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Welcome Newcomers...

We welcome any newcomers to our meetings!

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 Love Our Volunteers!

Volunteer & Win! Once we get back on track, here are our 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 (tentative) Meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 pm

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

May Guest Speaker: Michael Gute Expressionist Painter

Michael Norman Gute is an award winning artist working and living in Detroit, Michigan. When asked about his approach to creating work he explains, "I am most interested in the process or the journey it requires to create a work. I practice ignoring the expectations one naturally places on outcome and instead I trust the work to develop on its own. To my excitement and discomfort, my primary role is to listen and carry out the will of the materials."



Gute holds a baccalaureate degree in painting and art history from Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University and a master's in historic preservation and museum administration from Eastern Michigan University. He is currently a candidate for a Master of Business Administration at Wayne State University's Mike Ilitch School of Business. He has earned a reputation as a speaker, seeker, successful business person and advocate. Check him out at: www.guteworks.com or facebook.com/michael.gute.50

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.

March and April Meetings

Unfortunately we had to cancel our March and April meetings, so we missed some fabulous speakers and their art: March-scheduled speaker Courtney Hatcher, abstract artist; and April-scheduled speaker Durwood Coffee, animal painter. We were also unable to see all of your works of art that you generously share with us at our meetings. That means we were unable to reward points for our *Artist of the Year* program. We are hoping that May will bring back some normalcy and we will be able to return to our meetings and regular activities.

To participate in *Artist of the Year*, 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!

PAN Virtual Art Exhibit - Vote!

Because the closing of the SHAC coincided with the beginning of our annual Poetry Art Night exhibition, and because our gala had to be cancelled, we decided to create a virtual PAN exhibit for anyone to peruse at their leisure. Our talented director, Lish Brown created an online flipbook-style exhibit which includes both art and poetry. If you haven't seen it, go online to our website where you will find a link to the show: <http://milfordvfaa.org>.

While online, **please vote** for your favorite artwork and your favorite poem. The link is on the first page of the virtual show, or email your votes to shac@milfordvfaa.org.

Please Donate Now

With the state of the world, and the temporary closing of the SHAC, obviously our income has come to a virtual halt. We know that many of you out there are suffering financially as well, but we ask those of you who can afford it to go to our webpage and make a donation. We are also currently applying for financial aid from the state and federal governments, but if that comes through it will take some time. We thank you so much in advance for your support, and we look forward to seeing your faces soon!





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 - Closed through 4/30
 Monday 10:00 - 2:00
 Tuesday 10:00 - 6:00
 Wednesday - Saturday 10:00 - 2:00

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 125 South Main St., Suite 700
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 phone: 248-797-3060
 email: shac@milfordvfaa.org
 website: milfordvfaa.org

Register for classes at: milford-shac.org/classes

Art happenings around town

Milford's Civic Center and Public Library Closed through April 30.

Main Street Art Main Street Art is closed for general browsing, but open by appointment only for select services such as framing. Contact owner **Natalia Wohletz** at 248-624-1004.

Huron Valley Council for the Arts Closed through April 30. To enquire about showing your work there, or to be in their art shop, call 248-889-8660.

Calls for Entry

Please check websites for current status.

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

Due May 1 - Artists Network - Strokes of Genius Winners featured in publication. www.artistsnetwork.com/art-competitions/strokes

Due May 13 - International Artist Magazine - Abstract, Experimental art
 Winners featured in magazine. www.internationalartist.com/competitions

Due May 31 - University of Michigan - Gifts of Art 20/21 Seeking submissions for solo and group art exhibits www.med.umich.edu/goa/CallforExhibits.htm

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

Due June 12 - 42nd Annual White Lake Area Arts & Crafts Festival.
 June 20 & 21, 2020 www.whitelake.org

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

Classes at the SHAC

Currently all classes have been cancelled, but we are hoping to get things back on track in May. Stay tuned for late spring and summer classes to be posted.

Upcoming events...

Tentative dates for SHAC activities when we return.

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. Reserve early as table space is limited.

November 14: Wine Tasting Fundraiser 7 - 9 p.m. SHAC fundraiser.



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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