



# The Artisan Press

Newsletter of the Village Fine Arts Association / Suzanne Haskew Art Center

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## Next VFAA Meeting: Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.

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

### January's Guest Speaker: Bryce Denison Fine Art Photography



The Village Fine Arts Association (VFAA) invites the public to hear guest speaker, nationally recognized photographer, Bryce Denison, discuss photo techniques. Bryce has many pieces represented in permanent collections of several museums, galleries and private collections across the US. He holds a BFA from the College for Creative Studies and a Masters Degree in Photography from Wayne State University. He also lectures throughout the US and Canada on photographic techniques on behalf of Ilford Corporation. Check him out at: [www.brycedenisonfineartphotography.com](http://www.brycedenisonfineartphotography.com). Come for the general meeting at 7:00 P.M. or come for the lecture only at 7:30 P.M. For more information: email [contactus@milfordvfaa.org](mailto:contactus@milfordvfaa.org), go online: [www.milfordvfaa.org](http://www.milfordvfaa.org), or call the SHAC at 248-797-3337.

### Welcome Newcomers!

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](http://milfordvfaa.org).

### Volunteer Perks!

Some of the current openings

- Board secretary and members
- Volunteer coordinator
- Fundraising committee members

... and more! Let us know how you would like to help. As an incentive we have started our **SHAC BUCKS** program. Every time you volunteer you will be entered in a drawing for SHAC BUCKS, which can be used for almost anything here at the SHAC! The top three volunteers for the year will also be awarded. Please sign in at the front desk when volunteering...thank you!

Congratulations to **Jennifer Thrift** and **Bob Wesley** for winning SHAC bucks during the October meeting!

### Haskew Challenge

You could win \$100 at our Haskew Challenges for the year. Come to the meetings with your interpretation of the designated word (to come in the next newsletter), and our members will vote on their favorite piece. The winner will receive \$100!

October's winner for the word 'Beauty' was **Dale Alcocer** --  
**Congratulations!**



### Artist of the Year Winners

**Congrats** to the Artist of the Year winners at our last meeting of 2018 in October:

- **First place - Jim Velthoven**
- **Second place - Donna Thompson**
- **Third place - Dale Alcocer**
- **Honorable Mentions - Renee Hoag and Donna Thompson**

You can participate too! Just bring 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. At the end of the year, the three artists with the most points get gift cards, and first place gets you Artist of the Year!



Left:  
**Jim Velthoven**  
Lower left:  
**Donna Thompson**  
Lower right:  
**Dale Alcocer**



### Artist of the Year Winners For 2018

After tallying up the points for our Artist of the Year program for 2018, we found that the following members landed the top three spots:

- **First place and Artist Of The Year - Dave Justus**
- **Second place - Pat Keckan**
- **Third place - Bob Wesley**

Congratulations to our talented members! Each received SHAC Bucks, which can be used for most anything at the SHAC. First prize also received Chamber Bucks which can be used at most businesses in the area. Be sure to participate in our Artist of the Year program for 2019, and you could win!

### New: Movies at the SHAC!

Following up on last October's Sunday Movie Madness at the SHAC, the VFAA is now offering **SHAC Art Movie Night!** Movies will be shown at the SHAC for suggested donation at the door (whatever you can afford!). Popcorn and non-alcoholic beverages are available for purchase, or BYOB. Featured movies and dates are: **Loving Vincent** (January 27th), **Maudie** (February 17th), **Midnight in Paris** (March 3rd) and March 24th will be a "people's choice" movie selected by those that attend the first three. Bring your own comfy chair if you wish (metal folding chairs are provided). Hope to see you there!!

**Poetry Art Night coming soon... see the prospectus on our website!!**

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## About Us

### Village Fine Arts Association (VFAA)

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

**VFAA Mission:** is to promote the arts by providing fellowship, education and opportunities to artists and art lovers in our community.

### Suzanne Haskew Art Center (SHAC)

is the home of the VFAA.

**SHAC Mission:** to serve as a community arts center where artists of all ages and skill levels can practice, share, teach, showcase and inspire others through their craft.

### Office Hours

Monday 10:00 - 1:00  
Tuesday 10:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Weds-Sat 10:00 - 2:00

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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.

*"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."*

— Pablo Picasso



## SHAC/VFAA Update

**Small Works Gallery** - During our *Gifts of Art* show here at the SHAC we made our front enclosed area a space for smaller works, table top items, prints and cards. We loved it so much that we decided to keep it up for at least a few more months, potentially year-round. Many of our artists decided to keep their work in the gallery for the extended period. If you are a member in good standing, you may also bring in up to two small wall pieces, two table-top pieces, ten prints, and ten cards. Call or email us if you have any questions.

**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.

## Art happenings around town

**SHAC Gallery** Now showing: members show *Reflections*. Coming up in February/March is our second members' show, *Color Outside the Lines*. And in March/April is our annual **Poetry Art Night**. For a complete list of **2019 SHAC Art Gallery Exhibitions**, see our website.

**Milford's Civic Center** (home to the Village and Township offices). Shows planned for this year are: *Wildlife, Landscape, Still Life, Figure or Portrait, Abstract* and *Holidays*. *Wildlife* starts this month and goes through February. Members may bring their work in now until **January 15th**, and may bring up to two pieces. Take-in and pick-up will happen near the first of the month. Contact Lish at the SHAC: 248-797-3060 with any questions.

**Main Street Art** Currently showing: Acrylic paintings of **Bob Wesley**. Also showing is a mix of VFAA artists -- stop in to see their art! Contact Suzanne at 248-684-1004 if you would like to have your art shown in the Main Street Art window.

**Milford Public Library** Now showing: artwork by **Renee Hoag** - through mid-January. Next up is artwork by the talented **Gerry, Lori and Olivia Pas**. Stop by the Milford Public Library to enjoy their artwork. To get on the waiting list for a show at the library, contact Linda Onderko at 248-842-6789. Shows run for six weeks.

**Art Cafe** Just want to meet with other artists and talk all things art? Come to Art Cafe, fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m., at the SHAC. A donation of \$5 is appreciated.

## Calls for Entry:

**Lawrence Street Gallery - Body Eclectic - due January 23 - 26.** Show runs January 30 - February 22. Reception Feb. 1, 6:00 pm. lawrencestreetgallery.com

**Oil Painters of America - 28th National Juried Exhibition - due January 25.** \$25,000 Best in Show. Show runs May 10 - July 7. oilpaintersofamerica.com

**Scarab Club - Gilda Snowden Exhibition - due January 27.** Show runs Feb 22 - March 30. Reception February 22. Gallery Talk March 7. scarabclub.org

**Shiawassee Art Center - Water-Themed Competition - due February 1.** Show runs February 23 - April 14. Reception February 23. \$1000 in awards. shiawasseearts.org/artists

**Birmingham Community House - Our Town - due February 11.** Show runs May 16 - 18. Reception Thursday, May 16. communityhouse.com

**Village Fine Arts Association - Color Outside the Lines - due February 12.** Members show runs February 14 - March 12. milfordvfaa.org

**Michigan Watercolor Society Annual Exhibition - due February 16.** Show runs June 8 - August 2. Reception June 8. mwcsart.com

**Village Fine Arts Association - Poetry Art Night - email entries by February 20.** \$1,000+ in awards. Show runs March 21 - April 23. Reception March 30, 6:00 pm. milfordvfaa.org

### Art papers and frames for sale!

Watercolor, pastel, drawing paper. Frames: Small \$5; Large \$10; Mats \$1 each.

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## Things we can always use at the SHAC:

- Paper towels!
- Business Envelopes
- Stamps
- Bottled water
- Ask us about other items you would like to donate

Thank you so much in advance for your generous donations!



## Have your party at the SHAC!

Space is available to rent for any type of party or meeting. Contact us to find out more.

## Winter Classes at the SHAC

We are currently offering:

**For kids:** Kids N' Canvas classes: Panda: Jan. 18; Rainbow Hearts: Feb. 1; Llama: Feb. 15; Leprechaun Hat with Rainbow: March 1; Easter Egg Tree: March 15.

**For teens:** Teen Art Club (TAC) Mondays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**For youth to adults:** Inspired Zentangle, Drawing, Acrylic Pour, Block Printing, Acrylic, Pastel, Watercolor, Pottery and Sewing.

**For adults:** Oil Painting, Japanese Stab Binding, Brews and Brushes, Figure Drawing, Writing and Open Studio Ceramics.

**For everyone:** Tile Making, Abstract Pastel Painting, and Paint Party.

**For Special Needs:** Peacock Art Club (PAC) Thursdays 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Art classes and activities are listed on our website: [milfordshac.org](http://milfordshac.org), come in to get a program guide, or call us for more information. **We also offer private art parties with selected projects for five or more students, please call for more information.** Stay tuned for our **winter mini-session** schedule of classes coming soon.

## Upcoming events...

**Jan. - Mar.: Movies at the SHAC:** *Loving Vincent* (January 27th), *Maudie* (February 17th), *Midnight in Paris* (March 3rd) and March 24th will be a "people's choice" movie selected by those that attend the first three. Movies start at 7 pm.

**May 4: Kentucky Derby Party** Join us to celebrate the SHAC's Fifth Birthday in full Derby regalia! Hat contests, games of luck and lots of Birthday Derby fun!

**May 1 - 23: Huron Valley Schools Student Shows** Area elementary and middle schools will each be participating in gallery shows here at the SHAC.

**May 19: Dog Day Afternoon** 1 - 3 pm. For the third year in a row we will be holding this popular fundraiser for the SHAC. Bring your dog in to have paw print art made.

**August 9 - 11: Milford Memories** The SHAC will have members' art booths, rock-painting and more for kids, and our second annual raffle fundraiser.

**November 9: Wine Tasting Fundraiser** 7 - 9 pm. Area wine merchants will bring out a wide variety of fabulous wines for you to taste. \$40, or \$30 for VFAA or REBC Mug Club members.

**December 8: SHACtacular Holiday Concert** 6 - 8 pm. There will be a variety of musical acts, bake sale, beverages by River's Edge Brewing Co., a silent auction and more. \$15 donation for entry, or \$30 for a family.

**December 14: VFAA Holiday Party** 7 - 9 pm. Also a reception for our annual Gifts of Art gallery show. We will have appetizers, beverages and awards for Artist of the Year and our top volunteers.



## 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 or the board
- 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!

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