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Greater Livingston County Arts Council & Pontiac Community Art Center

December 2018

Monday-Thursday 10 am - 5 pm
Friday 10 am - 8 pm
Saturday 10 - 4 p.m.
Sunday 12 - 4 p.m.

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Mission Statement
The purpose of the PCAC is to support and encourage individual creativity, promote appreciation and patronage of the visual arts, provide workspace, meeting space, and space to sell or exhibit members' art.



Happy Holidays!

Pontiac Community Art Center is **BURSTING** with Christmas ideas for everyone on your Christmas list! Art can be found to fit into even the most frugal budget. Where else can you find that unique gift for the people that are hard to buy for? Why not surprise that special person with a one of a kind gift that you won't find anywhere else? Gift certificates from PCAC work great too. Who knows, you may just find that special piece of art to make your own holiday merry!



Pontiac Community Art Center supported by the Greater Livingston County Arts Council, a not for profit corporation.

Bayeux Tapestry

November Show

Featured Artist - Cathy Grafton

The Bayeux Tapestry is an embroidered cloth nearly 70 meters long and 50 centimeters tall, which depicts the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England concerning William, Duke of Normandy, and Harold, Earl of Wessex, later King of England, and culminating in the Battle of Hastings.

Artist, Cathy Grafton, has recreated portions of this beautiful tapestry and explained to visitors at the show opening the history of the Bayeux Tapestry as well as demonstrated the intricate stitches that make the tapestry so unique.



"Interpretation is the revenge of the intellectual upon art" — Susan Sontag

Some Happy Faces from Recent Classes



Final Kiln Firings before Christmas

If you plan to give hand-made ceramic gifts this year, please note that the **final bisque firing will be Monday, December 10th**, and the **final glaze firing will be Saturday, December 15th**. Items from these firings will be available for pickup on Wednesday, December 13th and Monday, December 17th any time after noon on those days. I generally come in to fire between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., so your items need to be here **before 7:00 a.m.** on each firing date. *Please do not ask for later firings.*

Swinging Bridges Arts Festival

GLCAC and PCAC will host a fine arts festival on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, 2019. As of now, along with fine arts booths, the Vermilion Players are going to participate with some kind of performance event, and Endeavor will have some original abstract art and martial arts demos. We hope to add other "arts" activities to this. If you are interested in helping with this, please see Vickie or watch for meeting dates in your email. Vendors and patrons are welcome to help.

PCAC vendors are welcome to participate.

Applications will be available at the art center and online by December, or shortly after. Vendor fee is \$50.00, but PCAC members will pay only \$40:00.

PLEASE NOTE: the application deadline is February 1, 2019. If you plan to participate, *please get your application in by that date.*

Annual Meeting

Where has this year gone? It is almost time for our January general membership meeting. This meeting is open to all vendor members and patrons. We will report on the wonderful things that have happened in 2018, report on PCAC and GLCAC finances, and do some important voting! If you did not get a GLCAC 2017-2018 annual report, you can get one that night. Please mark your calendars for **January 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

We're Listed!

Although our advertising budget is tight, your boards understand that we have to step up our game in advertising if we want to continue to grow and build sales. With that in mind, we will be listed in the Chamber of Commerce Directory, and we have also joined the I&M Heritage Corridor organization and will be listed in their tourism directory. This organization also has an online list of events/activities that we can contribute to. There is a packet on the table in the office if you would like to know more about the organization.

A Big Thank-You

to the **Diaz family** for making our beautiful sign and giving us a price break on it! If you haven't seen it yet, take a look at the photo showing our trusty Property Committee putting it up (and also helping our neighbor, Brian Gabor, by fixing a couple of loose boards!)

Another Big Thank-You

To all who have taught classes, done free workshops and make-and-takes, and all who have helped! These classes have made the difference in our ability to pay our bills! We will hope to have a report of how much income has been generated through classes at our general meeting. A special thank-you to teachers, **Pam Beeson (just getting started!), Shari Corrigan, Jane Diaz, Vickie Fitzgerald, Juli Fraher, Patty Mackinson, and Kathy Zehr.** These people have either taught classes or planned classes. Also, thanks to **Brenda Thompson, Nancy Flessner, and Teresa Beard-Lowell,** who show up as back-up!! We are always looking for other people to teach and to help. Please see Kathy or Juli if you have an idea for a class for next year.



First Annual Retreat

Our first annual retreat was held Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Strevell House. The meeting was open to all members. We had a very productive day and worked on discussing where we have been, where we are, and where we are going with the Art Center. Several topics were discussed and the survey put out by **Juli Fraher** was reviewed. To see the results, please look in the PCAC notebook on the shelf in the office. You will also find notes on other items discussed that day.

In addition to the survey, we talked about committees and came up with some requests (also discussed and approved at the last PCAC Board meeting). The committees/chairpersons are asked to please:

Write out a description of what your committee is responsible for and what they do.

Meet on a regular basis so that all involved know what is going on and so that new members can be included.

Turn in a list of ACTIVE committee members to the current PCAC president (**Patty Mackinson**) and to the newsletter editor (**Nancy Flessner**).

Chairperson:

Submit a report to the PCAC board prior to each board meeting

Write a list of duties of your committee chairperson

This information is needed for several reasons: 1) so that when the committee chairperson passes that position on to the next person, duties and responsibilities will be spelled out; 2) so that an accurate account of each committee and its current membership can be listed in the newsletter and in the annual report. (It is suggested that if there are dormant members (those who have not been to meetings or participated in a given amount of time) those members should be removed from that committee); 3) so that new members can look over the duties of each committee and make an educated choice in joining one or two; 4) for posterity; 5) to see where we have gaps in what is being done vs. what needs to be done.

Committees, please do these things by the end of the year so that we can report out at the general membership meeting.

A New Perk Coming...

We have an amazing group of members and patrons, and we want to provide an opportunity for us to spend some time together to have fun and get to know each other. Beginning in January, our classroom/pottery studio will be open one afternoon and one evening for vendors and patrons to come in and make some art, do a craft, or just visit.

This is not instruction time, just time for you to make something in the company of other artsy-types!

There are some art supplies available in the gray metal cabinet (please check with teachers on this), or you can bring your own. If you choose to do a ceramic project, it would need to be something that you can finish in the time allotted. Clay and underglaze will be provided (during this time only; otherwise, we ask that you buy clay and pay for studio time), but you will need to pay a fee to get your work fired.

Dates and times will be announced at the general membership meeting. Currently, we are looking at one Tuesday afternoon per month and one Tuesday evening per month (not on the same day).

Some Changes:

The education committee is splitting in to 2 committees because the duties of that committee were pretty BIG! At present, **Kathy Zehr and Juli Fraher** will head the education committee and be responsible for setting up classes, demos, and working with the gallery committee to set up visiting artist events. **Brenda Thompson and Nancy Flessner** will head up the events committee. This committee will work with Heart and Soul to coordinate downtown activities such as the Jolly Trolley event and the Light Parade, along with special events that PCAC/GLCAC will spearhead. **Darlene Miller** will be the go-to-person for publicity, other than what **Boris Boden** and **Juli Fraher** do for us through regular newspaper notices and webpage coverage.

Newsletter

Thank you to all of the people who have sent newsletter pictures, items and ideas. They are all appreciated! Thanks too for your patience this year with my computer problems and late monthly issues. Like PCAC, I am still learning!
Nancy

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Please send newsletter items and information to nflessner@mchsi.com.

Calendar of Events and Meeting Dates

December 13	Event, Marketing and Education Chair(s) Meeting at 4:30
January 5	Pontiac High School Art Show Opening
January 9	GLCAC Board Meeting
January 13	PCAC Board Meeting
January 23	PCAC Annual Meeting
March 2	Bob Mc Coy Show Opening
April 6	Merchant Street Art Gallery for Artists with Autism Show Opening (tentative)
May 4	Poetry Show Opening
June 1	Patty Mackinson Show Opening
July 6	Lauren Ganther Show Opening
December 1	Cash and Carry Show

Please note that all dates and events are subject to change. Contact any PCAC member if you have any questions.

"Everything you can imagine is real." - Pablo Picasso
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