



The Artisan Press

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Welcome Newcomers...

New member **Carol Dean**, who works primarily in acrylic, attended her first meeting with her husband Allen. 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.

We ♥ Our Volunteers!

Volunteer & Win! Current opportunities:

- Board of Director members
- Event and reception help
- General cleaning and organizing
- Decorate our chalk wall
- "SHAC sit" to keep the SHAC open during off hours.

You will be put in a drawing to win **SHAC BUCKS** every time you volunteer. **Note: make sure your membership is up to date to be eligible.** The more you help out, the greater your chance to win!

Please sign in at the front desk when volunteering. Congratulations to SHAC BUCKS winners at our January meeting, **Mary Bajcz** and **Amber Iley!**

Peacock Art Club

Our special needs class needs your help. Please consider a donation to PAC to help offset the weekly cost to special needs students. *Thank you* in advance!

Next VFAA Meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 pm

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

February's Guest Speaker:

Jessica Considine, Metal Sculptor & Jeweler

As a Livonia, Michigan metal sculptor and jeweler, Jessica Considine strives for elegance, precision, and a unique art style. Her art comes from her emotions and

perception of what she sees on our earth. Under the name *Sculpted Roots*, Jessica creates metal sculptures that are made from recycled pieces of metal and her jewelry is made with precious metals. *"My art is rooted in the way I perceive this universe with its unique elements and tones. Each day I find something new in nature. Nature's beauty blossoms the more I admire it."* Come see Jessica's beautiful sculptures at our February meeting.

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 or call the SHAC at 248-797-3060.



Artist of the Year Winners

Congrats to the *Artist of the Year* winners at our January 2020 meeting:

First place: Dean Rogers

Second place: Dan Persinger

Third place: Dale Alcocer

Honorable Mention: Dale Alcocer, Linda Pelowski

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 SHAC bucks!



Left: Dean Rogers
Middle: Dan Persinger
Right: Dale Alcocer

High School Call for Entry

Our next exhibit at the SHAC will be the artwork of high school-age artists from the Huron Valley and Walled Lake areas. If you fit into this category, we would love to show your art in our gallery! **Bring your art in by February 17th.** The show runs from February 19th to March 12th, with an **open house for artists on Friday, February 28th, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.** We will have another exhibit for elementary-age students coming up in May. Call us for more information. Please come out and support our budding artists!

PAN entries due soon!

The Village Fine Arts Association takes pride in presenting the 28th annual Poetry Art Night (PAN) competition and exhibit to be held at the SHAC. PAN is a visual arts and poetry competition and sale. Artists are invited to enter their 2- or 3-dimensional artwork, accompanied by a poem. The poem should be either the inspiration for the art, or inspired by the art. It can be an original by the artist, by someone else, or a previously published poem. If you need help finding or writing a poem, we have writers who are willing to help, just call us. **Entries are due February 23.** For more information, look on our website: milfordvfaa.org. Want to just come to the celebration? It will be held Saturday, March 28 at 6:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bob Ross parties a huge success

Our two latest Bob Ross parties were just as successful as past parties, with a sold-out family version, and nearly sold-out brews and brushes version. All participants had a great time and did a fantastic job on their paintings. As an added attraction to these parties, we had certified Bob Ross painting instructor, Ted Simpson come out, demonstrate and give the participants help where needed. Ted will be offering a similar class but using oil paints later in the Spring. So stay tuned, we will have more information coming up soon.



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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 - 2:00

Tuesday 10:00 - 6:00

Wednesday - Saturday 10:00 - 2:00

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milfordshac.org/classes

If there's something you'd like to see in the newsletter, please let us know!

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*"Painting is poetry
that is seen rather
than felt, and poetry
is painting that is felt
rather than seen."*

-- Leonardo da Vinci



SHAC/VFAA Happenings

SHAC Gallery Now: **Dream a Little Dream**, runs through February 14. Coming up after that we will be hosting **Huron Valley and Walled Lake Schools area high school age student art exhibits**. For a complete list of 2019 SHAC Art Gallery Exhibitions, see our website.

SHAC Gift Shop - a space for smaller works, table top items, prints and cards that stays up year-round. If you are a member in good standing, you may bring in your artwork to show. Call or email us for more information.

WIN at our Monthly Meetings - Members can participate in the **50/50 raffle**, and volunteers will also have an opportunity to win **SHAC Bucks -- your membership must be current to win!** Congrats to **Dan Persinger** for winning the 50/50 raffle, and to **Mary Bajcz** and **Amber Iley** for winning SHAC Bucks. SHAC Bucks can be used to purchase almost anything here at the SHAC.

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.

Art happenings around town

Milford's Civic Center (home to the Village and Township offices). Now showing: **Dark & Light**. After the current show, this program will be changing. Members who have a show at the library will now have the opportunity to move their work to the Civic Center for the six weeks after their library show. Call us for more information.

Main Street Art The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new location of Main Street Art happens on Saturday, Feb 22, 3 - 6 pm. Appetizers, give-aways and demos. Stop in to say hi to new owner and VFAA member **Natalia Wohletz**.

Milford Public Library Now showing: artwork by **Ken Graning**. Ken's art will be up through mid-March. Stop by the Milford Public Library to enjoy his work. To get on the waiting list for a show at the library, contact Linda Onderko at 248-842-6789. Shows run for six weeks.

Huron Valley Council for the Arts Now showing in the main gallery: Stained glass-effect paintings by Susan Aitken. To enquire about showing your work there, or to be in their cooperative art shop, contact HVCA at 248-889-8660.

Calls for Entry

Due Feb 17 - Northville Art House, Members Exhibition. One entry per member. northvillearthouse.org

Due Feb 20 - Center for Creative Studies - Annual Alumni Exhibit
collegeforcreativestudies.edu/careers-and-alumni/alumni-resources

Due Feb 24 - Huron Valley Council for the Arts, Our Changing Climate.
Show runs April 3 - May 2. huronvalleyarts.org.

Due Feb 28 - Artists Network - Acrylicworks 8 \$3500+ prizes. Winning works appear in Artists Magazine. www.artistsnetwork.com/art-competitions

Due March 2 - Artists Network - Splash 22 \$3500+ prizes. Winning works appear in Artists Magazine. www.artistsnetwork.com/art-competitions

Due March 12 - Ann Arbor Art Center - Art Now Photography
Show runs April 3-22. www.annarborartcenter.org

Due April 2 - Artists Network - Annual Art Competition 1st place \$2500. Winners appear in Artists Magazine. www.artistsnetwork.com/art-competitions

Due April 3 - 18th Annual Orchard Lake Fine Art Show
Show runs July 25 & 26, 2020 West Bloomfield. hotworks.org

Due April 31 - MWCS Exhibition 73rd Annual Exhibition
Show runs May 17 - July 2 at Janice Charach Gallery mwcsart.com

Due May 1 - Global Art Project for Peace. www.globalartproject.org

Due May 15 - UM Dearborn 2020 Open Competition
Show runs July 30 - October 15 library.umd.umich.edu/stamelos

If you have show information you would like listed in our newsletter, please contact us: shac@milfordvfaa.org. Please specify "newsletter posting."

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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

For kids: Masterpieces for Preschoolers; Kids Create - Beach Edition; Kids N Canvas; Paint Party Kids!

For youth to adults: Acrylic Pour Workshop; Zentangle®-Inspired.

For teens to adults: Acrylic Painting; Painting with Pastels; Portrait Drawing Workshop; Paint with Watercolor; Pottery II, Frame Weaving and Macrame.

For adults: Alcohol Ink; Oil Painting from Life; Brews & Brushes; Drop in and Create; Ceramics Open Studio.

For everyone: Abstract Pastel Painting and Tile Making.

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

Special Offerings: Art 'a la Carte; Zumbini; Homeschool Art classes.

VFAA Members: You now get a discount on classes in addition to all of the other member benefits!

Art classes and activities are listed on our website: milfordshac.org/classes, stop in to the SHAC, or call us for more info. **Art 'a la Carte: private art parties with selected projects for five or more students, please call for more information.**

Upcoming events...

February 15: Book signing by Tammy Oval. Plus 30-minute painting demonstration. Painting will be auctioned off afterwards.

February 20: Huron Valley and Walled Lake Schools Art Exhibit In support of our local youth and schools, this show will be high school age student artwork only. Reception is **February 28 at 6:00 pm.**

March 28: Poetry Art Night 6 - 9 p.m. Annual VFAA art exhibit that includes poetry readings, awards, appetizers and drinks. Free and open to the public.

April 14: Spring classes begin

April 18: Artistic Tastes 7 - 9 p.m. SHAC fundraiser includes exotic beer, wine, mead, liquor and other locally brewed drinks.

May 1: Huron Valley and Walled Lake Schools Art Exhibit In support of our local youth and schools, this show will be elementary age student artwork only. Receptions are **May 5 and 6 at 6:00 pm.**

June 22 - 25: Summer Camp Session I; July 6 - 9: Summer Camp Session II; July 13 - 16: Summer Camp Session III; July 27 - 30 Summer Camp Session IV. Ages 6 - 12. Summer art camps will sell out, so sign up now to hold your spot!

August 7 - 9: Milford Memories Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Artists may reserve a table for the \$40 membership fee.

Art papers, frames and mat board for sale!

Watercolor, pastel, drawing paper. Frames: Small \$5; Large \$10; Mats \$1 each. We also now have some large packages of 30" x 40" white and gold mat board for \$2 each. If you need it cut down please ask us.



SHOW YOUR CARD

Members benefits include...

- Discounts at Main Street Art, Millers Art Supply, SHAC classes
- 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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