EXHIBITION: MARCH 4–MARCH 29, 2023

Representative artwork from students in grades K–12 will be on display at Duneland Schools’ annual exhibit at the Chesterton Art Center.

High School Exhibition: March 4–15, Reception March 7, 5–7 PM
K–8 Exhibition: March 18-29, Reception March 20, 5:30–8 PM

Receptions will be hosted for students and their families. In order to accommodate all visitors, this schedule has been created:

- K–2: 5:30–6:30 PM
- 3–4: 6:30–7:00 PM
- 5–6: 7:00–7:30 PM
- 7–8: 7:30–8:00 PM

The exhibits are open to the public weekdays 11 AM–4 PM and Saturdays 10–2 PM.

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.
Become a Member!

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

March is one of my favorite months at CAC, and this year is absolutely no exception. Our galleries are filled with the beautiful works of our Duneland Schools’ young artists kindergarten through high school in a celebration of their talent and creativity. The receptions fill our space with proud families that have watched their kids grow via these exhibits, and the art center is proud to be an important touchpoint for this annual tradition.

We are gearing up for a very busy Spring here at CAC, including so many new classes and workshops, the return of our annual Art After Dark gala fundraiser—which will be a wonderful evening—and some beautiful exhibits in the upcoming months. Stay closely tuned so you don’t miss a thing, and we look forward to seeing you as always.

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Art After Dark Gala is Back!

May 6, 2023 at 5:30 PM
Sand Creek Country Club
1001 Sand Creek Drive in Chesterton

Join us for a wonderful evening celebrating community with cocktails, dinner, silent auction, dancing, live music by The Billy Foster Trio and a collaborative artmaking project!

Dress to shine and sparkle the night away!
Ticket $125 | Table $1,000

Sponsorship opportunities + tickets available at chestertonart.org

CAC is a vibrant hub that envisions an inclusive community where art and arts education are championed, where artists and creatives thrive, and where people connect through the arts. Your support builds access to all that CAC offers.

Exciting Donation Match Opportunity

Help us meet the challenge!

An anonymous donor has offered an amazing opportunity of a one-to-one match up to $2,500.00 for all donations received between now and March 31, 2023. Double your gift’s impact by giving now to Chesterton Art Center. You can visit our website and donate safely online, mail your gift, or give us a call. These matched gifts will support CAC’s Teen Arts Group (TAG) and our Family Arts Days program in 2023. TAG is a free program serving passionate teen artists from five regional schools with monthly professional arts experiences, technique workshops with professional artists, and local exhibition and public art opportunities. Our free Family Arts Days invite kids and their favorite grown ups into our galleries and classrooms for some collaborative creative time looking at and making art. Your donation now will double your gift to support these important outreach programs that create access to the arts in our community.

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This past month, the fourth session of CAC’s 25-week Youth Arts Outreach Program began at the Duneland Boys & Girls Club and YMCA as students explored the topic of ‘Worldly Foods.’ With guidance from teaching artist Emily Blossom, students will learn all about eats and treats from around the world as they create clay sushi, print with vegetables, and design their very own restaurant mockup.

The final session begins April 4 and highlights the topic of ‘Earth Day is Everyday’ as students explore projects inspired by nature’s surroundings.

The Youth Arts Outreach Program supports CAC’s mission of creating accessible, enriching arts programming for our community. CAC’s outreach program, in partnership with Duneland Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA, is generously funded by 1st Source Foundation.

TAG! Teen Arts Group

This past month, Teen Arts Group (TAG) celebrated the opening of their exhibition titled Reality’s Edge at Red Cup Cafe, showcasing the work of ten local high school artists from four regional schools. Reality’s Edge gives insight to the way each artist interprets the world around them, and their art becomes an outward expression of their inner thoughts.

The exhibit is on display until March 30, so be sure to stop by and enjoy their work! Special thanks to Red Cup Cafe for making this happen.

This month, TAG artists will finalize plans for their public art project at Chesterton Park and attend IUN’s Teen Arts Summit.

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.
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 $81 for current CAC Family Members. All supplies provided.

The March sessions of Afterschool Art are instructed by Jen Aitchison and will focus on American Modernism. American Modernist artists Jacob Lawrence and Georgia O’Keeffe both painted beautiful abstractions of American subjects that called attention to the things they cared about. Students will enjoy creating an abstracted view of something familiar to them by focusing on composition and blowing up the subject matter in their final piece. Lots of sketching and blended painting techniques will be incorporated.

Class Schedule | Select the age group/day that suits your artist
Ages 8-12 | (3-class prorated session) Monday, Mar 6-20 from 3:30-5 PM
Ages 5-8 | Tuesday, Feb 28-Mar 21 from 3:30-5 PM
Ages 5-8 | Wednesday, Mar 1-22 from 3:30-5 PM
Ages 8-12 | Thursday, Mar 2-23 from 3:30-5 PM
Ages 12-16 | Thursday, Mar 2-23 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. With instruction from Jen Aitchison, 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 March Preschool Pop-In session meets on Tuesday, March 14 from 10-11:30 AM and is recommended for ages 3-5.

This month’s Pop-In will focus on flowers! With an influence from nature, students will study patterns and shapes they find in flowers as they create beautiful pieces inspired by Georgia O’Keeffe, the master of close-up flowers.

In April, students will focus on playful painting techniques as they learn about Abstract Expressionist Jackson Pollock.

Teen Ceramics

4-class session / Wednesday, March 22-April 12 from 6-8 PM

With guidance from Emily Casella, students will learn basic wheel throwing skills as they work to create a spring-inspired vase with sculptural elements. Students can look forward to learning both wheel throwing and hand-building techniques, working with colorful glazes, and experimenting with different decorations that set them apart from the crowd! Class is limited to 5 students.

Tuition is $120 for non-members / $108 for current CAC Family Members

Teen Figure Drawing Workshop

1-day workshop / Saturday, March 18 from 10 AM-12 PM

With guidance from Diana Stezalski, teens will have a special opportunity to grow their observational figure drawing skills as they learn to draw from a clothed figure model. This introductory workshop will cover essential elements of figure drawing including gesture, contour, proportion, and composition as students develop a series of quick studies. This workshop is great for students who want to improve their drawing skills for Anime, characters, portraits, or subjects of people.

Tuition is $40 for non-members / $36 for current CAC Family Members
Adult Art Classes

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

From Drawing to Painting
5-class session / Wednesday, March 1-29 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. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is $170 for non-members / $153 for current CAC members

Watercolor Painting
5-class session / Wednesday, March 8-April 5 from 6:30-8:30 PM

With guidance from Sara Krogul, students will explore introductory watercolor basics on materials, tools, and techniques to develop your comfort & confidence with this fun medium. Students will work towards creating a successful painting through wash techniques, color mixing, and more. This class is geared towards the beginner student, but all levels are welcome. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is $150 for non-members / $135 for current CAC members

Fun with Drawing Workshop
1-day workshop / Saturday, March 4 from 12-3 PM

With guidance from certified art teacher Laura Krentz, students will work to improve their basic drawing skills as they explore unique drawing methods and materials — putting the “fun” in fundamental drawing! Students will have access to a variety of drawing media ranging from pencils, pastels, and ink pens as they learn introductory techniques like contour line, shading, color application, and freeform exploration that will elevate their work. This workshop is recommended for beginners, but all skill levels welcome. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is $70 for non-members / $63 for current CAC members

Charm of Colored Pencils
4-class session / Monday, March 6-27 from 5:30-7:30 PM

With guidance from Emily Casella, this introductory class will uncover the vast properties of contemporary colored pencils. Students will investigate different blending and stroke techniques, understand and replicate accurate color, and find joy in coloring from the world around them and from their vibrant minds. All skill levels welcome, including beginners. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is $110 for non-members / $99 for current CAC members

Introduction to Linocut Printmaking
5-class session / Tuesday, March 7-April 4 from 9-11 AM

With guidance from Melissa Washburn, students will be introduced to the various tools and methods of making their own linoleum block prints. Relief printmaking is a fun, simple way to make striking images that can be hand-printed in multiples on paper or other materials. Pulling inspiration from both contemporary artists and art history, students will learn how to plan, cut, ink, print, and experiment with printing techniques as they produce a small edition of their own 8x10” image. Some drawing experience is helpful, but not required. This class is held in the upstairs classroom.

Tuition is $165 for non-members / $148.50 for current CAC members

Life Drawing Drop-In
every Tuesday afternoon, 1–3 PM - $15 model fee (cash) to instructor. Bring your own supplies and creativity!

We are always looking for new models. Interested individuals can contact CAC at programs@chestertonart.org.
Adult Art Classes
Register today at chestertonart.org/classes.

Introduction to Linocut Printmaking starts March 7

Partner Wheel Throwing Workshop
1-day workshop / Friday, March 10 from 6-9 PM

Grab your bestie, partner, spouse, or sibling for a fun evening of creating together in pairs! With guidance from Maureen Duffy-Daugavietis, students will learn basic wheel throwing techniques with a partner as each student throws a small bowl or vessel. Registration is per pair, and students will share a wheel with their partner. Students will select a glaze color, and the Center will complete glazing & firing. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is $90 for non-members / $81 for current CAC members

Beginning Stained Glass
8-class session / Tuesday, March 21-May 9 from 7-9 PM
SOLD OUT!

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. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is $175 for non-members / $157.50 for current CAC members

Independent Study Stained Glass
8-class session / Tuesday, March 21-May 9 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. This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is $105 for non-members / $94.50 for current CAC members

Advanced Cell Phone Photography Workshop
1-day workshop / Saturday, March 25 from 10 AM-1 PM

Are you ready to take your cellphone photography skills to the next level? With guidance from Deb Armstrong, students will advance their photo skills from basic snapshots to striking images. Students will learn tips and tricks for improving composition, editing photos for both digital and print quality, and mastering technical skills when working behind the lens of a cell phone. Your best camera is the one you have with you — and since it is usually your smart phone, let’s make the most of it! This class is held in the downstairs classroom.

Tuition is $55 for non-members / $49.50 for current CAC members

Intro to Digital Photography
4-class session / Thursday, March 30-April 20 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 downstairs classroom.

Tuition is $95 for non-members / $85.50 for current CAC members

Scholarships are available for students of all ages. The scholarship application can be found on our website at chestertonart.org/scholarships.
64th Annual Chesterton Art Fair
August 5+6

Artist Applications accepted until April 30
The Chesterton Art Fair artist applications are live! Go to our website and click LEARN MORE on the Chesterton Art Fair graphic. This will take you to our ZAPApplication 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

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March 7, 2023 at 7 pm

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CAC is offering an exciting series of Summer Art Camps that highlight various art techniques and media, involve discussions about modern artists, and all follow a unique theme that directs the fine art projects students will take home at the end of the week.

June Camps

June 5-8 / Discover the Dunes
Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison
$120 for non-members / $108 for current CAC Family Members
Water, waves, sunshine, and gulls! Students will explore all-things dunes as they learn about local artist Frank Dudley whose landscape works inspired Dunes conservation in our area. Students will use a variety of media with a focus on acrylics as they create their own Dudley-inspired dunes painting and other fun beach-themed projects.

June 12-15 / Animals Around Us
Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison
$120 for non-members / $108 for current CAC Family Members
With projects inspired by native creatures of the Dunes, students can share stories about the animals they see in the woods, beaches, and backyards while on their summer adventures. Students will hone their drawing skills and learn painting techniques as they create artwork about birds, amphibians, and other local critters.

June 19-22 / Summer of Superheroes
Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison
$120 for non-members / $108 for current CAC Family Members
During this action-packed camp, students will make art inspired by their favorite superheroes. With many popular characters returning to the big screen this summer, students will discuss how elements of art are used in movies as a form of visual storytelling. Projects will include a mixed-media piece inspired by the Spider-Verse, a personalized superhero drawing, and a cinematic landscape illustration.

June 26-30 / Creating with Clay
Ages 9-12 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 13+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Liz Cowan
$140 for non-members / $126 for current CAC Family Members
 Calling all clay creatives! Students will learn basic skills of working with clay as they explore handbuilding techniques and surface decoration throughout their functional art projects. In addition, they can enjoy a wheel throwing experience to learn basic throwing processes.

More camps and registration information on the back.
July Camps

**July 10-13 / World of Mario**
Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison
$120 for non-members / $108 for current CAC Family Members
Mushrooms, coins, blocks, and stars galore will fill the classroom as students study the magical world of Mario! Students will learn about Japanese artist-turned-designer Shigeru Miyamoto who is known for his contributions to popular video games like Mario, Zelda, and Donkey Kong. Students will create stylized projects while drawing, painting, and building all the way to Bowser’s castle.

**July 17-20 / Exploring Marine Life**
Ages 5-9 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 10+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Jen Aitchison
$120 for non-members / $108 for current CAC Family Members
It’s all about water this week! Sketchbooks will be filled with sea turtles, sharks, whales, dolphins, and tropical fish as students learn about our underwater world. Students will focus on watercolor and watermedia techniques as they create a series of illustrations and paintings using value and texture.

**July 24-28 / Makers + Thinkers**
Ages 9-12 @ 8:30-11 AM / Ages 13+ @ 12-2:30 PM / instructed by Emily Casella
$140 for non-members and $126 for current CAC Family Members
With sculpture as the focus, this camp will force students to ‘think outside the box’ as they must consider perspective from all angles, accurate scale, and proper construction. Students will explore three-dimensional art forms as they work with paper mache, construct a moveable art piece, and experiment with additional 3D media. Students will view the instructor’s exhibition on display in the CAC galleries and grow inspired by the concepts of movement, sculpture, and human forms.

Registration Information

To register, visit our website https://www.chestertonart.org/youth-and-teen-classes or contact the Center at (219) 926-4711. Please note: Tuitions are non-transferrable; students must attend the week that they are registered.

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.