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☺ **JUST A REMINDER...**
Have you renewed
your membership?

holiday GIFT MARKET November 14-December 19, 2021

The Holiday Art Fair, which is held annually at the East Jordan High School, has been cancelled again for this year. Please note that the extended dates and hours of the Holiday Gift Market is to accommodate all our holiday shoppers. Hours are as follows:

Opening Day:
Saturday, November 14, 1-4 pm
Daily hours: 1-4 pm
Closed Thanksgiving Day



Note: Small Business Saturday is November 27...
do your shopping in our community!
JRAC extended hours: 1-8 p.m.
JRAC will be handing out ornaments for the kids.

your gift MATTERS!

As 2021 comes to an end, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Throughout this past year, your generosity has sustained us, and we are grateful. As this year comes to a close, we invite you to consider an end-of-year gift. Your financial support will allow us to continue providing the quality programs, exhibits and events that JRAC is known for. (Check out our list of upcoming events and exhibits for 2022!). FYI - We are a 501 c3 organization, which means your gift is tax exempt. Thank you for your consideration.

from the PRESIDENTS

2021 has been eventful, and we are full of gratitude for the support and friendships bestowed upon us.

November 14th, the Holiday Gift Market will be open daily 1-4pm, in the main gallery, until December 19th. It is the last of the shows in the main gallery for the season. We have been busy planning next year's schedule, a bathroom "spruce up", and an outdoor patio space on side yard. All these endeavors are supported by generous donations, memberships and grants.

A new section to the newsletter is, "Did You Know...". This section thanks, recognizes, and celebrates dear ones who complete the hundreds of tasks done at Jordan River Arts Council.

Daylight hours are certainly getting shorter, and the brisk air signals another seasonal transition for JRAC. We sincerely hope you can stop by and visit before we close our doors in January and February. It has been wonderful being able to safely see so many again.

Respectfully,
Dawn Swaim and Babs Young

mark your CALENDARS

Rock, Paper, Scissors, Scraps
March 6-25, 2022

Annual Scholarship Show
May 8-20, 2022

Annual Member Show
August 28-Sept 30, 2022

Full Circle: Inspiration Thru Lens and Brush

Florescent Too
May 29-July 8, 2022

Rust Never Sleeps
Oct. 9-Nov. 4, 2022

Dawn Caine and Teresa McGill
April 3-23, 2022

Four Seasons Celebrate East Jordan and Beyond
July 17-August 19, 2022

Holiday Art Fair
Nov. 12, 2022 (Tentative)

Popup: Tschudy Pottery
April 27-May 3, 2022

Holiday Gift Market
Nov. 13-Dec. 17, 2022

did you KNOW.....

We had great attendance and sales for exhibit Openings

We added a week to the Holiday Gift Market

The Donation Jar on the counter is exclusively for Scholarship Fund

We have amazing volunteer docents: Janis Dietrich, Franny Bluhm, Sharon Gardner, Bonnie Brunette, Cynthia Tschudy, Nancy Carey, Susan Metzger, Elaine and Arch Dettman, Babs Young, Dawn Swaim and Judy Wagner-Worgess

We have a wish list that includes a paved area, tables, native plantings, steps and a path winding down to the street, space for sculptures, a poetry pit made of stones, a solar recharging station for a landscape plan in our side back yard

During our reduced hours, many groups contacted us for private exhibit viewing

Nancy Carey wrote a grant for Art Walk Phase Two, this was recently awarded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and will take place in 2022!

Ann Gildner, artist in residence for Phase Two Jordan Art Walk, made her first visit to EJHS Welding class November 3rd

Together with our community partners we have received a Great Lakes Energy People's fund grant for Phase One of the Jordan Art Walk

The Rotary invited us to lunch, then visited JRAC to hear about Jordan Art Walk, Tinney Show, and our involvement in community events

Will Jackson's Tree Service removed trees and brush over our main electrical wires

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

Barb Wolf keeps our building clean

David Schweer shovels for us

Evan Bassett mows our lawn

Shirley Johns refinished the front doors

Ed White installed a weather tight back door

Arch Dettman repairs the clocks and fixed the furnace this fall

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

Deb and Jodi at Stonehedge Fiber Mill donated yarns for our weaving kits



We sell felting and weaving kits as money makers for general fund

Billie's Floral provides unique arrangements tailored for each of our exhibits

Sherry Seamon judged our scholarship show along with Lynn Carson

Dawn Swaim gave a workshop on book making

Penny Hills does our banners and co-curated the Scholarship Show with Cynthia Tschudy

Lynn Carson edits our newsletters, curated the Annual Member Show, and provided delicious snacks for the opening

Cynthia Tschudy is our docent coordinator, sketching group leader, and plant whisperer

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



Mary Guntzville conducted two wonderful watercolor workshops

Rusty Hart gave a workshop for sketching techniques

Karen Kimmell organized the schedule for our Plein Air painters, she also made it her goal to personally thank each new and returning member

A special donation was made to honor Ron and Cynthia Tschudy for their dedication to JRAC and help with repairing a kiln

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



welcome SHANNA ROBINSON

Shanna has been making art from whatever material expresses her purpose for more than 40 years. Working in textiles, ceramics, sculpture and printmaking, she creates a varied body of work connected by a love of the natural world. Making dyes and inks from plants, and weaving with plant and animal fibers, she is happy to work in ways that connect her to her place. A retired Professor of Art from North Central Michigan College, Robinson holds a BFA and an MFA from Eastern Michigan University. As our newest JRAC Board member, Shanna will assume the role of Program Director.

thank you KAREN KIMMELL

Many thanks to Karen Kimmell for her service to the JRAC Board. Karen is retiring but has promised to continue to stay connected both as a volunteer and a contributing artist. She has been a valuable and dedicated ambassador to and for JRAC.



congratulations MARCIA MEYER

JRAC Board Member Marcia Meyer was one of 160 artists to be accepted into the 2021 Art Prize in Grand Rapids. "Habitat", a combination of three of her tapestries, was exhibited at Morning Ritual in Grand Rapids for the duration of the contest.

join us SKETCHING GROUP

Wednesdays 2:30-4:30 p.m.

This group meets to have fun sketching together, learning new skills and techniques. All are welcome at any artistic level. If you wish to join or have any questions, please contact Cynthia Tschudy at ctschudy@torchlake.com or by phone at 231-544-6167.

Writers Group: 2nd and 4th Monday. Writers of all levels are welcome. **Socrates Cafe: 1st and 3rd Sundays.** Both groups meet in the lower level of the Arts Center. Contact Howard Ellis for more information at 231-536-2152.



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GALLERY HOURS

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