May: In the galleries...

Duneland Weavers’ Guild: Fiber Art ‘22
Exhibition (Upper Gallery):
May 1-30
Reception: May 1, 1-4 PM
Style Show: 2 PM

Dream Big: CAC Youth Art Exhibition
Exhibition (Lower Gallery)
May 1-30
Reception: May 21, 11–2 PM

These two May exhibitions really show off the hard work of the talented artists in our community. Please join us for the opening receptions or find a time during the month to stop in and enjoy the galleries at your own pace.

(More information about these exhibitions on page 4)
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 encourages 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.

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From the Executive Director

The Center has been so full of life these past few months, and our calendar will offer even more time with art and artmaking as we warm into these spring and summer months. I’m grateful to all of you that have been a part of our work.

Since becoming Director, I’ve learned so much about what this place means to so many and the history of those it’s served along the way. I’m always grateful for the facts, stories, and lessons that are offered by those that hold history of CAC. It’s wonderful to know the breadth of lives this organization has touched, in small and big ways—from taking a workshop and exploring a new technique to serving as a board member for decades.

We lost such a storyteller recently with the passing of Dan Keilman, a beloved community member, fierce education advocate and champion of the art center for many years. Current CAC Board Chair, Jane Dellagatti, pays tribute to Dan later in these pages, so I’ll defer to her.

We will continue to honor Dr. Keilman’s spirit of generosity and commitment to good. We hope you’ll join us in whatever way possible to build pathways to creative exploration, imagination-building, and certainly more storytelling. See you soon.

We are saddened by the recent passing of Emeritus Board Member Dan Keilman. Dan’s lifelong priority was to serve the people and youth of the Duneland communities to make it a better place. He was always amazed by the talent of kids. He was passionate about education, including serving for 31 years as a principal at Bailly and Jackson Elementary Schools.

Dan also volunteered his time and talent to help numerous Duneland nonprofit organizations. We were honored to have him serve on the Chesterton Art Center Board of Directors. He left us with a poignant thought in a recent social media post: “We are blessed to live in a wonderful world. Our best contribution to it is to have respect for ourselves and others at all times. A good life is not an accident. It is born of care for oneself and others.”

Sage advice. There is no doubt that Dan will be missed.

- Jane Delligatti, CAC Chair

TAG! Teen Arts Group

Teen Arts Group (TAG) began discussing proposals for their summer partnership with Upsadaisy Market, a local Sunday market full of upcycled, vintage, and artisan treasures. Artists collaboratively explored concepts for a public art piece through conversation, sketches, and maquettes. The collection of ideas have us excited to see the project develop further in the coming months.

This month, TAG artists will continue planning some future projects and partnerships for the summer, including a visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago.

Next TAG Meeting at CAC:
May 11, 2022 - 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.
Things to Know

CAC YOUTH ART POSTCARDS FOR SALE
Purchase a set of 8 different postcards created by our talented CAC youth artists. Available in the gift shop for $10. Proceeds from the sale of these postcards support our educational programming.

DROP-IN LIFE DRAWING
Every Tuesday, 2–4 PM
No registration required.
Bring your own supplies.
$15 model fee

WE STILL HAVE SOME SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR OUR POPULAR SUMMER CAMPS!
See page 5 for more details, call us with any questions. Register online at chestertonart.org/classes

CLASS CANCELLATION POLICY
If a student needs to cancel more than 2 weeks out from the start of class, they will be provided with a full refund. If a student cancels less than 2 weeks out from the start of class, they will be provided 75% of the class fee as „store credit“. This credit can be used toward another class, or toward a gift/art purchase from the Center.

May Exhibitions
Chesterton Art Center is pleased to announce the return of two annual exhibitions in May, titled Fiber Art '22 by Duneland Weavers’ Guild and Dream Big, the CAC Youth Art Exhibition.

Fiber Art ‘22: The Duneland Weavers’ Guild will be showcasing their work May 1-30 at Chesterton Art Gallery, in the front (upper) gallery space. An opening reception featuring the artists, items for sale, and prize drawings will be held on May 1, from 1-4 PM, with a style show at 2 PM.

The talented artists of the Guild have been busy creating original handwoven and knitted shawls, scarves, linens, wall hangings and more. You can purchase items on-site at the Art Center during the exhibition.

Weaving is a lively art in Northwest Indiana. The Duneland Weavers’ Guild has met monthly for more than seventy years, September through May. Current fiber artists, or those wishing to learn weaving are invited to join the Guild. Meetings are held via Zoom or in person at Three Moons Fiberworks in Chesterton. Visit dunelandweaversguild.org for details on membership and meetings.

Dream Big is the CAC Youth Art Exhibition, also running May 1-30 in the lower gallery space. An opening reception celebrating our young artists and their work is scheduled for May 21, from 11-2 PM.

CAC’s youth program focuses on modern art movements and changes each month. Students started in September with American Realism and are moving through the western art history timeline through to Pop Art this month.

Young artists are inspired each week by history, examples, materials, new skills, and techniques. This exhibition is a culmination of the efforts of instructor Miss Jen Aitchison and the talented artists in the program that studied with her from September 2021 to April 2022.

Outreach Update
CAC ART CAMP AT DUNELAND BOYS & GIRLS CLUB EXPLORES CARDBOARD BUILD-A-THON
The month of May wraps up this year’s 25-week outreach program at Duneland Boys & Girls Club. During this session, artists will explore the topic of ‘Cardboard Build-A-Thon’. With instruction from CAC teaching artist Brian Dortmund, artists can look forward to designing and constructing sculptural pieces from cardboard and other recyclable materials. Projects will be inspired by fantastical ideas of the imagination as artists create shields, robots, and games.

CAC’s outreach program with the Boys & Girls Club is generously funded by Urschel Giving, Janel Borsos, and Luella DeWulf.
Art Classes for Kids & Teens

Weekday Classes
Register at chestertonart.org or call (219) 926-4711
These classes are taught by the amazing Miss Jen.

May brings our last set of art classes before summer camps begin. This session will focus on Pop Art, a modern art movement from London and New York that combines popular culture and fine art. With inspiration from artists like Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein, students will explore what is popular to themselves and represent that in their own fine art pieces.

Register today! There are classes available for pre-school, home school, and middle/high school-age kids. For more information and registration visit our website chestertonart.org or call (219) 926-4711.

Class Tuition
Preschool: $75/month non-members, $55/month current CAC Family Members and Elementary-Teen: $90/month for non-member, $70/month current CAC Family Members. Scholarships are available for students of all ages. The scholarship application is on our website at chestertonart.org/scholarships.

Summer Art Camps 2022

June 6-10 | Creating with Clay
Ages 5-12 @ 8:30-11 AM | Ages 8+ @ 12-2:30 PM
Instructed by Liz Cowan
Tuition | $140 for non-members and $120 for current CAC Family Members

June 13-16 | Duneland Animals
Ages 5-8 @ 8:30-11 AM | Ages 8+ @ 12-2:30 PM
Instructed by Jen Aitchison
Tuition | $120 for non-members and $100 for current CAC Family Members

June 20-23 | In a Galaxy Far, Far Away
Ages 5-8 @ 8:30-11 AM | Ages 8+ @ 12-2:30 PM
Instructed by Jen Aitchison
Tuition | $120 for non-members and $100 for current CAC Family Members

June 27-30 | Me, Myself, & I
Ages 5-8 @ 8:30-11 AM | Ages 8+ @ 12-2:30 PM
Instructed by Jen Aitchison
Tuition | $120 for non-members and $100 for current CAC Family Members

July 11-14 | Impressions of the Lakeshore
Ages 5-8 @ 8:30-11 AM | Ages 8+ @ 12-2:30 PM
Instructed by Jen Aitchison
Tuition | $120 for non-members and $100 for current CAC Family Members

July 18-July 21 | Fantastical Worlds & Beyond
Ages 5-8 @ 8:30-11 AM | Ages 8+ @ 12-2:30 PM
Instructed by Jen Aitchison
Tuition | $120 for non-members and $100 for current CAC Family Members

For full camp descriptions and registration, visit our website chestertonart.org/classes or contact the Center at (219) 926-4711. Scholarships are available for students of all ages. The scholarship application is on our website at chestertonart.org/scholarships. For more information, contact Jillian Bridgeman, Program Director, at programs@chestertonart.org.

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Adult Art Classes

Our classes provide a creative space for artists to learn at every age and level.

Beginning Oil Painting with Jane Cowley

This 6-week class will meet from Monday, May 2-June 13 (no May 30) at 7-9 PM.

Students will be introduced to the methods and materials of oil painting with award-winning artist Jane Cowley. Lessons will include composition, color mixing, values, various techniques, spatial relations, and perspective. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is $150 for non-members and $130 for current CAC members. The supply list is available at registration.

Lumen Printing Workshop with Dave Lasayko

This 1-day workshop will meet on Sat., May 7 from 10 AM-1 PM.

A lumen print is a solar photogram - an image created on photographic paper, exposed by the sun (in other words, printing with light). It began as one of photography's earliest experiments in the 19th century.

With guidance from Dave Lasayko, students will learn different lumen printing techniques that incorporate analog printing methods and modern digital editing processes. Using black & white photographic paper, students will create a lumen print from flowers, leaves, small flat objects, or negatives arranged in their own creative composition. Students are encouraged to bring leaves, small flowers, or gathered flat objects for printing.

Tuition is $55 for non-members and $45 for current CAC members. (A $15 supply fee is due to the instructor at the beginning of class.)

Beginning Ceramics with Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis

This 6-week class will meet from Wednesday, May 11-June 15 at 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. With 5 wheels and plenty of workspace for hand building, students will rotate between both methods to create finished ceramic works. This class is recommended for beginners & advanced beginners.

This class is a prerequisite for the Ceramics Open Studio class.

Tuition for non-members is $185, and $165 for current CAC members. All materials are provided, including 12 lbs. of clay.

Sunflower Watercolor Workshop with Herb Helm

This 1-day workshop will meet on Thursday, May 12 from 9:30 AM-3 PM and is recommended for advanced beginners + above.

With guided instruction from Herb Helm, students can look forward to creating a colorful sunflower project through a combination of both experimental watercolor techniques and controlled painting. The project will incorporate negative painting techniques, a creative imagination, and opening your mind to new watercolor practices as students discover ways to pull elements out of their splattering and pouring. This workshop will be held in the upstairs classroom.

Students will have a 30-minute lunch break, so bring a bag lunch or partake in any number of great restaurants in downtown Chesterton.

Tuition is $110 for non-members, and $90 for current CAC members.

Ceramics Open Studio with Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis

This 6-week class will meet from Friday, May 13-June 17 at 6-9 PM.

Open Studio allows students time and space to create their own ceramic works under the guidance of Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis. There will be 5 wheel throwing spots available and 3 hand-building spots available; students must commit to the technique of choice when they register. This class is for students who have previously taken Beginning Ceramics at Chesterton Art Center.

Prerequisite: Beginning Ceramics

Tuition for non-members is $195, and $175 for current CAC members. All materials are provided, including 25 lbs. of clay.
Adult Art Classes

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Glass Fusing Workshop with Mindy Milan
This 1-day workshop will meet on Saturday, May 21 from 1-4 PM.

With guidance from Mindy Milan, students can look forward to creating jewelry-size pieces, small plates, garden stakes, and other items utilizing several glass forming techniques. Watch some glass melt in the kiln, and learn about the forms, colors and processes of fusing glass. All materials are provided.

This workshop is a prerequisite for the Glass Fusing II class.

Tuition is $45 for current CAC members and $55 for non-members. (A $15 material and firing fee is payable to the instructor at the beginning of class.)

Cell Phone Photography Workshop with Deb Armstrong
This 1-day workshop will meet on Saturday, May 14 from 10 AM-1 PM.

Participants will learn expanded cell phone camera settings as well as basic composition and lighting techniques that will boost your creativity.

Since we’re all using our cell phones as a primary camera--for social media, for family, etc.--learn all of the tricks and techniques to use it even better!

Tuition is $55.00 for non-members and $45.00 for current CAC members.

Glass Fusing II with Mindy Milan
This 6-week class will meet from Tuesday, May 24-June 28 at 6-8 PM.

Glass Fusing II is for those who wish to expand their glass fusing experience and knowledge. With guidance from Mindy Milan, students will explore new glass forming and embellishing techniques -- including strip cutting, kilnforming, draping, frits and powders, and enamel painting. All supplies are provided. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Prerequisite: Glass Fusing workshop

Tuition is $180 for non-members and $160 for current CAC members. (A $25 material/firing fee is due to the instructor at the beginning of class.)

Beginning Stained Glass
This 8-week class will meet from Tuesday, May 24- July 19 (no July 5) at 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. Tools and supplies are provided.

This class is a prerequisite for Stained Glass Open Studio.

Tuition is $250 for non-members and $230 for current CAC members. (supplies included)

Stained Glass Open Studio
This 8-week Open Studio class will meet from Tuesday, May 24- July 19 (no July 5) at 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.

Prerequisite: Beginning Stained Glass

Tuition for non-members is $105, and $85 for CAC members. (Students are expected to provide their own tools and supplies.)
Duneland Photography Club News

Next meeting
May 3, 2022 at 7 pm

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Program Center (white building) this month, since our normal spot in the Education Center is being used as a voting center. Doors open at 5:30 for a newly instituted Basics Roundtable with mentoring and question time. The speaker for the next meeting on May 3rd is Deb Armstrong, leading us on the topic, “Twelve Elements of a Merit Image.” Deb teaches photography classes at many local organizations, including Gabis Arboretum, the Art Barn, and the Chesterton Art Center.

In April, we hosted, along with the Porter County Parks Department, a Wildflower Photography class at Brincka-Cross Gardens. It was taught by our own wildflower expert, Susan Kirt. Susan currently has an insect photography exhibit at Red Cup Cafe in Chesterton. Spring is a great time of year to photograph flowers at Brincka-Cross. We also held a Lighthouse Sunset Photoshoot at Washington Park in Michigan City, at a time of year where the sun sets over the skyline of Chicago.

We are planning a field trip to Chicago in May, taking the South Shore train as a group.

What’s next at CAC?

JUNE
70th Annual Chesterton Women’s Club Art Show
Exhibition: June 3-30
Reception: June 4, 12-2 PM

JULY
Stephanie Carnell: Transition
Exhibition: July 2-28, 2022
Reception: July 9, 12-2 PM

AUGUST
Chesterton Art Fair: Aug 6 & 7