Our October Exhibition:

“THROUGH MY EYES” - LINDA LEE LIGOCKI

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.

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.

There will be an Opening Reception held on Sunday, October 4, from 2-4 pm. The exhibit concludes on Monday, November 9.
Children’s Art Education

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.

Students Aiden and Liam are all set for the month with their big red goodie bag of art supplies!

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 November!
Theme for the month–Fauvism Movement

November students will make their mark with vivid, bright colors, as we learn about the Fauvism Movement. Artists like Matisse and Derain will be discussed. Projects will include some local birds migrating through. Please join us.

Wednesday and Thursday students will be off on November 25th and 26th, so they will be offered a make-up day. Art supply pick up time: Friday, October 30 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. For any who are unable to pick up at that time, they will need to stop by the Art Center during regular business hours. Any supplies left from the month are kept by the student.

Students must register and pay before the first class. To register stop in, call, or visit Eventbrite.com. For questions, please call the Chesterton Art Center at 219-926-4711.

Welcome New Members!

This month we welcome the Pamela Moore Family, Sam Haines, Lee Ligocki, The Amanda Wyatt Family, the Emily Seerup Family, Brittany McKamey Family and Deborah Stipanovich.

Thank you for supporting us by becoming members.
Adult Art Education

We are happy to announce that we have several onsite adult classes happening that have filled up fast! Stained Glass with Judy Gregurich and Mark Montgomery is back on Tuesday nights with Beginning and Intermediate level classes. To get on a waiting list for the next round give us a call.

We are also happy to introduce Milissa Beale, of Beale Pottery as our new ceramics instructor. We will be announcing dates for the next sessions soon, so watch our website and social media sites as well.

We will be offering more adult classes shortly, both virtually and onsite! Keep an eye on our social media sites as well as our website for future class announcements.

Artist Opportunities

The Duneland Photo Club plan to do an outdoor photoshoot on Blue Hour photography, led by Norman Turner, at 6:00pm on Oct. 6th in Michigan City. More details on this and other upcoming events can be found on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/dunelandphotoclub. The Duneland Photography Club may also be contacted at DunelandPhotoClub@gmail.com.

Four members of our club are involved in the Rebound / Renew Exhibit of the South Lake Artists Coop. Carol Estes is coordinating the exhibition. Other participants from the Duneland Photography Club include Peggy Carter, Dina Heijvelaar, and Steve Bensing. The exhibit continues until November 15th at Wild Rose Brewing Company, 1104 E. Main St., Griffith, IN 46319. Their hours are M - F 3pm - 10pm; Sat. 12pm - 11pm; Sun. 12pm - 8pm.

Coming to the Galleries in November and December...

Critique Night is back!

Come and join Mark VanderVinne on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30 pm.

Masks Required - Social Distancing practiced, and hand sanitizer will be available.

A COVID-19 waiver will be provided for you to sign when you arrive.

No prior registration required. All ability levels and artistic styles are encouraged to attend. While Mark is a painter, he will be able to advise artists in other mediums as well.

Guests may simply sit and listen. But, the goal of the evening is build community. Artists can bring in a piece of work at any stage - from conception to the final version. While it will be a safe and friendly environment, it will be a critique involving Mark and others providing advice and insight into the effectiveness of the work or the artistic concept. Thank you, Mark!

That’s right, YOU! Our member artists are invited to bring in up to 3 pieces of work for exhibition in the two main floor galleries.

We’d love to be able to help you sell some work this holiday season. There is no fee to participate, but the Art Center will take the standard 30% commission as per usual.

If you are an artist but not a member, BECOME ONE! Work accepted from November 11 through 14 with an Open House on November 15 from 2pm until 4 pm. Work will remain up through January 13, 2021.