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Next VFAA Meeting: Wednesday, May 23, 7:00 pm

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

May's Guest Speaker:

**Sandra Defazio -
Plein Air Artist**

Our speaker for May is accomplished plein air painter Sandra Defazio. Sandra is an award-winning plein air artist, and a member of the Great Lakes Painters Association, Oil Painters of America and the Ann Arbor Women Artists. She has participated in numerous plein air competitions.



"Open air, my french easel and a few painting supplies are the best way to start my creativity flowing. I'm at my best and happiest when I am in the middle of a painting project."

Sandra will be talking about her art and plein air technique. View her work at: <http://glpapa.com/works>, and come see her presentation on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 pm, at the SHAC!

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.

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
- Volunteers for events
- Graphic designer for marketing materials
- Bring snacks to monthly meetings

...and more! Just ask us. 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

You could win \$100! Bring in up to two pieces for our usual artist of the year competition and one piece to fit the theme of the Haskew Challenge at each of the following meetings:

July: Inspiration / October: Beauty

Artist of the Year Winners

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

- **First place - Dave Justus** - oil
- **Second place - Linda Levasseur** - pastel
- **Third place - Val Bayer** - pastel
- **Honorable Mentions - Cindy Rashid; Elaine Sonk; Lauren Anderson; Linda Pelowski; Jan Corrigan**



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!



Dog Day Afternoon Recap

Our ever-popular Dog Day Afternoon happened May 6th and was a huge success!

Our many volunteers worked with dogs and owners to get their prints down on paper, while our volunteer artists printed the dogs' names and made flowers out of the dog prints. Our silent auction items were all spoken for by the end of the day, and we are pleased to say that it was a successful fundraiser.

Many thanks to our sponsors for this event:

Main Street Art	Brandy Bowser's	Paul Tibedeau
Mi Abilities	Nana's Niche & Corner	Renee Hoag
Huron Valley Furniture	Village Florist	Jennifer Thrift
Milford Feed	Sweet Retreats	Linda Onderko
Veterinary Care Specialists	Lindsay Cotter	Dan Persinger



Southside Concert Saturday May 19!

The second Southside Concert of the year is almost here! Saturday, May 19 we will be hosting Milford's own **Red Herring**, along with an opening act by students from the Michigan Rock School. As always we will have a silent auction with lots of cool things to bid on, drinks from River's Edge Brewing Co. and food from the Twisted Mitten - farm to table food truck.

Thank you to our sponsors for this event: Real Estate One/Jim Mandeville, River's Edge Brewing Co., and Michigan Rock School.

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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

Tues/Weds/Fri 10:00 - 3:00

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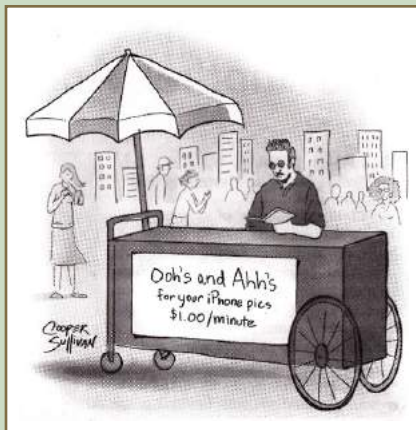
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If you have anything you'd like to see changed or added to the newsletter, please contact us at 248-797-3060 or shac@milfordvfaa.org.

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, which is currently on display, until June 6. There are eight elementary schools participating, and the two opening receptions were a huge success. We are happy to support and celebrate our young, budding artists in the area!

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 - Our first concert fundraiser took place on March 24th, and was a great time. Thanks to Fauxgrass and everyone who came out for a fantastic night. 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!

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. Our March winner won \$60!!

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 around town

SHAC Gallery Currently showing: **Zoom In** artwork. This show will be up through June 12th. Starting June 22: **Fresh! Plein Air Milford**. Fresh! will be up through August 21. 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, **Spring**, will be up through the end of June, at which time our third show, **Summer**, will go up. Artists can bring up to two 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 Jim Velthoven**. 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: **Award winners of Poetry Art Night**. If you missed the PAN show at the SHAC, you can catch part of it at the library through mid-June. To get on the waiting list for a show at the library, please 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 our Art Cafe, fourth Tuesday of the month, 1:00 pm at the SHAC. Donation of \$5.

Calls for Entry:

U of M Gifts of Art - seeking submissions for solo or group shows. Due May 31

Northville Art House - House of Wax Encaustic Show. Due June 1.
<http://northvillearthouse.org>

White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce - Arts & Crafts Festival. Due June 8.
<http://www.whitelake.org>

Southwest Art's Artistic Excellence Competition - early-bird deadline June 15.
<http://www.southwestart.com>

Fresh! Plein Air Milford - register anytime before the event on June 22 - 24.
www.milfordvfaa.org

HVCA 2nd annual Highland Fall Festival - arts and makers market.
www.huronvalleyarts.org

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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!



"Five Cats" Brews and Brushes coming in June! Check our online schedule for more information.

Win \$2000 or a Mackinac Getaway!

Our VFAA / SHAC raffle fundraiser is underway! We now have \$5 raffle tickets and *we need your help to sell 3000 of them!* First prize is \$2000 cash; second prize is a Mackinac Island getaway for two; and third prize is a Grand Rapids getaway to come! We also have a ticket-seller's incentive prize of free tickets to the top seller. **Come on over and get your raffle tickets today!**

Summer 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, Summer Art Camps, Clay Workshop.

For teens: Exploring Different Mediums, Photography, Cartooning, and Concept Art. Also **Teen Art Club (TAC)** on Mondays @ 7pm

For adults: Fine Art classes including Oil, Pastel, Acrylic, Watercolor, and Encaustics. Also, Faux Stamped Metal workshop, Stained Glass Canvas Sculptural Canvas using Cardboard and Alcohol Ink workshops.

For everyone: Tile Making, Abstract Pastel Portrait, Inspired Zentangle.

For Special Needs: Peacock Art Club (PAC) on Thursdays @ 4 pm.

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

Summer Art Camps are back!

We will be holding two art camps for kids this summer. The first happens June 25- 28, and the second is July 23 - 26. Kids will be doing a variety of art projects during the four-day camp.

Macaroni Kid (aka Sarah Sims, former elementary school art teacher) runs her kids classes and camps out of the SHAC.

Art papers and frames for sale

We have several selections of art papers and Neilson frames for sale at the SHAC. If you are interested, please stop by to take a look!

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 _____

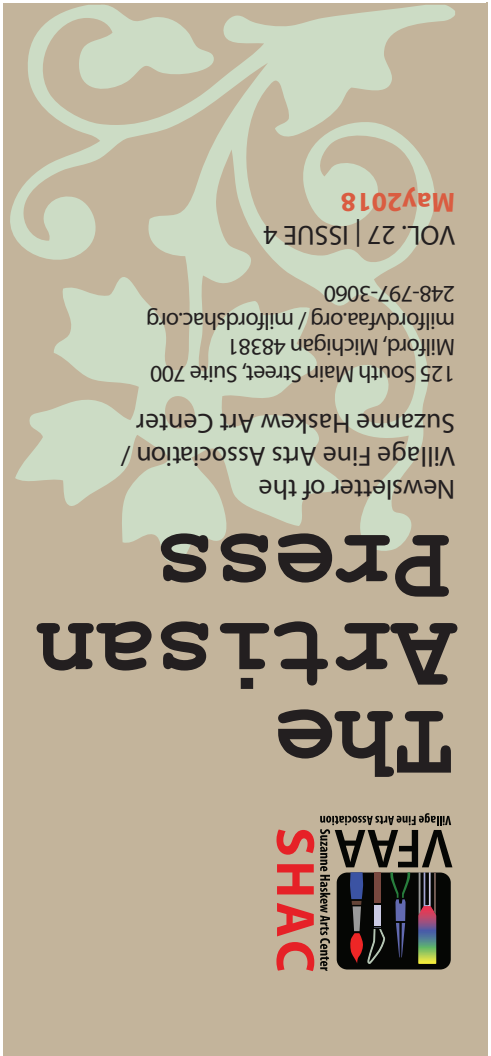
Phone _____

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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