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*Just a reminder...*  
**HAVE YOU RENEWED  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

## mark your CALENDARS

### Plein Air Painting\*

Gabriel Farms, Petoskey  
July 12 • 9am - 1pm

### Celebrate Four Seasons of East Jordan & Beyond

Juried exhibit, JRAC  
July 17 - August 19

### Plein Air Painting\*

Coveyou Scenic Farm, Petoskey  
July 26 • 9am - 1pm

### Personal Protection Device (manhole cover) Printing

With Meredith Krell & Shanna  
Robinson, JRAC  
July 28 • 10am - 2pm

### East Jordan Garden Club Exhibit

July 30

### Plein Air Painting\*

Lepman's home, Charlevoix  
August 2 • 9am - 1pm

### Nature Weaving Workshop

With Jasmine Petrie, JRAC  
August 10 • 1 - 4pm

### Plein Air Painting\*

Bay View Waterfront  
August 16 • 9am - 1pm

### Sunflowers Watercolor Workshop

With Dani (Knoph) Davis, JRAC  
August 27 • 10am - 12:30pm

### Annual Member Show

August 28- September 30

### Gnome Felting Workshop

With Mary Duggan, JRAC  
September 10 • 9am - 12pm

### Rust Never Sleeps

October 9 - November 4

### Holiday Gift Market

November 13 - December 17  
1 - 4pm daily

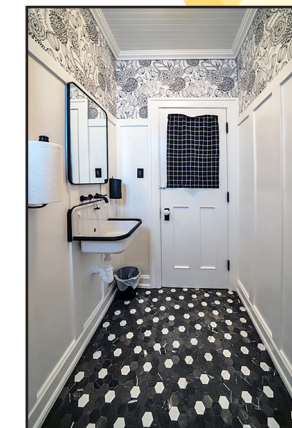
*\*Plein Air: no fees, no RSVP necessary.  
Any questions call or email Karen  
Kimmell: kakimmell@gmail.com,  
231.350.8159 or Connie Mahoney:  
cbmahoney@charter.net*

## from the PRESIDENTS

We are getting our ducks in a row. Our "old" bathroom has been redone by Richard Kerr, funded by the Taylor Foundation's gracious grant to make our building accessible and safe for everyone. This unexpected and delightful funding helped us revive our dream to make the building handicap accessible. We realize to do so will require costly renovations.

This is where the line of ducks helps tell the story...

- 2008: A survey of JRAC property was done.
- 2014: The building was purchased; the title and deed secured.
- August 2015: A capital campaign feasibility study done by Kenari Consulting helped us develop a strategic plan. That same year building plans for expansion to have accessibility was completed by Andre M. Poineau Woodworker.
- 2017: Strategic plan was put in place.
- 2017-2022: Work on completing the list of necessary tasks to reach goals of the plan. Along the way we have had generous supporters, volunteers, and partners. The pandemic challenged everyone, but now we are back on track and believe this wavy row of ducks is ready for a capitol campaign.



Watch for exciting news as we pursue this dream. We appreciate you for supporting the arts and Jordan River Arts Community.

Respectfully,  
Dawn Swaim and Babs Young

FOUR SEASONS *celebrate*  
EAST JORDAN  
*and beyond*

### JULY 17 - AUGUST 19

JRAC is proud to host an exhibit and several community activities that capture the beauty and community of East Jordan all year round.

The exhibit will be open 5 days a week, Thursday - Monday 1- 4pm.  
Contact via email if you need a special showing. (continued on page 2)





The entire Board of Directors are volunteers dedicated to “bringing art into life”.

The Taylor Foundation granted us \$10,000 to make our building more accessible. We hired Richard Kerr to remodel the 100 year-old bathroom.

The East Jordan Chamber promotes our programs and partners with us for special events.

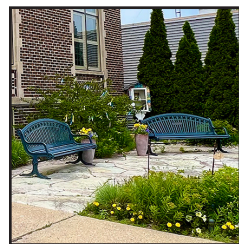
Our Members are the best!

Babs Young and Dawn Swaim enjoyed designing the JRAC bathroom.

Shirley Johns refinished the front doors and is not charging us to maintain the upkeep on them.

The board members provide the beverages and food for Openings.

Nancy Carey wrote, and we received a 2nd grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for EJHS Welding class to design and create a sculpture under the tutelage of Ann Gildner.



JRAC courtyard clean-up crew planted yellow and blue annuals to show support for the people of Ukraine.



The E.J.Garden Club will hold their annual exhibit at JRAC on July 30th this year.

Nelson Ogden always has time to fix something and do chores for our building.

Babs Young designs all the postcards, banners and program cards.

Ginny Hawkins oversees bulk mailings.

Nancy Carey steam cleaned our chairs.

Our newest felting kit is a robin created by Dawn Swaim.

Judy Worgess-Wagner and Nancy Carey keep our Gift Shop fully stocked, organize our artists and keep our accountant happy with monthly sales reports!

Shanna Robinson oversees JRAC Programs. This means she chairs the committee to get curators, writes Call to Artists, sets the calendar, sets up workshops, coordinates all stakeholders, and communicates details.

Billie’s Floral provides unique arrangements tailored for each of our exhibits. Penny Hills prints our banners and co-curated the Scholarship Show with Cynthia Tschudy.

Cynthia and Ron Tschudy donated years-worth of pottery production for a pop-up sale. We took in \$5,253.00 in sales, and ALL the proceeds have been dedicated to our scholarship program. Thank you to supporters and Tschudys for generous donations.

Dave Varga will donate the vinyl lettering for the walls for our shows.

Howard Ellis leads Writer’s Club and Socrates Group. He also is a wonderful mentor!

Karen Kimmell sets up the Plein Air Painting Schedule and does volunteer work for the JRAC Membership Committee, calling and sending thank you notes to members.

There is a Membership List in the entry hall. A new one will be added each January. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to correct any errors, omissions, or to make changes to your name listing.

Marcia Meyer does the informative mail chimp, updates our website and oversees Membership.

The best way to contact us is via email-jordanriverarts@gmail.com or leave a message at 231.536.3385.

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Pat Tinney worked with 4th graders at EJPS doing self-portraits in front of their favorite location around East Jordan. These will be on display in local businesses.

**Sponsored prizes for Gallery Exhibit:**  
1st Place \$500: Stonehedge Fiber Mill  
2nd Place \$300: Foundry Bar & Grill  
3rd Place \$200: Floyd & Nancy Wright  
3 Honorable Mentions @ \$100 each:  
Family Fare plus donation to help with exhibit expenses.

Artists submitted work for consideration for a vertical format banner to hang in town. Artists work selected:

- Bill Dietrich - photo
- Lori Feldpausch - painting
- Karen Kimmell - painting
- Theresa McGill - photo
- Pat Tinney - painting
- Steve Toorman - painting
- Babs Young - photo

Funding to print the banners came from gracious sponsors: American Waste, Charlevoix State Bank, EJ Auto Parts, EJ Garden Club, EJ Lions Club, Foundry Bar & Grill, Jordan Valley Rental, Subway and Summertime Rentals



## welcome GINNY HAWKINS

Virginia “Ginny” Hawkins was born and raised in Trenton Michigan, spending summers at her grandma’s cottage on Torch Lake since 1962. In 1980, her parents retired here and purchased North Torch Marina. In 1989, she and her husband Bob purchased a cottage in Torch Lake Village.

Ginny taught middle school science in the Ann Arbor Public School system for 25 years. She retired in 2018 and made Northern Michigan her permanent home. Ginny wanted to explore the activities she loved the most and volunteer/contribute to the northern Michigan community. With a couple of visits to JRAC, she thought it to be a perfect match - biology meets art! As a JRAC board member, she looks forward to this season’s exhibits, scholarship shows, art fairs, art walks and workshops.

## thank you SKIP OSBORNE

A special award was presented to Skip Osbourne at the JRAC award ceremony. Skip has sponsored a \$1500 Scholarship since 2002. Thank you for your most generous support these past 20 years!



## congratulations 2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



This year’s high school scholarship recipients were recognized at the JRAC award ceremony (L-R): Serenity Bentz, Paige Preamble, Jayde Fazio, Luis Chevez, Marley Covell, Alexis Lockey. Anna Anger, Abigail Mayes, (not pictured: Emily Dong, Nicole Rutkowski).

Sketching Group meets Wednesdays 2-4pm. Contact Cynthia Tschudy if you wish to join at ctschudy@torchlake.com or 231.544.6167

Socrates Café meets 1st & 3rd Sunday of month, Writers Group meets 2nd Monday of month. Contact Howard Ellis for more information at 231.536.2152

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### CO-PRESIDENTS

Dawn Swaim  
Babs Young

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### GALLERY HOURS

Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
1-4 pm during exhibits  
(or by appointment)