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Welcome Newcomers!

Welcome to first-time meeting attendee **Marilyn Childers!**

VFAA informational meetings are free and open to everyone interested in the area art scene. They are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October, at the SHAC. Come for the meeting at 7:00 p.m., or for the speaker only at 7:30. For more information, call us at 248-797-3060 or visit milfordvfaa.org.

2018: The Year to Volunteer!

We would love for this year to be a banner year for volunteers! If you would like to volunteer for something please contact us. Some of the current openings for volunteers are:

- Openings on the VFAA Board of Directors.
- Members for fundraising and other committees
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Donate items for a Silent Auctions
- Volunteers for the Silent Auction event
- Bring snacks to monthly meetings

There are many more opportunities to volunteer. And soon we will be offering incentives for members to volunteer, such as prizes for volunteers with the most hours... more information to come! Also, as a reminder, please sign in at the front desk when volunteering... many thanks!

Haskew Challenge

July: *Inspiration* / October: *Beauty*

Next VFAA Meeting: Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 pm

At the SHAC, 125 South Main St., Suite 700, Milford

March's Guest Speaker:

Todd Marsee - Artist in Residence, Watercolor

As the Senior Graphic Designer for Michigan Sea Grant, Todd Marsee of Ann Arbor has always been inspired by nature. He was selected for the 2017 Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Artist in Residence. "Pictured Rocks is one of my favorite parks, and has had a strong influence on the compositions of my paintings."



Todd's watercolor paintings usually feature natural imagery overlaid on abstract, textured backgrounds. "My paintings are interpretations of the fragile beauty and resilience of nature," Todd says. "Textures, patterns, and designs of nature inspire me to paint." Check him out at: <http://www.marseegallery.com>, and come see his presentation at our next meeting.

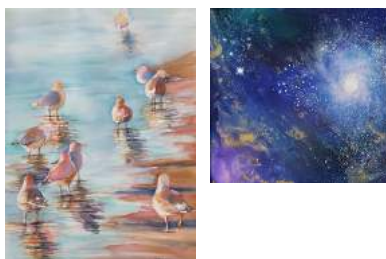
Artist of the Year Winners

Congrats to the Artist of the Year winners for the February meeting:

- **First place - Jim Velthoven** - watercolor
- **Second place - Cindy Rashid** - watercolor
- **Third place - Ruth Wagner** - alcohol ink



Be sure to participate in this year's competition... it's easy. Just bring in two pieces of art to every monthly meeting. Guest artist presenters will judge the art for first, second and third place. Just bringing your art earns you a point, and winning earns you additional points. The three artists with the most points at the end of the year win gift cards and don the title *Artist of the Year!*



PAN 2018

Poetry Art Night, held on Saturday, March 10, was once again a fantastic night of art, poetry readings, food, wine, entertainment and friends, with a record attendance! The show will be up until April 24, then winning artwork will also be on exhibit at the Milford Public Library for the month of May.

Art award winners were:

- 1st place: **Linda Pelowski** – *Autumn Day* – Pastel
 2nd place: **JoAnn Guile** – *You Don't Know Jack* – Glass mosaic
 3rd place: **Jennifer Wohletz** – *Mist Over Blue Ice* – photo
 Honorable mentions: **Candace Brancik, Janice Dumas, Leah Kucharek, Jennifer Thrift, Sandra Ackerman, James Williams, and Natalia Wohletz.**

Poetry award winners were:

- 1st place: **Geri Ryan-Harden** – *Two*
 1st place humorous: **Nancy Ebert** – *Circus Train*
 2nd place: **Daniel Ackerman** – *Just Got Paid*
 3rd place: **Candace Brancik** – *Almost a Bedtime Story*
 Honorable Mentions: **Candace Brancik, Ken Graning, Amanda Martin, Jane Brown, and Philip Rice.**



Above: Linda Pelowski with her 1st place artwork. Left: Geri Ryan with her 1st place poem. Far left: PAN celebration.

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About Us

Village Fine Arts Association is a regional, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting fine arts in the Huron Valley area.

Our Mission is to provide individual artists with opportunities for fellowship, inspiration and education by organizing, promoting and presenting monthly meetings with guest artists, workshops and juried exhibitions. We coordinate and participate with other community groups in art-related events to increase our visibility and further showcase our community's creativity derived from the freedom of artistic expression.

Suzanne Haskew Art Center is the home of the VFAA.

Office Hours:

Mon/Thurs/Sat 10:00 - 2:00

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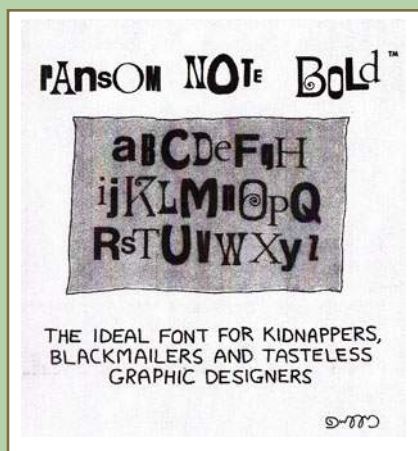
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If you have anything you'd like to see changed or added to the newsletter, please contact us at 248-797-3060 or shac@milfordvfaa.org.

and just for laughs...



SHAC/VFAA Update

Huron Valley Schools - We have partnered with Huron Valley area schools to have a student exhibition here at the SHAC in May of this year, in conjunction with our *Zoom In* gallery show. This will be a great opportunity to spread the news about the SHAC throughout the school community, and to support and celebrate our young, budding artists in the area. If you would like more information about the show, please call the SHAC at 248-797-3060.

Book Art Revival - The VFAA is looking for new/gently used art books for an upcoming Art Book Revival Sale later this year as a part of our fundraising efforts. If you have any new or gently used art books you no longer want or need, you can donate them to the VFAA/SHAC. Anyone can buy or sell books, and the proceeds from the sale will be split between the SHAC and the seller. Or you can donate 100% of proceeds to the SHAC!

Southside Concerts 2018 - Just two concerts will take place this year, and they are going to be good ones!! On **March 24th**, we will welcome the band **Fauxgrass** and then on **May 19th**, we welcome back **Red Herring**. Last year they brought in such a huge crowd that we wanted to have them back for one more show! As always, we'll hold our traditional silent auction, have a food truck and provide drinks from River's Edge. Please come enjoy and support the SHAC!

Summer Raffle - Our plan is to have a 50/50 raffle in the summer in lieu of some of our other fundraisers that will not be happening this year. We will soon have \$5 raffle tickets *and need everyone's help to sell 3000 tickets. Prizes will include \$2000 cash; a Mackinac Island getaway; a Grand Rapids getaway... and more to come!*

Monthly meeting 50/50 raffle - As an added feature of our monthly meetings, we are holding 50/50 raffles. Members who come to the meetings can participate by buying a single ticket for \$1 or ten tickets for \$5.

Membership renewal - Just a reminder that you may need to renew your membership for 2018 in order to participate in future shows, and take advantage of our other membership benefits. Please check with us if you are unsure.

Happenings & Opportunities at the SHAC & around town



SHAC Gallery Currently showing: *Poetry Art Night* artwork. This show will be up through April 24th. See the front page for a recap of the artist's reception. Starting in May: "Zoom In". Interpret this in your own way! For a complete list of **2018 SHAC Art Gallery Exhibitions**, see our website.

Milford's Civic Center (home to the Village and Township offices). 2018 shows: *Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall* and *Birds*. The current show, *Winter*, will be up through the end of March, at which time our second show, *Spring*, will go up. Artists can bring up to 2 pieces. Up to 18 pieces total can be accepted for each show. Take-in and pick-up happen at the first of each month. Contact Andrea at the SHAC: 248 797 3060 with any questions.

Main Street Art Currently showing: **Artwork by Harry Villalonga**. Also in the store are: **Jennifer Thrift, Janice Dumas McCaffery, Candace Brancik, and Barb Weisenberg**. Contact Suzanne at 248-684-1004 if you would like to have your art shown in the Main Street Art window.

Milford Public Library Currently showing: **Paintings of Pam Siegfried**.

Primarily a plein air artist, Pam is inspired by the depths of beauty in common forms of nature juxtaposed with manmade objects. To get on the waiting list, please contact Linda Onderko at 248-842-6789. Shows run for two months.

Art Cafe Just want to meet with other artists and talk all things art? Come to our Art Cafe, 4th Tuesday of the month, 1:00 pm at the SHAC. Donation of \$5.

Huron Valley Council for the Arts - VFAA show. Only 25 members will be accepted - one art work each. The show will be on exhibit July 11 - August 25. More information is to come. Please contact us if you are interested.

Colored Pencil Society of America International Exhibition, due March 31. www.cpsa.org/exhibitions/cpsa-intl/

Brighton Art Guild Michigan Scapes exhibit, due May 15. Michigan landscapes and plein air paintings will be considered. www.brightonartguild.com/call-for-entries.html

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Things we can always use at the SHAC:

- Paper towels
- Envelopes
- Stamps
- Bottled water

Thank you so much in advance for your generous donations!



Brews and Brushes coming in May! Check our schedule online for more details.

Coming soon... Dog Day Afternoon!

This year's Dog Day Afternoon will take place on May 6th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This was a very successful fundraiser last year, and so we are hoping for the same this year. We are in need of volunteers for this event, as well as donations of silent auction items such as sporting event tickets, artwork, gift cards, new dog-related items for gift baskets. Please let us know if you are interested in participating!

Spring Classes at the SHAC

SHAC's 2018 spring art classes and activities are now listed on our website, or come in to get a program guide. We are offering:

For kids: Kids N' Canvas, Cartooning, Make a Dreamcatcher.

For teens and adults: Drawing, Acrylic Painting, Pastel Painting, Watercolor, Alcohol Ink, Tile-making, Zentangle and more.

For adults: Fine Art classes including Oil Painting, Fabric Painting, Brews & Brushes painting parties, Open Studio Ceramics and more.

As always, we have **Teen Art Club (TAC)** on Mondays @ 7pm and **Peacock Art Club (PAC)** for special needs folks on Thursdays @ 4 pm.

Check out the class list at our website for more info: milfordshac.org/classes

Art papers and frames for sale

We have several selections of art papers, and like-new Neilson frames for sale now at the SHAC. If you are in the market for either of these, please stop by to take a look!

New VFAA logo for 2018

We are still looking for ideas for a new VFAA logo. If you have an idea, please email it to us at shac@milfordvfaa.org, bring it to our next meeting, or just drop it by the SHAC during office hours. Thanks to *Georgie Jagner* for our original logo which lasted for 25 years!

Would you like to write an article for our newsletter?

Please contact us at 248-797-3060 or shac@milfordvfaa.org.



SHOW YOUR CARD

Members benefits include...

- Discounts at Main Street Art and Millers Art Supply
- email alerts to local art events
- artists opportunities and more!

JOIN US TODAY!

- \$40.00 Single Membership
- \$50.00 Family Membership
- \$60.00 Corporate
- \$260 Lifetime Membership
- Student Membership - Students K - 12 & College - \$10 plus 5 volunteer hours

VOLUNTEER AT THE SHAC!

We have several opportunities:

- Special events
- General facility help
- Serve on a committee
- Other _____

If you indicate that you would like to volunteer, we will be in touch to give you more information.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

(to receive notices of upcoming events & guest speakers)

We welcome any comments/questions you have!

Enclose your check or money order made out to the VFAA and mail to:
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