In the Galleries...

Sense of Place: Works from the Artists in Residence of Indiana Dunes National Park

EXHIBITION: JANUARY 17–MARCH 1, 2023
RECEPTION: SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 12–2 PM

The Indiana Dunes National Park Artist-in-Residence program has been sharing the park’s inspirational landscape for over 25 years and has served 70 artists to date. This exhibit is a survey of works held in the National Park collection, including works from 2021 and 2022 that have not yet been exhibited publicly. View this celebration of the natural world that surrounds us as seen through the eyes of these artist visitors across many media, including painting, photography, sculpture, fiber, and mixed media.

This exhibition is made possible in partnership with Indiana Dunes National Park and is generously supported by Friends of Indiana Dunes.

**Exhibiting artists:** Chris Arnold, Kirsten Brat, Lynn Buckmaster, Mark Burkett, Kim Clanton, Anna Cox, Joe Cronan, Andrew Deiser, Susan Dorsey, Wendy Felters, Angela Gelasi, Caroline Goldsmith, Ron Henderson, Nancy Hershberger, Thomas Himsel, Linda Hoard, Larry Jensen, Joel Knapp, Barbara Knuckles, Kristina Knowski, Kathy Levine, Rachel Lin Weaver, Valerie Mann, Margaret Mayer, Laura Reilly, Mary Jean Reusch, Joan Richmond, Robert Robbins, Curt Stanfield, Catherine Trezek, Lina Volz, Marianne Well, and Marikay Whitlock

All of our exhibitions are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday–Friday from 11 am–4 pm and Saturday, 10 am–2 pm.

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Welcome New Members!

Sue Allison
Dawn Duty
Stacie Fabrie
Orlee + Chad Glazer
Michelle Golden
Corey Hagelberg
Judy Holtz
Christine Hubbell
Mary Alice + Henry Koehler
Terese Maletta
Miakela Martinez
Lynn Novak
Debra Simanski
Wendy Smith
Chris Stiller
Nancy Sutton
Michelle + Dave Tvaroha
Barbara + Brock Vinson
Kay Westhues
Maureen Woods
Some folks think of the new year as a clean slate, but I’m not wishing that for CAC in 2023. We are launching into this new year with all the momentum, accomplishment, and joy that we’ve encountered in this past year—and that’s thanks to all of you. To all of you that have donated, joined, learned, exhibited, purchased from, showed up, brought a friend of family member to visit, or said a kind word about CAC; you are the reason we are crossing the threshold into a new year with thriving programs, outreach events, amazing classes and workshops, and an exhibition schedule that we can’t wait to unveil in the months ahead.

We look forward to continuing the celebration with you and honor all that the arts do for us, our neighborhood, and our community. We have so many exciting plans for the future of Chesterton Art Center, and we can’t wait to get to work with all of you by our side.

Best wishes to you all for this new year and the continuation of all we want to grow and cultivate.

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**January Workshops**

**Plaster Mask Workshop with Suzy Vance**

This 2-day workshop is held on January 7-8 from 10 AM-12 PM.

With guidance from Suzy Vance, students will work together to cast plaster masks (nicknamed “Life Masks”) of each other’s faces during this collaborative experience. On the second day, each individual will apply their personal vision as they design their mask with paints and other decorative materials to best represent their creative self. Entering the new year, this is a great reflective activity for families and friends to do together as a way to set personal resolutions in a creative way!

Tuition is $60 for non-members and $54 for current CAC members. (A $10 supply fee is due to the instructor at the beginning of class.)

**Cell Phone Photography Workshop with Deb Armstrong**

Join us for this 1-day workshop on Saturday, January 14 from 10 AM-1 PM.

With guidance from Deb Armstrong, students will learn expanded cell phone camera settings, basic composition, and lighting techniques that will boost creativity and improve skills behind the lens. Since we are all using our cell phones as a primary camera -- for social media, family, day-to-day memories, etc. -- learn all of the tricks and techniques to make your photos even better!

Tuition is $55.00 for non-members and $49.50 for current CAC members.

**Glass Fusing Workshop with Mindy Milan**

This 1-day workshop will meet on Saturday, January 28 from 1-4 PM.

With guidance from Mindy Milan, students can look forward to creating unique projects that range from jewelry-size pieces, small plates, window hangers, and other items utilizing several glass forming techniques. Watch some glass melt in the kiln & learn about the forms, colors, and processes of fusing glass!

Tuition is $55 for non-members and $49.50 for current CAC members. (A $15 material and firing fee is due to the instructor at the beginning of class.)

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**64th Chesterton Art Fair**

**Artist Applications go live January 1**

The Chesterton Art Fair artist applications go live on January 1, 2023. Go to our website and click LEARN MORE on the Chesterton Art Fair graphic. This will take you to our ZAPPlication artist application.

**Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are an essential part of the success of this large-scale annual event. Individual volunteers and groups are welcome to join us August 5 and 6. Volunteer tasks and shifts are varied—there is something for everyone, and all volunteers get free entry to the fair. Interested? Please reach out to us at gallery@chestertonart.org

**Food Vendors Needed**

If you, or someone you know, is interested in being a food vendor at the Art Fair, please contact us at gallery@chestertonart.org
Youth Arts Outreach Program

In January, the third session of CAC’s 25-week Youth Arts Outreach Program begins at the Duneland Boys & Girls Club and YMCA as students will explore the topic of Superheroes vs. Villains. Students will pull inspiration from Pop Art as they design personalized superhero logos and masks, good vs. evil comic books, and additional projects that “pop” off of the page.

The Youth Arts Outreach Program supports 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.

TAG! Teen Arts Group

This past month, Teen Arts Group (TAG) members enjoyed a virtual Artist Talk with Washington-based fiber artist Christy Caravaglio. Christy shared her expertise on creating “woven murals” in her community. We’re eager to see these early ideas transform into detailed plans for their large-scale public art project in partnership with Chesterton Park.

This month, TAG artists will begin to prepare work for their exhibition at Red Cup Cafe and continue plans for the public art project.

Next TAG Meeting at CAC: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 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.
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 $81 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies provided.

The January sessions of Afterschool Art will focus on Surrealism and are instructed by Jen Aitchison. Surrealist artists like Chagall, Magritte, and Dali will influence the imaginative worlds students create as they find inspiration through their own dreams. Students can look forward to filling their sketchbooks with dreamy ideas that will transform into 2D paintings and 3D paper mache sculptures.

Class Schedule | Select the age group/day that suits your artist
Ages 8-12 | Monday, Jan 2-23 from 3:30-5 PM
Ages 5-8 | Tuesday, Jan 3-24 from 3:30-5 PM
Ages 5-8 | Wednesday, Jan 4-25 from 3:30-5 PM
Ages 8-12 | Thursday, Jan 5-26 from 3:30-5 PM
Ages 12-16 | Thursday, Jan 5-26 from 5:30-7 PM

Preschool Pop-In Classes

Preschool Pop-Ins are offered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 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.

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 1-class session is $30 for non-members and $27 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies provided.

The January Preschool Pop-In session meets on Tuesday, January 10 from 10-11:30 AM and is recommended for ages 3-5.

This month’s Pop-In will focus on dreamy creativity! Pulling on ideas from the Surrealism Movement, students will create an imaginative mixed-media art piece.

In February, students will focus on lines and shapes as they create Van-Gogh inspired hearts.

Introduction to Animation

This 5-week class will meet Saturday, January 14-February 11 from 10 AM-12 PM and is for ages 12 to 18.

With guidance from Katie Wiley, this class will take artists interested in animation to a whole new level of appreciation. This beginner-friendly class will take students through a quick history of animation and teach using traditional 2-D techniques the way the pros have been making for years! Artists can expect to learn about the 12 principles of animation and use them to complete a new animation “challenge” each week. Parents and/or caregivers are invited to attend the last class for a final showcase of the class animation reel. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition for non-members is $100 and $90 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.

**Beginning Ceramics: Monday mornings with Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis**

This 6-class session will meet from Monday, January 9-February 20 (No Feb 13) from 9 AM-12 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. 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 Open Studio Ceramics class.

Tuition is $185 for non-members and $166.50 for current CAC members. All materials are provided, including 12 lbs. of clay.

**Open Studio Ceramics with Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis**

This 6-class session will meet from Monday, January 9-February 20 (No Feb 13) from 6-9 PM.

During this independent study class, students will apply their skills to explore their own project ideas as they choose to focus on either the wheel throwing or hand-building method. The instructor, Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, will be available to provide general guidance and project support to ensure students are producing successful ceramic works. There will be 4 wheel throwing spots available and 4 hand-building spots available; students must commit to their technique of choice when they register.

Prerequisite: Beginning Ceramics or previous experience approved by instructor

Tuition is $185 for non-members and $166.50 for current CAC members. All materials are provided, including 12 lbs. of clay. Students may purchase an additional 12 lbs. of clay for $25.

**Oil Painting with Jane Cowley**

This 6-class session will meet from Monday, January 9-February 13 from 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 $135 for current CAC members.

**Beginning Stained Glass**

This 8-class session will meet from Tuesday, January 10-February 28 from 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. Master the techniques of working with glass, and learn how to create beautiful works from a variety of colors. Tools and supplies are provided.

This class is a prerequisite for Open Studio Stained Glass.

Tuition is $175 for non-members and $157.50 for current CAC members. (A $75 material fee is due to the instructor at the first class.)

**Life Drawing Drop-In**

returns on Tuesday, January 10

Starting January 2023, members will receive a 10% tuition discount for classes and workshops.
Adult Art Classes

Register today at chestertonart.org/classes.

From Drawing to Painting with Diana Stezalski
This 5-class session will meet from Wednesday, January 11-February 8 from 10 AM-12 PM.

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, students will be introduced to both observational drawing skills and introductory acrylic painting techniques. Students will develop a preparatory drawing with charcoal and then transfer this image to canvas to create a painting using acrylics. Structure, proportion, value, edge, and color mixing will be emphasized. This class is geared towards the beginner student, but all levels are welcome.

Tuition is $170 for non-members and $153 for current CAC members.

Intro to Digital Photography with Deb Armstrong
This 4-class session will meet from Thursday, January 19-February 9 from 6-8 PM.

With instruction from Deb Armstrong, students 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, as well as question-and-answer time before and after each class.

This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is $95.00 for non-members and $85.50 for current CAC members.

Open Studio Stained Glass
This 8-class session will meet from Tuesday, January 10-February 28 from 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. In addition, the instructors provide an optional “challenge project” that pushes the skills and creativity of students.

Prerequisite: Beginning Stained Glass

Tuition is $105 for non-members and $94.50 for current CAC members. (Students are expected to provide their own tools and supplies.)

From Drawing to Painting - Starts January 11

Fundamentals of Acrylic Painting with Diana Stezalski
This 5-week class will meet from Tuesday, January 10-February 7 from 6-8 PM.

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, students will be introduced to the language of painting using the versatile medium of acrylic paint. Color mixing, value, composition, structure, scale, perspective, and texture will be addressed.

Students will develop an understanding of the characteristics of acrylic paint and mediums, brush types, and the supports suitable for acrylic painting. This class is geared towards the beginner painter, but all levels are welcome. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is $160 for non-members and $144 for current CAC members.

Beginning Ceramics: Wednesday evenings with Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis
This 6-class session will meet from Wednesday, January 11-February 22 (No Feb 15) from 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. 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 Open Studio Ceramics class.

Tuition is $185 for non-members and $166.50 for current CAC members. All materials are provided, including 12 lbs. of clay.

Scholarships are available for students of all ages. The scholarship application can be found on our website at chestertonart.org/scholarships.
Duneland Photography Club News

Next Meeting
January 3, 2022 at 7 pm

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hill Farm County Park at 7 PM in the Horton Family Education Center. Doors open at 5:30 for hands-on mentoring and question time. At 7 PM on January 3, Michael Kobe will be doing a presentation on Flower Photography. Michael is an accomplished photographer and an excellent teacher, with flowers being his favorite subject. Our Show & Tell for the month will be Holiday Photos or Favorites from 2022.

Last month the Duneland Photography Club photographed holiday events, including Holly Days in Valparaiso. The club also volunteered to take photos of children with Santa at Sunset Hill Farm County Park. Several members participated in the Members’ Exhibit at the Chesterton Art Center.

In January, we are making preparations for a couple exhibits on the topics of Flowers and Street Photography.

The Duneland Photography Club is a group of individuals helping each other improve their photography skills through classes, photo shoots, 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.

Duneland Photography Club Members attending the Reception for the Chesterton Art Center, including: Steve Bensing, Susan Murrah, Peggy Carter, Carol Estes, Susan Kirt, and her son James (photo taken by Kevin Firme). Not pictured, but also attending, were Dina Heiselaar, Deb Armstrong, Linda Camp, and George Kassal.

What’s next at CAC?

CAC Closed
December 24, 2022–January 2, 2023

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Artist Reception:
January 21, 2023 12–2 PM

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CAC Closed
January 16, 2023–Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Duneland Schools Student Exhibits
March 3–31, 2022

High School Reception, March 7, 5–7 PM
K–8 Reception, March 20, 5–7 PM