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CELEBRATING OUR 60TH YEAR

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HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY, CHESTERTON ART CENTER!



The Chesterton Art Gallery, circa 1970's.

The Association of Artists and Craftsmen of Porter County, the founding organization of the Chesterton Art Center turns 60 this month!

How did that happen? After establishing the first juried Chesterton Art Fair, a group of local artists founded the nonprofit Association of Artists & Craftsmen of Porter County (AACPC). The Articles of Incorporation were signed on November 2nd, 1960 and filed on November 14 at 9:58 am by the Clerk of Porter County.

And so the journey began. Ernest Schwidder was the AACPC's first chairman and Gloria Rector was the Center's first paid director. The original Art Center was located on the top floor of the Main Street building in Chesterton. Our current building is a post-civil war structure which has housed

many different businesses over the years, including a machine shop. The Center's name later changed to the Chesterton Art Gallery, and presently the official name is the Chesterton Art Center. In 1992, a two-story classroom was added adjacent to the main gallery which has hosted over 200 classes annually.

Today the AACPC can proudly say that the Art Center membership continues to increase, that we offer quality art education, and our gallery space is an inviting venue for regional artists to display and sell their artwork. A formal celebration of this milestone in our history has been postponed for now, but will commence when it is safe to do so. We have so much to celebrate! Stay tuned!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT MATTERS!

COVID-19 has hit us hard. Without the revenue from the Chesterton Art Fair and the Art After Dark Gala we have had to make changes in our budget, our programming, and our art education classes. We haven't been able to offer many onsite classes for adults, and our children's art education classes have been held via Zoom, totally virtual.

We do have monthly gallery shows, and we welcome you to stop in and view them. We have lots of beautiful art for sale by our artist members. Please consider purchasing art for yourself, or as gifts for others. This helps us and our member artists survive. Masks are required in our building and we are diligent in our efforts to sanitize our space to keep it safe for you. If you aren't a member, become one! If you'd just like to make a contribution, that would be wonderful, too. We love being a vital part of the Duneland community. Help us stay open for another 60 years!



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



Member's Show Coming Soon!

We'd love to be able to help you sell some work this holiday season.

Members, it's your time to SHINE! Our member artists are invited to bring in up to 3 pieces of work for exhibition in the two main floor galleries. All media accepted. (This is in addition to any work you already may have in our upstairs Member's Gallery.) There is no fee to participate, but the Art Center will take the standard 30% commission on sales as per usual. If you are an artist but not a member, BECOME ONE! Call the Art Center to join or renew your membership.

Work accepted from November 11 through 14 with an Open House on November 15 from 2 pm until 4 pm. Work will remain up through January 13, 2021.

Still time to View Our October-November Exhibition!

"THROUGH MY EYES" - LINDA LEE LIGOCKI



Lee is shown with her piece called "Tribute to Architectural Ornamentation" which was part of Artprize in 2018

The Chesterton Art Center is excited to host the 2-D and 3-D work of Linda Lee Ligocki in both galleries from October 3 through November 9. The show "Through My Eyes" is a retrospective and an exhibit of current work. It is years of observing a particular viewpoint compiled into expressive surreal watercolors on rag, watercolor and acrylic on canvas, ink drawings, a published book, layered oil drawings on Archival transparent vellum, and 3 dimensional sculptures.

This exhibition is about form, color, and line that was triggered by a questionable thought. Each piece triggers dialogue both in the negative and positive way. The work embodies a dialectic...it embodies juxtapositions ranging from color phenomena to intertwined social commentaries.

The exhibit is broken into two categories. The entry exhibit is about color, line, form, and abstraction, creating visual abstract phenomena. A theory the artist developed of shifting four layers of drawings randomly using chaos to create cohesive results.



Hopeful Heart

The larger gallery will show work that expresses social commentaries from daily journaling ink drawings to large works on paper and canvas. Included is a series of the daily processing of 6x6 formatted watercolor/acrylic on board that represent visual responses to emotional moments. Executed in 2020 is one interactive "Hopeful Heart" sculpture and one "Equality...Why can't we all be green and mingle like the trees?" sculpture which will be on display.

Linda has a long list of artistic achievements, one of which was having a piece selected to be part of ArtPrize in Grand Rapids, MI in 2018.

The exhibit concludes on Monday, November 9.



"Equality...Why can't we all be green and mingle like the trees?"



Children's Art Education

Real-time Virtual Classes with Miss Jen!

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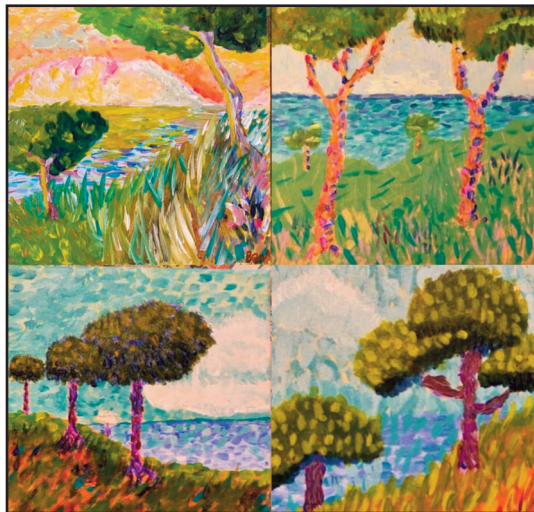
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On-site classes may be added later when it is safe to do so. A bag stuffed with generous supplies is included in the tuition and will be picked up from the Art Center once at the beginning of each month. Any supplies left at the end of the month are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

On the left: Just a few of the beautiful pieces created by our students in October.

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



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.

Come and Join Us in December!

Classes will be for 3 weeks, and tuition will be prorated.

Theme for the month~Cubism!

Cubism is the art movement we will learn about for our December children's program. We will be focusing on the beauty of local nature in winter. Animals from the Arctic and Antarctic will be created in a fun cubism inspired mixed media piece. Drawing and art history are always a part of our monthly program, but this month we will also add some sparkles. Our normal program is four weeks, but December will be a three week program to allow room for the Winter Breaks. Classes begin December 1 and end on December 18.



Many thanks to artist member and CAC Board Member Janel Borsos for her amazing miniature works of art that will adorn our Christmas tree in Thomas Centennial Park. The Festival of Trees is a yearly Kiwanis Club fundraiser, and Janel has depicted many well-known, recognizable works by famous artists. Look for our tree, enjoy Janel's talent, and see which ones you recognize!

Welcome New Members!

This month we welcome Kelly Bisch, Danny Pavlovic, and the Barbie Pilla Family. Thank you for supporting us by becoming members.



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Adult Art Education



Check back at the beginning of the year regarding on-site classes. We are currently planning some new virtual classes for adults until then. Watch our website and social media sites for updates.

Shown left to right are are students Bonny, Elaine, and Martha with their work from Milissa Beale's fall ceramics class.

Artist Opportunities

The Duneland Photography Club had a busy October. We did a Photo Walk in downtown Chesterton. Our October meeting was a Blue Hour photoshoot in Michigan City led by Norman Turner. Deb Armstrong led a fall hike at Gabis Arboretum. Then we did a night photography shoot in downtown Valparaiso.

Upcoming, the Duneland Photo Club will have a Zoom meeting for members on November 10th with a special speaker and Show & Tell of photos of recent events. Deb Armstrong is planning a hike in the Dunes in November.

We normally meet the first Tuesday of the month, so our December 1st meeting will be an indoor / outdoor event at Sunset Hill Farm (where we normally meet at the Horton Family Education Center - the round silver building) with a photo shoot of the Winter Lights. Visitors are invited.

Contact us with questions on our activities. or how to become a member, at DunelandPhotoClub@gmail.com. You can also find out more about the Duneland Photography Club on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/dunelandphotoclub/>.



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