and minored in Studio Art, and is passionate about story telling through various visual mediums. Her passion for storytelling through art was fostered during her time at the Chesterton Art Center, where she used to take painting and drawing classes as a child. The Chesterton Art Center allowed her to grow as an artist and inspired her to pursue a creative field as an adult.

She feels the beginning of her career as Marketing Director at the Chesterton Art Center is a full circle moment, and is excited to grow with the Chesterton Art Center and help expand it's positive impact that it has on the Chesterton community.

Agia is an avid museum-goer, photo-taker, and traveller and is looking forward to implementing her passions and knowledge to share the gifts that the Chesterton Art Center has to offer through it's marketing!



Youth Arts Outreach - We're Expanding in 2024!



In November, CAC's 25-week Youth Arts Outreach Program in partnership with the Duneland Boys & Girls Club and the Duneland Family YMCA finished the second 5-week session that highlighted the topic "Makers and Media". With guidance from CAC instructor Emily Blossom, students experimented with a variety of media including watercolor, pastel, sculpture, and collage as they created projects inspired by famous artists including Yayoi Kusama, Louise Nevelson, and Hannah Höch.

In January, we are excited to launch the expansion of the Youth Arts Outreach Program as we will continue to serve Boys & Girls Club and now concurrently serve all five YMCA elementary after school sites, allowing us to serve up to 170 kids per 5-week session.

The Youth Arts Outreach Program supports CAC's mission of creating accessible, enriching arts programming for our community and is generously funded by Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation.

Support Building Chesterton's Creative Community



Your support of CAC builds a creative community that includes everyone. Our classes and workshops provide opportunities for student artists of all ages and abilities to grow and learn, including artists of multiple generations in the same family!

"CAC has been a wonderful opportunity for my daughter, Lilly, to continue her love for art and strengthen her skills. She has been able to explore different styles of art and make some great friends along the way. She has been able to take the clay summer camp and monthly classes throughout the school year. Over the past summer, I was able to take the painting course offered in June. I met some lovely ladies and was able to enjoy getting back into my artistic flow. I love that CAC offers for both adults and children as well as classes on the weekends."

--Candice Hill, CAC parent + student

Donations can be made at chestertonart.org/donate, or feel free to call us at (219) 926-4711. Thank you!

TAG! Teen Arts Group

This past month, Teen Arts Group members participated in a group critique where they shared their art, asked questions about each other's work, and discussed their unique perspectives as artists. Members then worked on a special "create-it-forward" project where each artist designed a unique postcard.

This month, TAG members will enjoy a special workshop with local artist Suzy Vance as they learn all about the process of making handmade paper.

Next TAG Meeting at CAC:
Friday, December 15 from 4-6 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/December



After School Art Printmaking

The December sessions of After School Art are instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on printmaking! With inspiration from famous Japanese printmakers like Hokusai and Hiroshige, students will learn the process of printmaking and how to create an edition of 'prints' as they experiment with ink and paper variations. Each student will create a whimsical winter scene to celebrate the season.

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
*3-class prorated sessions

Ages 5-8 / Tuesday, Dec 5-19
from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 5-8 / Wednesday, Dec 6-20
from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 8-12 / Thursday, Dec 7-21
from 3:30-5 PM

Ages 12-16 / Thursday, Dec 7-21
from 5:30-7 PM

Tuition is \$67.50 for non-members / \$60.75 for current CAC Family Members

After School Sculpture 3D Winter Village

The December session of After School Sculpture is instructed by Emily Blossom and will focus on 3D construction using recycled and sculptural materials including cardboard, paper mache, and modeling clay. Students will work to construct a winter village filled with snowy trees, cozy cottages, and other unique details that bring their winter wonderland to life!

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, December 4-18 from 3:30-5:30 PM
*3-class prorated session

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

JANUARY SNEAK PEEK

**After School Art/
Ages 5-16**
Imaginative Animals
Tuesday, Jan 9-30
Wednesday, Jan 10-31
Thursday, Jan 11-Feb 1

After School Sculpture
Nevelson Abstract Sculptures
Monday, Jan 8-29
(no Jan 15) *3-class prorated session

Preschool Pop-In
Owl Paintings
Tuesday, Jan 9

Preschool Pop-In Winter Snow Project

The December session of Preschool Pop-in is instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on painting and stamping techniques as students create a whimsical winter snow project.

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, December 12 from 9-10:30 AM

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

Weaving for Kids
Jan 13-Feb 3

Teen Ceramics
Jan 22-Feb 12

Register at chestertonart.org/youth-and-teen-classes

Specialty Classes Ceramic Holiday Dish Workshop *SOLD OUT*

Ages 12-18 / Friday, December 1 from 6-8 PM

This workshop invites families to join us for a fun evening of creating together! With guidance from Emily Casella, each family will construct a medium-sized dish, commonly nicknamed a "poof plate", using the slab process and various decorative techniques. Families will be encouraged to work together to add textures and additional details to create the perfect cookie dish for Santa and/or other holiday treats. Students will apply glaze, and the Center will complete firing.

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

Family Ceramic Menorah Workshop

Families, ages 5+ / Saturday, December 2 from 10 AM-12 PM

This workshop invites families to join us for a fun morning of creating together! With guidance from Jillian Bridgeman, each family will construct a simple ceramic menorah using the slab process and various decorative techniques. Texture tools, stamps, and shape cutters will be available so families can personalize this sentimental piece for their Hanukkah celebration. Pieces will be made from a speckled clay that is unglazed, and the Center will complete firing.

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.

Mixed Media Drawing Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, December 2 from 10 AM-1 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, students will explore the vast possibilities of drawing media and learn how to create dynamic art that utilizes a mixture of materials. Students will experiment with graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, pastel, chalk, ink, and additional additive media as they work to create an exploratory mixed media accordion book whereby each page addresses a different media, surface, or style. Fundamental skills on color theory, composition, value, and texture will be addressed. *This class is held in the upstairs classroom.*

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

Basket Weaving 101

3-class session / Wednesday, December 6-20 from 6-9 PM

With guidance from Cheryl Cavlovic, students will learn about the history and practice of basket weaving, from its early beginnings to its evolution in cultures across the globe. Basic weaving techniques will be taught as students construct a hand-woven D-handle market basket made from reed and wicker. The introductory skills from this class will inspire future projects as students gain confidence in their weaving practice. *This class is held in the upstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$110 for non-members / \$99 for current CAC members + \$25 supply fee

Garland Printing Workshop

1-day workshop / Friday, December 8 from 6:30-8:30 PM

With guidance from Georgia Geis, students will explore the basics of block printing as they create a hand-printed winter garland. Each student will learn to carve their own festive linocut stamp, print onto tissue paper, and then string their prints together. To allow for more pattern options, the class will be encouraged to share stamps and collaborate! Linocut stamps can then be used for all of your decorating needs this holiday season. *This class is held in the downstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$70 for non-members / \$63 for current CAC members, supplies included

Paper Marbling Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, December 9 from 10 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, students will explore the art of paper marbling, an ancient Japanese practice known as "suminagashi" or "floating ink". Working with a small tray, students will create unique marbled patterns on the surface of water using a variety of colorful inks. Students will then lightly submerge their paper into the tray to transfer the design, resulting in a beautifully dyed paper. Papers will be left at the Center to dry and can be picked up at a later date. *This class is held in the upstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$70 for non-members / \$63 for current CAC members, supplies included



Holiday Watercolor Workshop - December 9th

Holiday Watercolor Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, December 9 from 10 AM-12 PM

'Tis the season to hone your watercolor skills! With guidance from Nora Block, students will learn introductory painting techniques, discuss watercolor supplies, and gain a stronger understanding of composition so they can become a more confident painter. Students will apply their newfound skills as they create hand-painted holiday cards and gift tags filled with festive imagery like evergreen trees, ornaments, and winter wreaths. *This class is held in the downstairs classroom.*

Tuition is \$50 for non-members / \$45 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.*

Additional Life Drawing Drop-In on Saturday, December 16 from 10 AM-12 PM

No Life Drawing Drop-In Dec 19-Jan 2 / drop-ins will return Jan 9

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

Scholarships are available for students of all ages.

The scholarship application can be found on our website at chestertonart.org/scholarships.

Thank You to Our Students + Instructors of 2023!



Over the past year, our classrooms were filled with creative energy, engaging lessons, and countless works of art created by our CAC students of all ages. Special thanks to the impressive team of CAC instructors who guide, challenge, and grow the artistic talents of our students. We are so grateful for all of you.

We can't wait to see you back in the classroom in 2024!

THANK YOU

Gift an experience this holiday season

Give the gift of creativity! Stop by the Center to purchase a gift certificate. Gift certificates can be purchased for any amount and used for classes, memberships, or gallery & gift shop purchases.



**Sip.
Shop.
Eat.
Wrap.**

**Dec 6th
5-8pm**

*Members Only
Preview from 5-6pm
Don't forget to use your
10% off member discount!*



**Wednesday Dec 6, 5-8 PM
Chesterton Art Center**
Special CAC Member preview shopping from 5-6PM. It's a great time to take advantage of that 10% member discount.

Chesterton Art Center is ringing in the holidays by hosting the annual Sip + Shop event. Visit on Wednesday, December 6 from 5-8pm for the perfect opportunity to shop for friends and loved ones. Choose from a beautiful array of handmade artworks and goods crafted by local and Midwest artists.

Shop to support your local creative community and enjoy delicious small bites and a cash bar. The CAC team will also be on hand to personally wrap your purchases at no charge. Join in this festive evening to shop small and shop local.

To learn more about CAC and our programs and membership opportunities, visit chestertonart.org, or call (219) 926-4711.

Duneland Photography Club News

Next meeting: Dec 5, 7 PM

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7pm in the Horton Family Education Center. The December 5 meeting will be a Christmas Party, with fun, food and photography. Visitors are welcome to join us.

Upcoming activities include a Santa photoshoot for the Porter County Parks at Sunset Hill. Members are also participating in the Holiday Gift Gallery at the Art Barn and the CAC Members Exhibition at the Chesterton Art Center. In December we plan to take advantage of photographing Holiday Lights and snow!

Last month, the club members photographed headshots for the Memorial Opera House for the production of White Christmas. There was also an opportunity to photograph the Sandhill Cranes as the Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area.



Pictured: Paul Ewing, Max Dust, Larry Brown, Wayne Wodrich, John Roquet, Peggy Carter, Gretchen Maguire, Carol Estes, Sharon Kerner, Norman Turner, Deb Armstrong, Stephanie Tanke, Dawn Duty, Patrice Lawson, Steve Bensing, Lorelei Brown, Suzan Perry, George Kassal, and Jennifer Treptow. Not pictured are Dina Heijsselaar, Des Kashyap, and Connie Kassal. Photo by Steve Bensing

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>

Come and celebrate the holidays, Duneland style! Holiday themed Chesterton's European Market, Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the Twilight Parade. Everyone is invited!

What's next at CAC?

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Sip & Shop - Holiday Shopping Event
Wednesday, December 6, 6–8 PM
Special Members Only Preview, 5–6 PM

Changes
Bryana Bibbs Exhibition
January 8–February 29, 2024
Artist's Reception: Saturday, January 13, 12–2 PM
Artist Talk: Saturday, February 10, 1–2 PM



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