



The Artisan Press

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

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Welcome Newcomers...

Welcome to newcomers – **Judy Nelson, Holly Nickerson and Pamela Day** to our August 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 some of our classes. We'll keep you updated as current events progress.

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

At the Central Park Pavilion, downtown Milford

Bring your own chairs to help us keep socially distant. ***FACE MASKS REQUIRED.**

September Guest Speaker:

Julie Woodard,
Innovative Art Instructor



Multi-media artist and innovative art instructor, Julie Woodard, will be the speaker at our September meeting. We plan to have our Wednesday, September 23 meeting in Central Park, 7:00 pm.

A graduate from The University of Dayton with a M.A. in Clinical Psychology, Julie changed her focus to Art after taking a watercolor class at Emory University which started her on her artistic journey.

After moving to Illinois, Julie continued taking more classes in drawing and watercolor. She was a member of the Lakes Region Watercolor Guild, learning from many internationally renowned artists. Julie's favorite mediums are watercolor and acrylic, but also enjoys pastel, colored pencils, collage, printmaking, and alcohol inks. Julie's paintings can be found at Pierre Paul Art Gallery, Ann Arbor, and the Governor's Exhibition, Lansing.

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.

VFAA Road Rally Fun(d)Raiser!

Saturday, October 17, from 12-3 pm. Have socially-distant fun on wheels and support the nonprofit SHAC! You'll drive around the community, racing (safely... no speeding!) to complete all of the challenges in order to win a variety of prizes. Teams will get more familiar with the art presence in our community, and with local businesses as well.

Tickets are \$25 per person, OR \$100 per car. All proceeds benefit the nonprofit Village Fine Arts Association and the Suzanne Haskew Arts Center (the SHAC). Sign yourself or your team up at: <http://milfordvfaa.org/road-rally-fundraiser/> or call us with any questions.

Sponsors for this event are: **LaFontaine Classic Car; Downtown Garage; The Burger Joint; Your Nesting Place, Hidden Treasures; Gina's Bridal; Aubergine Gallery; Main Street Art; Blossoms on Main; 2 Moms & a Mop; Michigan Rock School; Village Pizza & BBQ; 5 Star Ace...** and more to come. *Thank you so much!*

Virtually Fresh! Milford Plein Air

Our fourth annual plein air weekend has been moved to the first weekend 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.

Main Street Art will have several 8 x 10 and 11 x 14 frames, (as well as art supplies) on hand for anyone who needs them. They will be open Saturday, 10 am - 5pm, so make sure you get there before 5:00 as they are closed on Sunday. Questions: (248) 684-1004.

SHAC Learning Hub

Mondays – Thursdays, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, the SHAC Learning Hub will be open for your children, ages 6-13. Their online studies are important and our tutors are here to make them successful. Your kids will spend the day with us doing their online work, getting individual and group tutoring, developing a creative mind-space as well as enjoying small group, sanitized, socially-distant time with peers in the SHAC and outdoors when scheduling permits. See our website for more information.



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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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"Creativity is more than just being different. Anybody can plan weird, that's easy. What's hard is to be as simple as Bach. Making the simple awesomely simple, that's creativity."

— Charles Mingus

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 but will be opening 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 September 30 - Greater Denton Arts Council - Materials Hard & Soft - International contemporary craft exhibition. dentonarts.com/mhscall

Due October 4 - Northville Art House - Small Works - show runs November 11 - December 12, 2020. northvillearthouse.org/exhibitions/upcomingexhibitions/

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 October 25 - National Oil & Acrylic Painters Society - Fall Online International Exhibition - www.noaps.org/2020-fall-on-line-prospectus

Due October 30 - Richeson 75 - Animals, Birds & Wildlife online - richeson75.com/pages/callforentries.html

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

Due October 30 - Gateway International Competition - online monthly and annual competition - www.paintingcontest.org/prospectus

Due October 30 - Plein Air Salon - online monthly and annual competition - <https://pleinairsalon.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
- 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.

Fall classes at the SHAC

For kids: Kids 'n Canvas; Kids 'n Canvas Kits To Go; Preschool Art Kits - coming soon.

For teens to adults: Painting with Pastels; Teen Art Photography Outdoors; Introduction to Fine Arts.

For adults: Abstract Art; Full Spectrum of Colored Pencil; Oil Painting from Life; Pottery II; Drop in and Create; Ceramics Open Studio.

Homeschool: Introduction to Fine Arts.

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 may apply.

Upcoming events...

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

October 17 SHAC Road Rally Fundraiser See page 1, or go to our website for details and to sign up.

November 12 - January 8: Gifts of Art Show and Sale Our annual holiday show is our most successful art sales event of the year. Artists: start planning now for your small works of art, which must be under 17" in any direction, framed and ready for display, and \$150 or under. Patrons: come early and often as artwork will be replaced with new pieces as it sells.

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.

Art papers, frames and mat board for sale!

Art surfaces: Watercolor, pastel, drawing paper, canvas. Available for a donation.

Frames: Small \$5, Medium \$10, or Large \$20. Main Street Art has recently donated about 50 more frames for our collection. We have a variety of sizes and styles -- come check it out.

Mats: Pre-cut: \$1 each. Large sheets (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:
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