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Suzanne Haskew Art Center

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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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## Monthly 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. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. For more information, call us at 248-797-3060 or visit [milfordvfaa.org](http://milfordvfaa.org).

## We're Back!

Classes are ramping up here at the SHAC - see our offerings at right or on our website. Our first meeting of the year will hopefully be held, and we are cautiously optimistic that more activities will soon be scheduled. As always we welcome your comments and ideas for programs and fundraisers. And we welcome volunteers to run new programs and committees. Let us know!

# Village Fine Arts Update

## LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

It is with great sadness that I tell you I am leaving the SHAC. Our new Coordinator, Keri Cleasby, starts June 18, and I work through the end of June. I have loved working at the SHAC, but most of all, I have loved every moment with you. Our Artists. Every interaction was joyful. Your work and passion are profoundly inspiring. I learned something unique and wonderful from each of you.

I know the pandemic has been a game-changer. Yet, I ask that you please stay deeply involved in the VFAA and SHAC. You are at the heart of all we do. And we cannot do this without YOU. Other people deserve the same incredible experience that I have had. I will be emerging into new ventures and also caring for my parents and family. Thank you for being an essential part of my journey. I will see you on social media! Stay well and thrive. With deep affection and gratitude, Lish Brown

## MEMBER'S MEETING

Great news! **We will hold our first member's meeting of the year (weather-permitting) at the Central Park Pavillion on June 23 at 7:00 pm.** We will not have a speaker, but we ask that members bring artwork for a show and tell/critique session. Otherwise you can come to just hang out and get reacquainted with other members.

## ART RAFFLE OPPORTUNITY!

Would you like to help the SHAC by being part of our upcoming Art Raffle? This is our first official fundraiser of the year, and we would like to make it a resounding success! In order to do that we will need donations of artwork that we can include in our raffle that will run July 21 - August 16. During that time we are hopeful that Milford Memories will be held so that we can get more people in to see your artwork and participate in the raffle. If you don't have art to donate but still want to help, we may need volunteers to help out during Milford Memories. Call or stop in if you are interested, and thank you in advance!

## SHAC/VFAA Happenings

### SHAC GALLERY

Now: **Positive Vibes** June 2 - July 16. Up next: **Art Raffle Fundraiser** - July 21 - August 16. For a complete list of 2021 SHAC Art Gallery Exhibitions, see our website.

### CLASSES

**For kids:** Preschool, Summer Camps

**For teens to adults:** Pastels, Creative Teen Self-Care, Interactive Art Across the Ages

**For adults:** Plein Air Painting, Watercolor, Drop in & Create, Ceramics Open Studio

**For all ages:** Have your own Pod Party at the SHAC. Check our website for more information: [milfordshac.org/classes](http://milfordshac.org/classes). Capacity limitations may apply.

### EVENTS (tentative)

**August 13 - 15: Milford Memories / SHAC Art Fundraiser** - July 21 - August 16.

**August 29: Dog Day Afternoon** Will be held Sunday, August 29, during our **For the Love of Animals** gallery show.

**November 13: Wine Tasting Fundraiser**

**Dates TBD: Bob Ross Painting Parties; Artistic Tastes; Concerts** and more to come.

## Calls For Entry

**Due June 14 - Artists Network Splash 23** - <https://www.artistsnetwork.com/art-competitions/splash>

**Due June 15 - University Of Michigan - Gifts Of Art** - The Gifts of Art Program is seeking submissions for solo and group art exhibits. <http://www.med.umich.edu/goa/>

**Due June 28 - Artists Network - 13th Annual Watermedia Showcase** - <https://www.artistsnetwork.com/art-competitions/watermedia-showcase>

**Due July 19 (earlybird) - Artists Network - Pastel 100** - \$5000 first place award. <https://www.artistsnetwork.com>

**Due August 16 - Artists Network - Acrylicworks 9** - artwork featured in The Best of Acrylic magazine + \$2000 first prize. <https://www.artistsnetwork.com>

**Due October 1 - 25th Annual Pumpkinfest with Arts & Crafts Fair** - Saturday, October 9, 2021 .10am - 3pm.

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