



Jordan River Arts Council
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Just a reminder...
**HAVE YOU RENEWED
YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

on your mark, get ready... MAKE ART!

The 2024 exhibition schedule is coming together. As the details are firmed up, Calls to Artists will be posted on the JRAC website. Keep an eye on our social media sites and the e-newsletter for details. Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter or read past issues here: www.jordanriverarts.com/jrac-news.

Artists are also invited to submit proposals for workshops, demonstrations and classes to be offered throughout the year.
Access the form here: <https://www.jordanriverarts.com/workshop-proposals>.

United by Verse
March 24-May 4
Connecting verse to art literally and figuratively. Entry deadline: Feb. 26, 2024

Scholarship Show
May 12-25
Art by area high school students.

Pop-up Walloon Lake Writers' Group
June 2-22
Photography exhibit.

Fish & Fowl
June 30-July 27
From the water and wild wings.

With Every Fiber of My Being
August 4-31
Fiber arts take center stage.

Members' Show
September 8-October 5
Showcase of members' work in all media.



Drawn to Nature
October 13-November 9
Tapping into the power of nature to inspire.

Holiday Gift Market
November 17-December 21
Fundraiser featuring small works and handmade items.

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from the CO-PRESIDENTS

We are so grateful for our amazing supporters this year. JRAC has many financial patrons who help us with scholarships as well as building, community, and operational needs. Most recently, we received a wonderful gift in support of a long-desired project. The Charles M. and Joan R. Taylor Foundation has given us a one-time grant to create an outdoor courtyard and seating area connecting to a path of sculptures. It also creates a ramp for accessibility to the lower level of the building.

This year has been full. In addition to implementing a full calendar of exhibitions and programs, we have been working on bringing our by-laws up to date. We have made new connections and look forward to developing future partnerships.

Looking ahead, our 2024 Program is set and we will have workshops and activities to accompany them. Details will be in our monthly email newsletter and on the website. We will also be focusing on several action items in the Strategic Plan as we continue our efforts to promote, encourage and nurture the arts in our community.

We have enjoyed serving as your co-presidents for the past few years. We appreciate our generous community partners, members, volunteers, and docents. Thank you for encouraging, donating, working, appreciating, and laughing with us! Stepping in as president for 2024 will be Gera Witte, who has served on the board for the past year. The updated list of officers and board roster is on page three. We are looking forward to another great year!

Respectfully,
Dawn Swaim and Babs Young

Did you Know...?

Four sculptures from the Jordan Art Walk have been sold and now have permanent homes in our community.

In front of the building we have a new gift shop/gallery sign thanks to Bruce Janssen of the Wood Shop and a new banner created by Kris Held, who also handles the newsletter layout.



David Prevo of Different Point of View ground maintenance, donated his time mowing our lawn this summer. Many thanks David, we appreciate your service, support and kindness.

The teens at The Zone participated in two art programs with Cynthia Tschudy and Dawn Swaim. Activities included a drawing lesson on division of space and watercolor painting.



The Indigenous Art & Culture show was highlighted as a “top 10 to experience” by the Northern Express, highlighting the wonderful art, performances, workshops, and opportunities to learn.



The Walloon Writers Review 8th Edition is available for purchase at the JRAC Holiday Gift Market. This book is a collection of short stories, poetry and nature photography inspired by northern Michigan.

indigenous art & culture exhibition CAPS 2023 SEASON

This fall, it was an honor to host the Indigenous Art & Culture exhibit at JRAC, which attracted a large and appreciative audience. It was an event many months in the making and would not have been possible without the guidance, wisdom and efforts of Shirley Johns. Shirley is a resident of Antrim County and an active member of the Indigenous communities in Northern Michigan. Shirley provided introductions to artists, performers, musicians and others who made the exhibition and events possible. Shirley is a member of the Green Sky Drummers who performed during the opening reception in October. We express our deepest gratitude to all of the participants and volunteers who contributed time and talents for this event.



top ten reasons TO SUPPORT THE ARTS

Over the past few years, Randy Cohen at the national non-profit, Americans for the Arts, has published a top-ten list of reasons to support the arts. Cohen says the arts are fundamental to our humanity. “They ennoble and inspire us—fostering creativity, empathy, and beauty. The arts also strengthen our communities socially, educationally, and economically....”

Cohen’s message is like a pat on the shoulder, a word of encouragement to keep going, to press ahead. Sometimes it is possible to lose sight of the big picture. This list reminds us of the greater good and acknowledges the meaningful and important outcomes that emerge from our collective effort.

As a member, volunteer, participant, donor and friend of JRAC, you play a critical role in this effort. Your gifts of time, talents, treasure, and testimony (spreading the word!) are making a difference in the lives of individuals and in our community. We are deeply grateful for your support, donations and commitment. We look forward to a continuing partnership for decades to come. Thank you.

Cohen’s Top 10 Reasons to Support the Arts in 2023:

1. Unify communities.
2. Improve individual well-being.
3. Strengthen the economy.
4. Drive tourism and revenue to local businesses.
5. Improve academic performance.
6. Spark creativity and innovation.
7. Have social impact.
8. Improve healthcare.
9. Contribute to the health and well-being of our military.
10. Strengthen mental health

View Cohen’s full article here:

<https://ww2.americansforthearts.org/publications/top-10-reasons-support-arts-2023>



leadership group VISITS JRAC

In early November, JRAC hosted a group of business professionals participating in the Leadership Charlevoix program. The participants had a full day of learning and meeting several community leaders during an “Ethics, Culture and Philanthropy” session.

While they were at JRAC, the participants heard a presentation by co-chair Dawn Swaim, viewed the Indigenous Art & Culture Exhibit, then learned from Jessica Dominic as she spoke about her Odawa heritage. Jessica’s parents Dennis and Bonnie Dominic also attended, sharing personal experiences and answering questions. The visit concluded with group members participating in a ribbon dance led by Dennis Dominic.

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