



The Artisan Press

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

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Welcome Newcomers...

Welcome to newcomers and friends of guest speaker Ariana Fate – **Maddie, Justin, Jessica, Michele, Carson, Trevor and Colt**. Other visitors were **Marisa**, graphic designer and **Sarah Martin**, art appreciator to our July 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.

We ♥ Our Volunteers!

Volunteer & Win! Current opportunities:

- VFAA Treasurer
- Board and committee members
- Event helpers / art intake helpers
- General cleaning and organizing ... and more.

*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!

PAC, TAC & SAC

Many of our programs are on hold at the moment due to COVID safety measures. Specifically, Peacock Art Club, Teen Art Club and SHAC Art Cafe, as well as many of our classes. We'll keep you updated as current events progress.

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

At the Central Park Pavilion, downtown Milford
Bring your own chairs to help us keep socially distant. ***FACEMASKS REQUIRED.**

August Guest Speaker: Zach Curtis, Mural Artist

Our guest speaker, Zach Curtis, is an innovative artist that is bringing new style to street art and wall murals. He is driven by the need to win and a love of making people stop to "smell the roses" during an otherwise busy city life. Zach is currently working hard to help spark a fire in the city of Pontiac, through a series of wall murals/street art titled #pontiac takeover.



Zach is a self-taught street artist from Pontiac, and has been a full-time artist for the last five years. He also does clothing design, graphic design, photography, videography, and accepts commissions. See his work on facebook: www.facebook.com/zachcurtisartwork.

Zach was kind enough to come out on short notice, as our scheduled speaker, Joe Schipani was unable to attend. Joe will be speaking at the SHAC about his Flint project, the Flint Public Art Project (FPAP) sometime in 2021.

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.

Virtually Fresh! Milford Plein Air coming soon!

Our fourth annual plein air weekend has been moved to the first week of October this year. Artists are invited to sign up to paint the Huron Valley area en plein air October 2 – 4. Check our website for a prospectus and link to sign up. The show and sale will be at the SHAC, October 4 – November 6 and online as well.

Artists who would like to brush up on their plein air skills can take a workshop with well-known artist and instructor Michael Todoroff, September 26 (the Saturday before the event) at 10:00. Participants will meet here at the SHAC.

The event is hosted by the Village Fine Arts Association, Suzanne Haskew Arts Center and the Michigan Plein Air Painters.

SHAC Learning Pods

You can now rent the SHAC for your learning pod. We have the available space for your small group (currently 10 or fewer) to gather and learn virtually from your school. Our hourly rate split between up to 8 students (with a parent or teacher present) is an affordable alternative option that will benefit parents who cannot stay home with their children on a daily basis. Call us for more information.

Poetry Art Night People's Choice Winners

Our final tally is in. Winners of the two people's choice awards are:

Winning art: "Emerald Bliss" by **Rich Onica**

Winning poetry: "The Walking Man" by **Ken Graning**

Congratulations winners! Thank you to all who voted, and thanks once again to all of our sponsors for this event!

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 project will run throughout the summer and possibly into the fall. Come out Monday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, or Thursdays 4:00 - 8:00 pm to participate and express your feelings through art, and be a part of this community mosaic.



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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

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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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*"If I could say
it in words
there would
be no reason
to paint."*

– Edward Hopper

SHAC/VFAA Happenings

SHAC Gallery Now: **Art in the Time of COVID**, runs through September 24. Coming up after that is **Fresh! Milford Plein Air** October 2 - 4. Check our website to sign up. Fresh! runs through November 6. 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

Main Street Art Members and students at the SHAC: please be sure to get your art supplies at Main Street Art. Owner Natalia Wohletz has lowered prices on all art supplies to match those of Blick and other online sources. Natalia will be getting more in stock for classes at the SHAC and is willing to match lower prices that you see elsewhere. So please check there first!

Main Street Art has been a long-time supporter of the VFAA / SHAC, donating many things over the years, including their time, money, gift-certificates and most recently around 50 frames that are in like-new condition. Thank you MSA!!

Milford's Civic Center (home to the Village and Township offices). 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. Currently there is no art on exhibit at the Civic Center or the Library. We'll let you know when they resume. Call us if you would like to get on the waiting list.

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 August 17 - Huron Valley Council for the Arts - Arts & Greens Holiday Market - www.huronvalleyarts.org/1/257/call_for_artists_entry_thingy.asp

Due August 22 - NOAPS - 30th Best of America Exhibit \$30,000 in cash and sponsor certificates. <https://www.noaps.org/events>

Due August 25 - Downriver Council for the Arts - 10th Annual Photography Exhibit www.downriverarts.org

Sat., August 29 - The Scarab Club - In the Air: 2020 SC Plein Air Challenge One-day plein air competition in the Detroit area. scarabclub.org/

Due August 31 - Figurative Art Convention & Expo - The Artist & Selfie Painting Competition Total prizes \$44,000. <https://artistandselfie.com/>

Due August 31 - Midwest Sculpture Initiative Stipends of \$850. www.msisculpture.com/

Due August 31 - Plein Air Salon - Monthly Online Competition \$27,000 total annual cash prizes. pleinairsalon.com.

Due September 5 - Higher Art Gallery, Traverse City - Citizen's Coping-Artists respond to the last 4 years www.higherartgallery.com/calls-for-art

Due September 7 - Artists Network - 22nd Annual Pastel 100 www.artistsnetwork.com/art-competitions/

Due October 5 - Artists Magazine - Over 60 Art Competition <https://www.artistsnetwork.com/art-competitions/over-60>

Due October 16 - The Bennett Prize awards \$50,000 to a woman artist to create her own solo exhibition. thebennettprize.org.

Due November 5 - Portrait Society of America - 16th Annual Members Competition www.portraitsociety.org/members-only-competition

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Things we can always use at the SHAC:

- Paper towels!
- Business Envelopes
- Stamps
- 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.

Summer/Fall classes at the SHAC

For kids: Kids 'n Canvas; K 'n C Kits To Go; Preschool Art Kits.

For teens to adults: Painting with Pastels; Teen Art Photography Outdoors

For adults: Oil Painting from Life; Pottery II; Understanding Animal Anatomy; Drop in and Create; Ceramics Open Studio.

All Ages: Frame Weaving & Macrame; T-shirt Tie Dye; Macrame Keychain, Plant Holder & Wall Hanging.

Homeschool: Multiple Mediums ages 8-13, day and time TBD.

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

Art 'a la Carte: You tell us what you would like to learn, bring your group and we will provide the instructor and materials.

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 information. Please stay tuned as we start to offer more classes in the coming months. Capacity limitations apply.

Upcoming events...

October 2-4: Fresh! Plein Air Event Show runs through November 6.

October 10 SHAC Road Rally Fundraiser Details to come soon.

November 14: *Tentative* Wine Tasting Fundraiser 7 - 9 p.m.

**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.

Milford Sidewalk Sales

The SHAC moved to the north side - temporarily! We were able to put up two tents for last weekend's Milford Sidewalk Sales, and sell our members' artwork as well as art raffle tickets. Thanks to Alicia Brown and volunteers' hard work, we pulled in just under \$1000, even though attendance was fairly low. The sidewalk sales were a last minute event in lieu of Milford Memories, which is usually the same weekend.

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!

Enclose your check or money order made out to the VFAA and mail to: Village Fine Arts Association • 125 South Main Street, Suite 700 • Milford, MI 48381 Contact us at shac@milfordvfaa.org or 248-797-3060. Visit us online at milfordvfaa.org





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