



FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

chesterton art center

CELEBRATING OUR 60TH YEAR

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Weekdays 11 am - 4 pm ▪ Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm
Closed on Sundays unless there is a special event.



The Mobile Art + Action Pop Up Exhibit School of the Arts at Indiana University Northwest

The **Mobile Art + Action Pop-Up** at the Chesterton Art Center is a month-long exhibition and creative installation featuring IU Northwest School of the Arts faculty and alumnus artworks and hand-painted protest paper signs by national and international artists. Also on display is the School of the Arts Mobile Art + Action Community Lab, a versatile exhibit display system launched fall 2020 in Gary, Hobart, and Hammond offers an immersive viewing experience. In observation of Black History Month, exhibition elements include a spotlight on living contemporary African American artists, a comprehensive set of The Black ABC's on loan by a private collector and 'Echo Location' by The Floating Museum, a Chicago-based collective presenting six small 3D printed busts from the collection of the DuSable Museum of African American History.

Lauren Pacheco, Director of Arts Programming and Engagement, says,

"curating programming for the Mobile Art and Action Lab in community social spaces like the Chesterton Art Center becomes a real extension of Indiana University Northwest's resources. It's quite fun to develop a curatorial proposal with ideas of storytelling, relevancy, and engagement as a powerful driver to reach new audiences, build trust and create a safe space for people to engage with art." A COVID-19 Innovative Response Grant awarded by The Legacy Foundation in December 2020 supports traveling the Mobile Art and Action Lab throughout Northwest Indiana - the Chesterton Art Center pop-up exhibition kicks off an ambitious year-long programming schedule.

"Dedicated funding will allow us to activate indoor and outdoor environments with a series of site-specific and community-centric traveling exhibitions and episodic experiences, including visual, performance, moving image, historical, archival, and sound presentations intended to engage, entertain, and educate people of all ages." Pacheco says.

Wendy Marciniak, Chesterton Art Center President commented, "We are thrilled to be partnering with the School of the Arts at Indiana University Northwest to bring this very important and timely exhibition to our space. It's extremely powerful, thought-provoking and beautiful as well. We cannot wait to share it with everyone either virtually or in person during our regular business hours. Unfortunately, we will not be able to host the artists with a reception due to COVID-19, but we encourage anyone who is able to stop in and view this exhibit in person. We have taken every precaution to keep visitors safe when they visit."

An immersive 3D virtual tour will be available to view and found online and on social media channels. Visit www.iun.edu/arts and www.chestertonart.org for more information.



The Chesterton Art Center is dedicated to enriching the cultural landscape of Northwest Indiana. We believe that art is for everyone!



Association of Artists and Craftsmen of Porter County - A Not For Profit Arts Organization



Children's Art Education

March Real-time Virtual Classes with Miss Jen!

On-site classes may be added later when it is safe to do so. A bag stuffed with generous supplies is included in the tuition and will be picked up from the Art Center once at the beginning of each month. Any supplies left at the end of the month are yours to keep!

Classes are designed for preschool, elementary, home school, middle school, and high school ages. Students of all ages will actively participate in learning, while studying one of the major movements of modern art history each month.

All classes will include drawing throughout the month in some form. Students will be exposed to a mix of mediums, including painting, printmaking, sculpture, collage, drawing, weaving, paper arts, and more.

The schedule of classes is as follows:

Monday 1:30-3:00 p.m., Home School 8-15-year-olds

Monday 3:30-5 p.m., Elementary 8-12-year-olds

Tuesday 1-2 p.m., Preschool & Kindy 3-5-year-olds

Tuesday 4-5:30 p.m., Elementary 5-8 year-olds

Wednesday 3:30-5 p.m., Elementary 5-8 year-olds

Thursday 1:30-3 p.m., Ages 8-15 year-olds

Thursday 3:30-5:00 p.m., Middle School 5th-8th grades

Thursday 5:30-7:00 p.m., Teens 13-18 years old



Come and Join Us in March!

Tuition is \$90 per month for high school, middle school, elementary, and home school students (the member rate is \$70), and \$75 for preschool & kindergarten students (the member rate is \$55). Preschoolers will need assistance from someone at home. Families must be current members of the Chesterton Art Center to receive the member rate.

Theme for the month - Children's art projects will "POP" with some NEON colors in March. History of the Pop Art Movement, and artists like Andy Warhol and Ray Lichtenstein will be discussed as we explore how to interpret pieces from this American movement. Supplies for painting, drawing and sketching all included. Sign up by calling the Art Center or go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/march-virtual-live-childrens-art-classes-tickets-135573862071>

Adult Art Education

Advanced/Intermediate Cell Phone Photography with Deb Armstrong

Virtual Zoom Class



An Intermediate/Advanced Cell Phone Photography class will be held on Monday, February 8 from 7 to 9 pm for those who wish to take their photography skills a step further. That class will cover editing photos with popular apps, backing up photos, sharing / social media, printing/ prints, books, decor, and gifts. Cost of the class is \$40, with members receiving a \$10 discount. Once you register and pay, a Zoom link for each class will be sent to students. Register by calling the Art Center, dropping off or mailing a check, or register online via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/advancedintermediate-cell-phone-photography-virtual-class-tickets-135891656603>

We hope to be bringing back onsite classes this spring! We will keep you informed via our newsletter, website, and social media sites.

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Duneland Photography Club News:

The Duneland Photography Club remains active even in these winter months. Our February 2nd meeting will be via Zoom, led by Duneland Photo Club President Steve Bensing on the subject of Displaying Your Photos. This will come in handy, because the Chesterton Art Center has invited the photo club to exhibit the work of its members in March. The show is titled, "Seasons Change and So Did I." If you are not yet a member, contact President Steve Bensing at sbensing@juno.com, if you wish to participate in the meeting or the exhibition. We are still planning outdoor events during February and beyond. On Saturday, February 20th, we are having a Dunes Hike led by volunteer hiking guide Ron Seman. The hike begins at 1:00pm at the Nature Center at the IN Dunes State Park. Visitors are also invited. You will find the Duneland Photography Club on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/dunelandphotoclub> for more information.



Shown on a recent photo hike outing are Duneland Photography Club members Scott Miller and Peggy Carter. (Photo provided.)

We are planning to have an Art Fair in 2021! And we can't wait to see you. This is the 62nd year for the Chesterton Art Fair, which draws art lovers from all over the Midwest. Always the first full weekend in August, this year's dates are Saturday, August 7th and Sunday, August 8th, 2021. Artist Applications are available on our website now. Visit [www.https://www.https://www.chestertonart.org/chesterton-art-fair](https://www.chestertonart.org/chesterton-art-fair)



Upcoming Exhibits:

In **March** we welcome the Duneland Photography Club, exhibiting their photographs in both galleries.

April brings back the Duneland Weaver's Guild show, minus the live fashion show this year due to COVID...but there may be a virtual show in the works, so we will keep you updated on that next month! Also in April, the work of our students who participated in art education classes here at the Chesterton At Center. Miss Jen has so many fun things in store for you, and we can't wait!

In **May**, we will welcome the Duneland Schools K-8 Student Art Show in both galleries.

Artists, start planning for the Chesterton Woman's Club Art Show in **June!** They will indeed be holding their competition this year so get your entries ready...

Welcome New Members!

Bruce Dombey, Adam Jaworski Family, Suzan Von Ehr, Sarah Jenzio Family and the Kaitlin Ferguson Family

Speaking of Membership...

Are you a member? If so, we thank you so much for your support. If not- why not?

Your membership dues help us provide art education for ages pre-school through older adults, support all art forms through exhibitions, demonstrations, and our peer-lead monthly critique night, all free of charge, and also helps with ongoing improvements to our post-civil war building in the heart of downtown Chesterton.

Your membership has perks! You'll receive the monthly newsletter by e-delivery. Paper copies of the newsletter are available at the Art Center if you prefer to stop in and pick one up. You'll also enjoy a 10% discount on purchases every day, and receive a generous discount on all classes. You may also sell your art in our Member's Gallery and/or Artisan Gift Shop if you are a member artist.

We have memberships available at many levels. Check them all out on our website and join today! www.chestertonart.org.