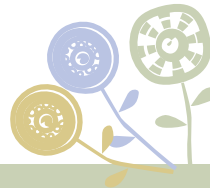




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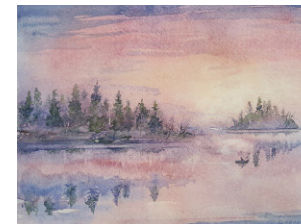
NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:00 p.m., at the SHAC, 125 S. Main St., Suite 700, Milford

ARTIST OF THE YEAR

APRIL MEETING WINNERS - selected by our guest speaker, Eric Law:

3rd Place: Dan Hawkins - Watercolor • **2nd Place:** Jennifer Thrift - Photograph, and
• **1st Place:** Bob Wesley - Acrylic



NEW FACES AT APRIL MEETING

Ruth Wagner - brought to us by Renee' Hoag. Ruth has done stained glass and calligraphy and is ready to try some new media.

Mike Tevares - painter, plein air artist, newly retired and living his dream.

Diane Pearson - likes watercolor and has taken some classes at the SHAC.

Not New - but a special welcome to **Frances Johnson** who joined us.

THE 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.



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HASKEW CHALLENGE

Also selected by Eric - Congrats to the winner, Candace Brancik for this lovely pastel. The **April** Haskew Challenge word was **"Imagine"**.

For **July** the word is **"Excitement"** and for **October** - **"Love"**.



MAY'S GUEST SPEAKER - JILL STEFANI WAGNER



Award winning artist, Jill Stefani Wagner, will demonstrate the art of plein aire painting (French for "in the open air"). Jill will discuss essential concepts and techniques for this method of capturing landscapes and views in natural light. Jill has a B.F.A. from U of M School of Art and she works in watercolor, pastel and oil. Her work has been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions throughout the U.S., including at the University of Michigan, U of M Health System, The River Gallery and Pfizer Corporate headquarters, and is on the Oct 2016 cover of Plein Air Magazine. Check her out at www.jillwagnerart.com



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RECAP - APRIL GUEST SPEAKER -ERIC LAW - PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR ART

Eric brought a handout - "Shoot Great Images™ - Five Essential Program Notes" which explains the five basic steps to insure great photos. With a slide program, he illustrated and explained how these five steps work and details about how to find and maximize the settings on your camera to get the right results.

Eric has created an excellent online class and he will also shoot your work for you. Visit ShootGreatImages.com/ebook for a free ebook and to enroll in the program.



VFAA ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

Milford's Civic Center (home to the Village and Township offices). These shows rotate every 2 months. The current show's theme - on display **April - May** is **Portraits**. Next up - **June - July: Buildings**. **Aug-Sept: Flowers**, **Oct-Nov: Small Town**, **Dec-Jan: Birds**

Up to 18 pieces can be accepted for each show. Artists can bring 2 pieces.

Contact Andrea at the SHAC: 248 797 3060 with any questions.

SHAC ART GALLERY

Currently Showing - The theme is **Waterways** - showing **Thursday, May 4th - Tuesday, June 13th**. **Artists Reception is Friday, May 19, 7:00 pm - 8:30 at the SHAC**

Also, get ready for Fresh! Plein Air Milford. A plein air weekend hosted by Village Fine Arts Association (VFAA) and Suzanne Haskew Art Center (SHAC) in Milford, Michigan. Sponsored by the Michigan Plein Air Painters - **Friday, June 22 - Sunday, June 25, 2017**. Registrations must be completed by **June 17**. Visit milfordvfaa.org/events for registration and event information.

A complete list of **SHAC Art Gallery Exhibitions for 2017** is available on the website and at the SHAC.

New opportunities for artists to display their work at local businesses are opening up. Watch your email and visit the website often for updates.

LIFE DRAWING OPEN STUDIO - sessions are **the third Monday of the month - 4:00 - 7:00 pm**, at the SHAC

This is an open studio - no instructor - just a chance to work from a live (clothed) model. The cost is \$10.00 per session, bring your own supplies. Thanks to Valerie Bayer for organizing these fun events!

Sign up at: milfordvfaa.org/shac/classes. Please pre-register.

Main Street Art - On display now - **Lynne Ellyn. Dan Persinger** in June.

Main Street is always looking for window artists!

Contact Suzanne - 248-684-1004.



WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT THE SHAC ?

DOG DAY AFTERNOON RETURNS!

AN EVENT FOR YOUR DOG, A FUNDRAISER FOR VFAA/SHAC
Back by Popular Demand, a second Dog Day event was held at the SHAC **Sunday, May 7th**. Approximately 40 dogs brought their owners in to get their own original paw print art. Thanks to our great team of paw print maker and Artist volunteers each dog took home a special piece of art. **Other activities:** We also had a silent auction and a bake sale and collected donations of food, leashes, beds, blankets and toys for the Pet Pantry at Community Sharing.

Volunteers! It was fun wasn't it?!

South Side Concert Series - The final concert in this series will be held Saturday, May 20 th with opener **Mia Green** at 6:15pm (presented by Michigan Rock School) followed by **Red Herring** (bluesy rock) at 7:30pm.

Food available from **Pita Cruiser** Food Truck and beer and wine from **River's Edge Brewing Co.**

Suggested cover donation to benefit the SHAC, as well as a silent auction.

SHAC's 2017 Summer Art classes and activities are now listed on our website. Lots of stuff for kids - like art camp, birdhouse painting, tile making, Kids N' Canvas AND we're launching 2 new programs! Maker Space Challenge and Arts & Culture! Keep your child busy this summer at The SHAC!

For teens, we've got an Animation Class and our Fine Art instruction classes, but we've added a Theatrical Set Design class and we bring back Zentangle!

The list of classes for Adults is pretty cool, too! We've got the fabulous Pinterest Night continuing as well as our Fine Art Instruction classes and Brews & Brushes painting parties are scheduled throughout the Session! You can also try a unique class such as Mat Cutting or Sewing. Want to hang out with other creative types? Join **Art Club!** Check out the class list at our website: milfordvfaa.org/shac/classes

Set aside your good junk to contribute to our **Summer Yard Sale - July 6th - 8th**, coinciding with Milford Sidewalk Sale days. Collections begin **June 3rd**. Bring donations to the SHAC during Office hours. To learn more about this great fundraiser for the SHAC, call or stop by the SHAC - see contact info below.

Suzanne Haskew Art Center

Office Hours:

Mon 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tue/Wed/Fri 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thurs/Sat 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Your feedback - comments, suggestions are welcome.

VFAA informational meetings are free and open to everyone interested in the Milford area art scene and are on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October. Come for the membership meeting at 7:00 P.M. or come for the lecture only at 7:30 P.M

The VFAA meets at the SHAC, 125 South Main Street, Suite 700, Milford

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding and sharing our love of art with the community.



Quote of the Month

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.

Scott Adams