Special Events

Corey Hagelberg: The Design is Fine...The Design is not Fine

EXHIBITION: AUGUST 4–SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
MEMBERS ONLY EVENT: SEPTEMBER 15, 5–7 PM

CAC members please join us for a special free members-only event, Thursday, September 15, from 5-7PM in the CAC galleries. Exhibiting artist Corey Hagelberg will discuss his exhibition, The Design is Fine...The Design is not Fine, and offer a relief printmaking demonstration. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to gallery@chestertonart.org to reserve your space.

Also...
A special event for teen artists! A private artist talk + workshop for TAG members only will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 - 4:30–6:30 PM. Become a TAG member and join us! See page 3 for complete details.
Become a Member!

Welcome to the Chesterton Art Center!

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From the Executive Director

It’s been a wonderful summer here at CAC, but our fall is shaping up to be even better! We have amazing classes and workshops heading your way for artists of all ages, and we are thrilled to announce yet another community partnership to bring arts education to more young artists in our community—read further for those details! We also have two spectacular exhibits in our galleries this season that should not be missed.

Corey Hagelberg’s gorgeous and poignant solo exhibition, The Design is Fine…The Design is Not Fine, continues through this month, so come visit if you haven’t already done so—or visit again and see what you missed the first time. In October, we welcome Mark My Words, an innovative exhibit featuring the letterpress works of Detroit-based printer Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr. and over 20 regional artists that create zines, comics, and other print works. Both exhibits investigate language and text in visual art while championing the artist as activist and storyteller to challenge our concepts of creative practice and the roles of artists play in society.

It’s a perfect time to gather at CAC to make and view art! Lots of exciting opportunities and events are in store this month, including unique workshops, a return to our popular kids’ classes, and a special members’ event. Stay in close touch to learn more as the days grow cooler. Hope to see you soon!

TAG! Teen Arts Group

This past month, Teen Arts Group (TAG) members were thrilled to have their first-ever booth at the Chesterton Art Fair. TAG members lined tables with handmade jewelry, lovely 2D drawings and paintings, unique digital prints, and 3D pieces. Special thanks to all visitors who stopped by their booth to browse or purchase works. We’re so proud of our TAG artists for all of the hard work they put into this event.

This month, TAG artists will have a private artist talk + workshop with exhibiting artist Corey Hagelberg. Corey will walk through his exhibition on display at the Center, discuss his work as a local NWI artist and activist, and complete a printmaking activity with everyone.

Next TAG Meeting at CAC:
Thursday, September 22, 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

DROP-IN LIFE DRAWING RETURNS SEPTEMBER 6!

Every Tuesday, 2–4 PM
No registration required.
Bring your own supplies.
$15 model fee

CAC REFUND POLICY

CAC REFUND POLICY: No full refunds are permitted for tuitions paid for educational programs. Participants may receive a 50% tuition credit that can be used for a future educational program at CAC. After the start of, or the day of, the educational program, no refunds or credits will be given. Should CAC cancel any educational program, all participants will receive a full refund.

WE’RE SO PLEASED TO WELCOME OUR NEW INTERN, ELLEN RATH!

Ellen is currently a senior at Chesterton High School who aspires to study interior design at IUPUI in the future.

“I was drawn to CAC because I really like how the Center brings everyone together through art and creates community. I’m especially excited to learn about the process for curating and hanging exhibits while I’m here,” says Ellen.

Ellen will be interning with CAC for the duration of the school year as she assists with exhibitions, programming, and operational needs of the Center.

Shirley Heinze Land Trust
Nature in the Arts

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022
9 AM-12 PM
Meadowbrook
Nature Preserve
109 W 700 N
Valparaiso, IN 46385

CAC is partnering with Shirley Heinze Land Trust for their Nature in the Arts program, a special series of events that combine the outdoors with hands-on art experiences for all ages. Join us at Meadowbrook on September 24 where we will be creating two exciting projects – magical nature wands from foraged sticks and decorative materials & personalized walking journals full of collage, drawings, writings, and findings.

Youth Arts Outreach Program Returns + Grows

CAC is happy to announce the expansion of our outreach programs! This year, we will be returning to Duneland Boys & Girls Club and will also now serve the Duneland Family YMCA for a 25-week Youth Arts Outreach Program. At both sites, CAC instructors will be leading hands-on, exciting art lessons that highlight unique topics during each 5-week ‘camp’ session. The program begins September 15 and will run through May.

These outreach programs support CAC’s mission of creating accessible, enriching arts programming for our community. Special thanks to our partners at Boys & Girls Club, the YMCA, and all sponsors who make these outreach programs possible.
Youth Art Classes

Afterschool Art Classes

Afterschool 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 theme, topic, or movement through a wide variety of 2D media such as watercolor, pastel, graphite, acrylic, or printmaking.

Because each monthly session offers a different theme and set of projects, families are welcomed to register for one session, a few, or the whole year!

Tuition for each 4-week session is $90 for non-members and $70 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies provided.

AFTERSCHOOL ART: SEPTEMBER

The September sessions of After School Art will focus on the Realist Art Movement. With instruction from Jen Aitchison, students will discuss Realist artists Courbet and Millet, leaders of the first modern art movement. Both artists were known for portraying everyday people, landscapes, and animals in a natural way. There will be a strong focus on animals as students work in both drawing and painting. In October, students will be focusing on the Bauhaus Art Movement.

CLASS SCHEDULE
SELECT THE AGE GROUP/DAY THAT SUITS YOUR ARTIST

Ages 8-12 | Monday, Aug 29-Sep 26 (No Sep 5) at 3:30-5 PM
Ages 5-8 | Tuesday, Sep 6-27 at 3:30-5 PM
Ages 5-8 | Wednesday, Sep 7-28 at 3:30-5 PM
Ages 8-12 | Thursday, Sep 1-22 at 3:30-5 PM
Ages 12-16 | Thursday, Sep 1-22 at 5:30-7 PM

New! Preschool Pop-In Classes

Preschool Pop-Ins are offered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10-11:30 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 & create together with their young artist. If dropping off, students must be potty-trained.

Because each monthly session offers a different theme and special project, families are welcomed to register for one session, a few, or the whole year!

Tuition for each class for one child and one grown-up is $30 for non-members and $20 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies provided.

PRESCHOOL POP-IN | SEPTEMBER

The September Preschool Pop-In session meets on Tuesday, September 13 at 10-11:30 AM and is recommended for ages 3-5. This month’s Pop-In will focus on owls. Let’s make paintings of a wonderful feathered friend! With instruction from Jen Aitchison, students will create an owl painting while practicing holding a brush and filling in shapes.

Teen Ceramics

This 4-week class will meet from Saturday, September 17- October 15 (no Oct 8) at 10 AM-12 PM and is for ages 12 to 18.

With guidance from Emily Casella, students will learn basic wheel throwing skills. They will work to complete a teacup and saucer with intricate handles. Students can look forward to experimenting with different decoration techniques that set them apart from the crowd! Class is limited to 5 students.

Tuition for non-members is $120 and $100 for current CAC Family members. All materials are provided.
Adult Art Classes
Our classes provide a creative space for artists to learn at every age and level.

Pastel Birds & Animals Workshop: Feathers & Fur with Mary Ann Pals
This two-day pastel workshop will meet on September 10-11 from 9:30 AM-3:00 PM, with a 1-hour lunch break each day. This workshop is recommended for advanced beginners + above.

With instruction from IAPS Master Circle Pastelist, Mary Ann Pals, students will learn not only how to use the soft pastel medium to blend and layer, but also how to create believable feathers & fur as they learn to render portraits of birds and animals. While using reference photos, students will learn how to avoid the pitfalls of following a photo too closely. Sound composition will be emphasized. Mary Ann will give a demo and will also provide individual help to students.

Students will have access to free samples of Richeson hand-rolled soft pastels from a special 40-piece set called Fur and Feathers and one sheet of PastelMat paper.

Tuition is $135 for non-members and $115 for current CAC members.

Intro to Digital Photography with Deb Armstrong
This 4-week class will meet from Monday, September 12-October 3 at 6-8 PM.

With instruction from Deb Armstrong, participants will learn how to operate their digital cameras and compose eye-catching photos rather than just snapshots. The class will include the basics on camera functions and settings, lighting and exposure, composition, file management and storage, digital editing and online use. There will be assignments and group critiques along the way to advance photography skills. This course is geared toward beginners and will offer question-and-answer time before and after each class.

Tuition is $95.00 for non-members and $85.00 for current CAC members.

Oil Painting with Jane Cowley
This 6-week class will meet from Monday, September 12-October 17 at 7-9 PM.

Students will be introduced to the methods and materials of oil painting with award-winning artist Jane Cowley. While oil painting is often viewed as a tricky medium, the instructor will make students feel at ease as they learn at a comfortable pace that works for their skill level. Lessons will include composition, color mixing, values, various techniques, spatial relations, and perspective. This class is open to all levels, including beginners. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is $150 for non-members and $130 for current CAC members.

Fundamental Drawing with Laura Krentz
This 4-week class will meet from Wednesday, September 14-October 5 at 6-8 PM.

This introductory drawing class is instructed by Laura Krentz and is recommended for beginners. If you’ve always wanted to learn to draw or improve your basic drawing skills, this class is for you! Learn in a stress-free, fun environment with a certified art teacher. Students will have access to a variety of drawing media as each class will highlight different drawing tools such as simple pencils, pastels, and ink pens to expand your exploration. You’ll learn contour line drawing, shading, color application, and freeform exploration using pens to create whimsical works. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is $120 for non-members and $100 for current CAC members.
Adult Art Classes

Register at chestertonart.org/classes

Cell Phone Photography Workshop with Deb Armstrong

Join us for this one-day workshop on Saturday, September 17 from 1-4 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.

Beginning Ceramics with Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis

This 6-week class will meet from Wednesday, September 21-October 26 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 Intermediate Ceramics class.

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

Art, Writing & Nature Workshop with Suzy Vance

This 1-day workshop is held on September 24 from 12-4 PM.

With guidance from Suzy Vance, students will pull inspiration from nature as they create a unique, personal booklet full of art and writings.

For the 1st part of the workshop, students will meet off-site at the Beverly Shores train station (intersection of US Highway 12 & Broadway St). Students will then be directed to a trail nearby where they will go on a walk and explore the lush nature all around them (sketchbooks/notebooks and digital/cell phone cameras recommended). They’ll return to a quiet place to reflect, make notes, begin sketches, and even share with others if they choose.

For the 2nd part of the workshop, students will meet back at CAC to create a small booklet that commemorates their nature walk through writings, photos, and drawings.

Tuition is $50.00 for non-members and $40.00 for current CAC members. All supplies included.

Bookbinding Workshop with Terrence Chouinard

This 1-day workshop will meet on Thursday, September 29 at 6-9 PM and is recommended for teens and adults, ages 16+.

A folded piece of paper makes a “folio.” One folio inside another makes a “signature.” One or multiple signatures sewn together make a “book.”

With instruction from Terrence Chouinard, this workshop will cover basic bookbinding terms and tools with ample time allowed for hands-on practice. Students will construct a single signature/pamphlet binding with cover variations. This workshop will lay the conceptual and practical foundation for more advanced bookbinding skills.

Tuition is $70.00 for non-members and $60.00 for current CAC members. (A $10 supply fee is due to the instructor at the beginning of class.)
Duneland Photography Club News

Next meeting
September 6, 2022 at 7 pm

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7:00pm. This month we will meet on September 6th at the Program Center (white building) early at 6:00pm for a picnic before the meeting. Visitors welcome. At 7:00pm we will be led in a photography scavenger hunt by photography instructor Deb Armstrong. Bring a camera. Afterwards there will be show & tell in the Program Center.

In August, the club did headshots for the Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso, photographed a butterfly release at Coffee Creek Watershed Conservancy, participated in a Worldwide photowalk in Gary, photographed the Chicago skyline from Michigan City, and visited the horse farm of one of our members. Come to our next meeting to find out about upcoming events.

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.

What’s next at CAC?

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER
Mark My Words
Amos P. Kennedy, Jr. +
print works by regional artists
Exhibition: Oct 3–Nov 29, 2022
Artists’ Reception: Oct 8, 10 AM–2 PM
Artist Talk* with Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr.: Nov 5, 11 AM
Free Family Art Day: 10 AM–2 PM

DECEMBER
CAC Members Show
(Exhibit guidelines coming soon!)

* Masks required

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