



# jrac NEWS

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## from the CO-PRESIDENTS

Thank you all so much! It truly takes a village bringing art into living. Reflecting on these past six months reminds us of how honored we are to have wonderful support in not only the day-to-day operations but also in the larger plans. It can be overwhelming to balance the responsibilities and feel like we are making progress. But, when we see an increase in Membership, receive positive feedback, meet new friends, and enjoy community activities, we remember the balance comes from a strong core. We have so much to be grateful for and we love what we do.

Respectfully,  
Dawn Swaim and Babs Young

## veterans' STAR

The Veterans' Star, created by our local welding students, now anchors the Jordan Art Walk which extends from GAR Park across the street from JRAC to the Friends of the Jordan River Center. There are now 20 sculptures in the walk with 6 new ones added this year. This lovely addition to our city invites locals and visitors alike to take a walk, appreciate art and enjoy our natural surroundings.



Thanks to a Charlevoix County Community Foundation grant, JRAC was able to once again sponsor sculptor and industrial arts instructor Ann Gildner as Artist in Residence to work with Dave Muladore's welding students. Generous community support was given to a Go-Fund-Me campaign that supplied the school with all the materials needed to complete the 1,300 pound veterans sculpture. Ms. Gildner and Mr. Muladore had nothing but praise for the students' work which successfully challenged their skills. The Star is truly a gift to and by the community of which we all can be proud.



# Did you Know...?

We welcome all JRAC members to show their work in the upcoming Membership Show?

You can access the JRAC newsletter on our website: [www.jordanriverarts.com/jrac-news](http://www.jordanriverarts.com/jrac-news)

You can get information about all of our events by email? If you're not receiving Mail Chimp emails, let us know at [JordanRiverArts@gmail.com](mailto:JordanRiverArts@gmail.com)



Nancy Carey is the Citizen of the Year for East Jordan? Congratulations to our amazing JRAC board member and good friend!

JRAC had a rock painting activity during East Jordan's Freedom Festival?



Due to popular demand, artist Dani Knoph Davis is returning to JRAC for a second watercolor workshop, Saturday, August 26, this summer? Register at [www.jordanriverarts.com/jrac-workshops](http://www.jordanriverarts.com/jrac-workshops), or email us at [jordanriverarts@gmail.com](mailto:jordanriverarts@gmail.com). Registration deadline is August 12th.

We have a Collage on Canvas workshop lead by Beth Bynam on July 20th, 10 am-3 pm.

On August 17th Thursday, 10am- 3pm Beth Bynam is offering a workshop called Assemblage with Found Objects? Register by August 12th.



Michigan leads the nation in production of several crops including asparagus, chestnuts, cucumbers, and tart cherries? Our July exhibit, Farmers, Farmheres, and Farms celebrates the bounty, beauty, and diversity of our local agricultural scene. Exhibit ends on August 5th.

Howard Ellis has been leading our Writers Group since 2002? He also co-leads Socrates Café with its founder Roger Lilac.

Speaking of Roger Lilac, did you know Roger's Grandfather built our 103 years old historic Carnegie Library Building now the Jordan River Arts Center?



Karen Brennan of Deer Creek Junk helps us with our Gift Shop inventory & accounting? She also has created many of our display pieces.

Dave Prevo has taken on the grass cutting chores at JRAC? Thanks Dave!

The commission we take from artist sales is the lowest in NW Michigan? We are proud to support our local artists!

20 Beaver Island students visited the gallery during the Collaborations Take Two Exhibit? We are happy to arrange visits for groups or visits by appointment.



If you peek inside the Veterans Star sculpture, you can see the signatures of all the students that worked on it?

Jordan River Arts Council Gift Shop carries children's books puzzles, and craft kits?

## collaborations MURAL

The Collaborations Take Two mural is complete and mounted on backing so it can be hung in the entry way for more patrons to view. Thank you to all participants!



## let there BE LIGHT!

Have you noticed the new lighting in the gallery, stairwell, and basement? This wonderful update was provided by the Taylor Foundation and Smith Fund. Austin Grace designed the spaces, Atlas Electrical did all the work. We are loving the results. Thank you for funds and hard work.

## congratulations 2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The annual Scholarship Show had 14 high school entries. Many thanks to the judges Audrey Shapiro and Rich Dietrich for their efforts, support, and time. Listed below are the winners. We are proud of their multiple talents and wish them well as they go on to their next endeavor. Thank you to our scholarship sponsors; Tschudy's, Scheif's, Osborne's, Alberts, Beebe's and the many donations to JRAC scholarships.

- Kandace Miller -JRAC Award
- Chloe Curtis -Honorable Mention
- Delaney Boehm- Honorable Mention
- Mallory Michanowicz- Honorable Mention
- Emily Dong- Osborne Award
- Mabel Louisele- Schleif Award
- Darienne Cronover- Alberts Award



Pat and Gary Schleif and Scholarship winner Mabel Louisele

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

## mark your **CALENDARS**

### **Farmers, Farmers, and Farms** July 2-August 5

Local farms are a delicious and essential ingredient in the quality of life we enjoy in Northwest Michigan. The area surrounding JRAC is abundant with farms, orchards, vineyards, forests, and farm markets. We celebrate the people, passion, hard work, beauty, and bounty of our local agricultural community.



### **Indigenous Art and Culture** October 1- November 4

This exhibition will showcase contemporary works in a variety of media by artists of Indigenous descent along with performances and presentations. JRAC also welcomes small works to sell in the JRAC gift Shop during the exhibition as well as proposals to offer classes and workshops. Entry deadline: August 21, 2023



Art by Hadassa Greensky

### **Annual Member Show** August 13-September 23

All members are invited to exhibit up to 3 current works.

### **Holiday Gift Market** November 12- December 19

Our Holiday Gift Market is another annual JRAC tradition. Come shop member made gifts for your holiday giving.

