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Next VFAA Meeting: Wednesday, September 26, 7 pm

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

September's Guest Speaker:

Jill Ault - Wall Fiber Art

After working as an accountant at the Ann Arbor Transportation Agency and at Ford Motor Company, Michigan artist Jill Ault decided to retire early to make art. Though she works with other types of fiber art, she works primarily as an art quilter.

"I work in fiber, mostly the quilted form, for love of the materials and the processes. Quilts carry an innate emotional charge, recalling the comfort of a warm cover on a cold night and art quilts benefit from that subliminal connection."

Finding quilting the most rewarding, Jill has spent much of the last fifteen years creating several series' of quilts. Jill will be at the SHAC on Wednesday, September 26th, at 7:00 pm. Please stop by to see her beautiful quilt art and hear her story!



Welcome Newcomers!

Newcomer to our August meeting was: **Alicia Zultos**, oil painter... welcome!

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!

Some of the current openings we have for volunteers are:

- Board secretary
- Board members
- Volunteer coordinator
- Fundraising committee members
- Graphic designer

... and more! Let us know how you would like to help. Also, as a reminder, please sign in at the front desk when volunteering... thank you for your help!!

Haskew Challenge

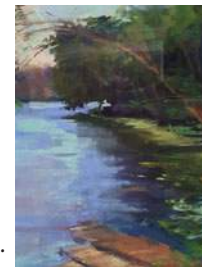
You could win \$100! Bring in up to two pieces for our usual Artist of the Year competition PLUS one piece to fit the theme of the Haskew Challenge for the **October** meeting: **Beauty**. Members will vote on their favorite for the challenge, and the winner will receive \$100!

Artist of the Year Winners

Congrats to the Artist of the Year winners at the August meeting:

- **First place - Linda Pelowski - Pastel**
- **Second place - Jim Velthoven - Watercolor**
- **Third place - Dave Justus - Oil**
- **Honorable Mentions - Charles Thrift and Bob Wesley**

Be sure to participate in this year's competition... it's easy. 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!



Top left: Linda Pelowski;
Top right: Jim Velthoven;
Bottom: Dave Justus

Brewed in Michigan

The 10th annual *Brewed in Michigan* event takes place again at Bakers of Milford on Friday, September 14th. For the past several years, the VFAA has auctioned off artfully decorated slumped beer bottles at the event, and this year is no exception. Our artists have created some awesome designs. Please check out the event, and bid on a bottle or two!

Community Sharing Empty Bowls Project

VFAA artists, along with other community members, are participating in the Community Sharing Empty Bowls Project, by painting bowls which will be used to feed community members in need. These bowls serve as an entrance ticket, and many more will be available to the public for a \$15 donation. The event takes place on November 4 at the Community Sharing Outreach Center. Go to community-sharing.org for more information.

Member Spotlight

VFAA member WanChuan Kesler has been busy this year with her participation in many weekend art fairs. Shown here at the Franklin art fair, she is truly a hard worker and an inspiration to us all!



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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

Mon/Thurs/Sat 10:00 - 2:00
Tues 10:00 - 6:00 pm
Weds/Fri 11:00 - 3:00

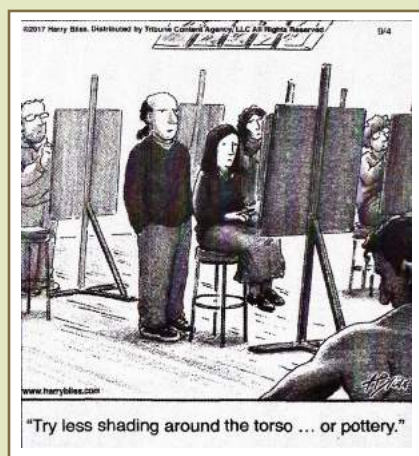
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If you have anything you'd like to see changed or added to the newsletter, please contact us at 248-797-3060 or shac@milfordvfaa.org.



Peacock Art Club (PAC) needs your help!

The cost of one PAC class for a special needs student is \$20. This covers materials and payment for the instructor. Generous donations in the past have enabled us to drop the tuition to just \$10 in order to help those students who struggle to pay the full cost. However, this funding has run out, and tuition is now back up to \$20 per student. Please consider a donation to the Peacock Art Club today. Call us at 248-797-3060, or go to our website: milfordvfaa.org. We at the SHAC and our students appreciate your generosity... **Thank You!!**

SHAC/VFAA Update

Book Art Revival - The VFAA is looking for new/gently used art books for an upcoming Art Book Revival Sale 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!

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. **Congrats to our winners!**

Art happenings around town

SHAC Gallery Now showing: members show **My Inspiration**. 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, **Summer**, will be up through the end of September, at which time our fourth show, **Fall**, will go up. Artists can bring up to two pieces. 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: **a mix of VFAA artists, including: Janice Dumas McCaffery, Lori Pas, Candace Brancik, Jennifer Thrift, Linda Onderko and more.** 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 **Linda Pelowski**, a full-time artist and muralist who has been highly awarded for her outstanding paintings. Stop by the Milford Public Library to enjoy her artwork. This show will be up through mid-October. 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 pm, at the SHAC. A donation of \$5 is appreciated.

Calls for Entry:

Downriver Council for the Arts, Fall Festival of the Arts - due September 22. Show will be up October 5 - 20. downriverarts.org

Lawrence Street Gallery, The Great Lakes... and not a drop to drink - due September 26-29. Exhibition is in October. lawrencestreetgallery.com

Greater Denton Arts Council, Materials Hard and Soft - due September 30. Exhibition is February 1 - May 4. dentonarts.com/mhscall

Embracing Our Differences - due October 15. The 2019 exhibit will run from January 19 thru March 15, 2019 in Island Park along Sarasota's bay front. embracingourdifferences.org/submit-art.

Plymouth Community Arts Council, The Modern Day Plymouth Coloring Book! - due October 30. This publication will be distributed in the Plymouth Second Grade classrooms after the first of the year. plymoutharts.com

Portrait Society of America, Members Only Competition - due November 8. portraitsociety.org/competitions

Portrait Society of America, International Portrait Competition - due February 21, 2019. portraitsociety.org/competitions

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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 want 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.

Raffle Ending Soon!!

Our VFAA / SHAC raffle fundraiser is getting close to the end! But *we still need your help to sell (and buy) tickets!* First prize is \$2000 cash; second prize is a Mackinac Island getaway for two; and third prize is a Grand Rapids getaway for two! **Our fourth ticket sellers' incentive drawing will be held soon, so get your tickets in today. You could get five more tickets, and five more chances to win big!** Congratulations to **Jennifer Thrift** for winning our third ticket sellers' incentive drawing!

Fall Classes at the SHAC

SHACs 2018 fall 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.

For teens: Teen Art Club (TAC) Mondays 7:00 - 8:00 pm

For teens to adults: Fine Art classes including Oil, Pastel, Acrylic, Watercolor, and Alcohol Ink.

For adults: Encaustic, Block Printing, and Fresco Workshops; Open Studio Ceramics.

For everyone: Tile Making, Abstract Pastel Painting, Inspired Zentangle, Make a Gingerbread House and Paint Party.

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

Coming up...

September 21: My Inspiration reception. Please come to our artists reception on Friday September 21 at 7:00 pm. Our raffle prize-winners drawing will also take place, so come and see if you are among the winners!

November 3: Wine Tasting fundraiser in cooperation with River's Edge Brewery. More details to come soon.

December 2: We will be hosting a **Holiday Fundraiser** to be held at the SHAC, which will include impromptu musical performances by Dave Boutette & Kristi Lynn Davis; Escaping Pavement; John Latini; and Sid & Tim Burnham. We will be asking members to bring cookies for a bake sale as well. Stay tuned for more information to come soon.

Studio Space available for rent! Art papers and frames for sale!



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!

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