



# The Artisan Press

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

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## Welcome Newcomers...

Welcome to newcomers **Karen Sparks**, photographer, and art appreciator **Roxanne** to our June meeting!

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, currently at Central Park in order to follow COVID guidelines. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. For more information, call us at 248-797-3060 or visit [milfordvfaa.org](http://milfordvfaa.org).

## We ♥ Our Volunteers!

**Volunteer & Win!** Current opportunities:

- VFAA Treasurer
- Board and committee members
- Event helpers / art intake helpers
- 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 past meetings!

## 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, July 22, 7:00 pm

At the Central Park Pavilion, downtown Milford

Bring your own chairs to help us keep socially distant. **\*FACEMASKS REQUIRED.**

## July Guest Speaker:

### Ariana Fate Multimedia Fantasy Artist

The Village Fine Arts Association (VFAA) invites the public to hear Detroit area Multimedia Fantasy artist Ariana Fate.

"I want to share the profound, the novel, the clarifying, the contrary, the bizarre. Ideas are thrilling and on most days, that is enough."

Ariana's fanciful creatures can be seen at [rawartists.com/arianafate](http://rawartists.com/arianafate).

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) or call the SHAC at 248-797-3060.



## Huron Valley Speaks

The SHAC is hosting a public art project, "Huron Valley Speaks". Everyone in the community is invited to create a piece of art for free, while socially-distant, with sanitized supplies, outside at the SHAC. This mosaic represents our community's feelings about the world today, and will be a long-term installation in the SHAC, available for all to view.

The purpose of the project is to allow people to express and cope with their feelings about COVID-19 and 2020 through art. Art is therapeutic and helps us relax, regroup and manage our emotions. The project will run throughout the summer and possibly into the fall. Come out Monday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm to participate and express your feelings through art, and be a part of this community mosaic.

## Poetry Art Night Winners

Listed below are the winners that art judge **Eugene Clark** and poetry judge **Jeffrey Hermann** chose. See art at the SHAC, or go to our website for a link to the virtual exhibit.

### Winning poetry:

- 1st Place / Milford Public Library Award - "Mississippi Backwater" by **Dan Ackerman**
- 1st Place / Joy Humanist Memorial Award - "Game of Cat & Mouse" by **Candace Brancik**
- 2nd Place / VFAA Award - "A Season of Reflection" by **K.K. Sparks**
- 3rd Place / Carl H. Dumas Memorial Award - "JJ Acres Daylilies" by **Kenneth Evans**

### Honorable Mention poetry winners:

- "Blue Reflection" by **Susan Perrish**
- "First Raven" by **Adrienne Grant**
- "Backyard Winter Morning" by **Brant MacLean**
- "Regrets" by **Geri Ryan-Harden**
- "Chasing the Moon" by **Dan Ackerman**
- "Mutual Discovery" by **Isaac Perry**

### Winning art:

- 1st Place - "The Mother Tree" by **Ken Graning**
- 2nd Place - "Cooking with Magic" by **Dean Rogers**
- 3rd Place - "Death of a Ball Turret Gunner" by **Gary Dykstra**

### Honorable Mentions:

- "Huntress" by **Candace Brancik**
- "Untitled" by **Mary Bajcz**
- "Torchbearers of a New Age" by **K.K. Sparks**
- "Watertower & Chimneys" by **Janice Dumas**
- "Family Silhouette" by **Nancy Ebert**
- "Nature's Tapestry" by **Donna Thompson**
- "Lake Muskoka" by **Linda Pelowski**
- "Modest Molly" by **Deborah Dorsch**
- "Swans Marsh Spring 2019" by **Ken Evans**
- "Frost" by **Sandra Ackerman**

**NOTE: People's Choice art and poetry winners to be announced! Get your vote in now!**

**Thank you so much** to our sponsors of PAN: **Janice Dumas**, **Huron Valley State Bank**, **Barb Moorhead & Leslie Watson**, **Lyle & Denise Tyler**, **Harold Haskew**, **Barb & Gary Weisenberg**, **Natalia Wohletz** of **Main Street Art**, **Milford Township Library**, **Linda Onderko**, **Tom & Mary Underhill**, **Barb & Andrea Armstrong**, **Susan Gollon**, **Dr. Louis Chiara**, **Dale & Sherry Feigley**, **Milford Feed and Muriel & Bob Herrick**.



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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 - Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Contact us

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**Register for classes at:**  
[milfordshac.org/classes](http://milfordshac.org/classes)

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

## The Artisan Press

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...and just for laughs...

RUBES: By Leigh Rubin



## SHAC/VFAA Happenings

**SHAC Gallery** Now: **Poetry Art Night**, runs through July 31. Coming up after that is **Art in the Time of COVID** starting on August 5. Show us what you have been doing during quarantine, and express your feelings about world events. For a complete list of 2020 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.

**Art Cafe** **Art Cafe has been put on hold for the time being** -- we'll let you know when it resumes. Art Cafe is an art discussion group, held the fourth Tuesday of each month, 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). 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 two months following their library show. Call us if you are interested in showing your work at these two venues. Currently there is no art on exhibit at the Civic Center, but **Ken Graning** will be showing his art there soon.

**Main Street Art** is now open for business, with COVID restrictions in place. If you would like your work at MSA, contact owner **Natalia Wohletz** at 248-624-1004.

**Milford Public Library** The library is currently only scheduling curb side pickup and drop off. Details about their next stage in reopening to come. If you would like to have a future show at the library, contact Linda Onderko at 248-842-6789. Shows run for two months.

**Huron Valley Council for the Arts** The HVCA is still currently closed. Reopening details to come soon. To enquire about a future show at the HVCA, or to be in their cooperative art shop, call them at 248-889-8660.

## Calls for Entry

### Due July 12 - Northville Art House - West of Center exhibition

Show runs September 1 - 26. [northvillearthouse.org](http://northvillearthouse.org)

### Due July 20 - Oakland Together COVID-19 Safety Video & Art Contest

Public voting: 7-30 - 8-7, Virtual Exhibition: 8-11 - 9-30.

<https://www.oakgov.com/covid/contests/Pages/default.aspx>

### Due July 26 - Scarab Club - 2020 Exhibition of Contemporary Photography

Show runs Sept. 9 - October 10. [scarabclub.org/current-exhibit/call-for-entry](http://scarabclub.org/current-exhibit/call-for-entry).

### Due July 31 - Robert Burridge / Dillman's Creative Arts - Petting Zoo

A virtual juried show. Paint your pets, barnyard buddies or exotic zoo creatures.

Entries will be posted in a closed Facebook group. [robertburridge.com](http://robertburridge.com)

### Due July 31 - Downtown Rochester - 10th Annual Deck Art

Skateboard art competition. To register, call 248-656-0060 or go to:

[downtownrochestermi.com](http://downtownrochestermi.com)

### Due July 31 - Plein Air Salon - Monthly Online Competition

\$27,000 total annual cash prizes. [pleinairsalon.com](http://pleinairsalon.com)

### Due July 31 - Blick Art Supplies - Make a Splash Watercolor Competition

Win a prize pack worth \$500. [dickblick.com](http://dickblick.com)

### Due August 1 - The Magazine of Contemporary Arts - Call for Submissions -

<https://www.geobeetles.com/magazine>

### Due August 14 - 15th International ARC Salon - Total prizes

over \$130,000. <https://www.artrenewal.org/>

### Due August 15 - NOAPS - 30th Best of America Exhibit

\$30,000 in cash and sponsor certificates.

<https://www.noaps.org/events>

### Due August 31 - Figurative Art Convention & Expo - The Artist & Selfie Painting Competition

Total prizes \$44,000.

<https://artistandselfie.com/>

### Find other calls for entry at

<https://artist.callforentry.org/>

<https://www.entrythingy.com/>

<https://artcall.org/calls>

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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. Current restrictions apply.

## June meeting recap

Our first meeting post-quarantine was held on Wednesday, June 24th at the Central Park pavilion, with guest speaker and internationally-known chalk artist David Zinn. With a turnout of about 25 people, we were able to effectively social distance and still get a good view of this entertaining speaker. David talked about his career and international notoriety, as well as giving us a demonstration of *how* he chooses his site to draw, that then dictates *what* he will draw. It was a great kick-off to our re-opening, and we thank David so much for his excellent and fun presentation.



## Summer classes at the SHAC

**For kids:** Monday or Tuesday Preschooler in the Park, lots of classes for Ages 6-13 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and "crafternoons" in July. New art kits available soon! Check online for more.

**For teens to adults:** Painting with Pastels

**For adults:** Oil Painting from Life; Drop in and Create; Ceramics Open Studio.

**For Special Needs: Peacock Art Club (PAC)** is currently on hold. When we resume, class is held Thursdays 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Special Offerings:** Art 'a la Carte; 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](http://milfordshac.org/classes), stop in to the SHAC, or call us for more info. Please stay tuned as we start to offer more classes in the coming months. Also certain capacity limitations apply.

## Upcoming events...

**Summer Camp:** Art Camp at Home art kits will be available again soon!

**August 6 - 8: Milford Sidewalk Sales** A few artists' booths will be set up out front. Hours are Thurs. 3:00 - 8:00 pm, Fri-Sat 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

**November 14: Wine Tasting Fundraiser** 7 - 9 p.m. Date is tentative.

\*\*If you have any ideas for fundraisers for the VFAA / SHAC, please let us know. We are working on some ideas but would love to hear yours! Thank you in advance for your ideas and your generosity.

## 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 \$5 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!

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