

# LivArt: November-December 2022 Edition

(Greater Livingston County Arts Council Newsletter)

**Greater Livingston County Arts Council is a 501c3 organization.**

**GLCAC Board:**

**Vickie Fitzgerald**, President  
**Nancy Flessner**, Secretary  
**Pam Beeson**, Treasurer  
**Brenda Thompson**  
**Brian Gabor**  
**Teresa Beard-Lowell**,  
Committee Liaison

**Dates to Remember:**

**December 15, 2022 at 5:30:**

Student Art Show  
Committee Meeting

**January 11, 2023 at 4:00**

**p.m.:** GLCAC Board  
Meeting

**January 11, 2023 at 5:30**

**p.m.:** Swinging Bridges  
Committee Meeting

**Can't Wait! Save the Dates!**

**Swinging Bridges Arts Festival**  
**May 6-7, 2023**



## **Upstairs Renovation...**

The renovation for the upstairs should begin soon. Just so we don't forget, this is what the old restrooms look like now. We will be getting a new ADA-Compliant restroom soon! It will be exciting to see the changes!



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## Events Committee News...

Holiday Wishes was the first weekend of November. This event was formerly known as the Jolly Trolley Weekend. We wrote Wishes on small slips of paper that were wrapped around small candy canes and placed in a dish on the counter. They were offered to shoppers until Christmas. The pop-up vendor event was also held that weekend. Our vendors rallied for the event and sent in ornaments and holiday cards. We had to set up a second tree!! **Juli Fraher** and **Darlene Miller** brought items to the classroom for the pop-up

**Monday Madness** has been happening in the classroom of the Art Center!! On the second Monday of each month for the past 7 months **Pam Beeson** and **Brenda Thompson** have hosted a mini project for \$5.00. The “Madness” time begins at 4 and ends at 7 pm. Participants have etched their initials on glass, made personalized bracelets, made book marks and, most recently, mod-podged napkins on to painted pieces of wood that were cut by **Jim Woodburn**. Monday Madness started from a suggestion from a Downtown Business meeting. Instead of offering sales, we opted for the project.

We have volunteered our window for the **Christmas Story Trail** sponsored by the City of Pontiac again. This year the story is “The Night Before Christmas!” Pictures are up. We don’t have to do anything except provide a window! While people will not have to enter the store to read the story page, they will be looking at our store displays! Maybe they will see something they like!

## Gallery Committee News...

The Gallery Committee has designated the first Saturday of each month as the date for that month’s show opening. Take-down of the previous month’s show and set-up for the new show will be the Thursday before that first Saturday, unless otherwise indicated (i.e.: See April and May shows). Dates for meetings will be posted in the January newsletter.

## Jury Committee News...

The Jury Committee will meet January 8 to talk about 2022: what worked and what didn’t. 2023 Jury dates are March 5, June 4, and September 10, starting at 4:00 p.m.

## Pottery Studio Committee News...

Due to rising costs of clay and glazes, pottery class fees will raise in 2023. The 6 week class will go from \$130 to \$150 with all materials and firings included. There is no plan to raise other class fees at this time.

The committee will also meet in December to reorganize and clean the pottery studio.

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## Recent Gallery Shows...

### October Show: “Art is my Therapy,” by Kathy Zehr

This show gave a glimpse of Kathy’s varied talents. She exhibited paintings, glass art, sculpture, woodburning, and much more!



**Congratulations to John Gahm and Connie Kostelc** on their new art acquisitions!

Kathy worked tirelessly until almost the last minute. See below how tired (and happy!) she looks the day before the opening!



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## **November Show: “If I Could Turn Back Time,” by Teresa Beard-Lowell**

Another talented artist, Teresa’s focus in this show was on past memories, especially with her family. Teresa also exhibited a variety of genres: painting, sculpture, and shadowboxes, to name a few!



## **2023 Shows Pending:**

**December, January, and February\*** We are leaving these months open so that there is time to get our upstairs renovations completed. We are focusing on getting artists from outside the membership to do shows next year. More show information will follow as we confirm show dates.

**February Show:** Pending

**April through the first weekend in May:** Student Art Show and Competition

**Weeks 2 through 4 in May:** Poetry Show

**June Show:** Pending

**August:** Matt Jagitsch – White Pencil on Black Paper Drawings (Matt is from Dixon, Illinois but has ties in Cornell and Pontiac)

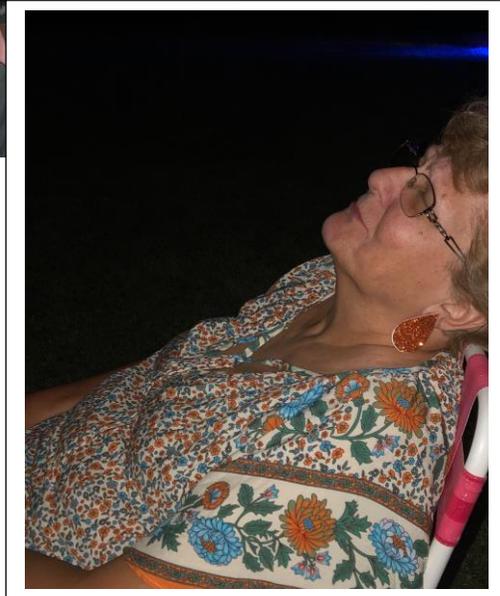
**October:** Membership Group Show

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## Annual Meeting and Picnic

Thanks to **Nancy and Dave Flessner** for hosting this year's annual meeting! Here are a few shots of that evening...



## Classes! Classes! Classes!

Classes give us visibility in the community, help pay the bills, help us to fulfill our purpose of bringing art to the Greater Livingston County area, and are just plain fun! It is great to see people enjoying our wonderful class spaces, learning new skills, and getting to know us! If you have an idea for a class, see **Juli Fraher**. See are some highlights on the next page:

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Thanks, **Kathy Zehr** for putting smiles on the faces of these birthday party girls!

## Also:

- **Pam** taught wheel throwing and a glazing techniques workshop.
- **Vickie and Brenda** had a group of Red Hats ladies for dipping bowl decorating, and a mixed group who decorated holiday signs
- **Vickie and Brenda** led 2 hand-building classes.
- **Vickie** also hosted a tour for the Cleone Society, with around 20 members present.



On October 1, **Juli Fraher** taught a watercolor workshop at the Dominy Memorial Library in Fairbury. The students traced real leaves and painted them using watercolor techniques. About 15 students participated and their projects turned out great!



Students could make these Owls in a class taught by **Juli and Kathy Z.**



November 15: **Brenda Thompson and Juli Fraher** taught 9 Girl Scouts acrylic painting

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## **It's that Time of Year!**

It is hard to believe how fast this year has gone! Dues will be due by the end of the year. Please stop in and pay your dues during the month of December.

**Vickie Fitzgerald** is currently the Membership Committee Chair. We need a new chairperson and one or two committee members. This committee is important and needs some structuring. Please talk to **Vickie** if you are interested.

## **Thinking of you:**

- **Mike Ingles** and **Dave Flessner**, as you recuperate from surgeries and to **Boris Boden** and **John and Sue Drummet**, who have had several health issues this year. We are wishing for your speedy and complete recoveries! Also, thoughts and prayers go out for **Brenda Thompson**, who is next in line for surgery.

## **Our Sincere Thanks to:**

- **Barb Pothuse** and **Marilee Williams** for the gift of two lovely paintings created by their aunt, **Helen Behrendt**. These will be added to our permanent collection and on display early next year.
- **Maggie Taylor**, a patron who donated pottery that had been collected by her mother. She offered it to us as a fundraiser, so the pieces were set up in the classroom as a part of the Pop-Up. Many pieces have been sold with proceeds going to GLCAC. We have made over 200 dollars!

**The Jones House and the Livingston County Historical Society** would like to thank us for the loan of several paintings from our permanent collection. They were on display in the house from August (Art Walk month) until November. They are now returned and sitting on the shelf in the downstairs storage room, patiently awaiting their new permanent space upstairs!

## **Newsletter Update:**

You may have noticed a change in newsletter format (and noticed that it is not that good!) That is because **Vickie Fitzgerald** is acting as interim Newsletter editor. We are still looking for someone to take over this position, so please search your heart and consider volunteering. If your skill is in the writing/spelling area and if you are good at meeting deadlines, this position is for you! **In the meantime, Vickie is hoping to put out the newsletter around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. You can help! Please direct all newsletter items and photos to**

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our Art Folk email ([www.pontiaccommunityartcenter@gmail.com](mailto:www.pontiaccommunityartcenter@gmail.com)). **Deadline for items will be the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please make a note of this monthly deadline in your calendars.**

## **GLCAC Council Meeting Minutes (condensed) October 12, 2022**

The GLCAC Board Meeting met Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. **Pam Beeson, Vickie Fitzgerald, and Teresa Beard-Lowell** were present, and **Brenda Thompson** attended via phone. Items discussed:

1. **Finances:** Treasurer, Pam Beeson reported that as of October 12, there is \$7,130.21 in the treasury. She noted that the proposed budget for 2022-2023 may be stretched due to increased energy costs.
2. **Building Inspection Compliance:** The property committee has addressed stair railings and fire extinguishers and are waiting for the front EXIT sign to be installed. Our insurance agent walked through the building with Mike and said that the other two items are okay.
3. **Upstairs Remodel:** The project is pending for when Gary Bolt can get to it. We are hoping that he can get to it by the end of the year, but it may be January.
4. **John McGee Donation and Show:** Concerns were raised about the current verbal agreement for the use and sale of digital photography. A motion was made that there must be a written contract drawn up stating what, exactly, is being donated. Pam and Vickie reported that this is a protection for both the artist and the art center.
5. **Review of Work Schedule:** Pam presented a report of vendors and number of times they have worked this year. Overall, most who are able to worked their 2 shifts per month, with 3 or 4 exceptions; however, we do not have enough members to cover all shifts this way. Motion made and passed to post on fb and through email that we are short and ask for people to pick up more than their 2 shifts if they can.
6. **Proposal to raise the rail the hanging system on the West main gallery wall:** Motion made and passed to raise the rail so that there will be more hanging space for framed items.
7. **Compiling Artist Bios:** Pam agreed to take photos of member artists, and Vickie will interview and write up brief bios. We will make artist bio cards to put on display in the gallery.
8. **Where to put the permanent collection:** Members present (and by telephone) agreed that displaying donated paintings upstairs in the “open” area that will be outside the new restroom would be a good place for a permanent collection display.
9. **Other.** It was mentioned that a reminder should go out to members to be mindful of bringing **only art forms that are juried in for display and sale. ie.:** If I am juried in for painting, I should not bring in art that is not of that genre.

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## **GLCAC Council Meeting Minutes (Condensed) November 9, 2022**

Present: **Vickie, Brenda, Pam, Nancy** and **Teresa** (art center representative)

Secretary Report: Accepted as presented

- Treasurer Report: Balance on hand is \$9,265.59.
- **Review of Work Schedule:** We need more artists to fill each spot with only each member taking two shifts per month. Members will be encouraged to take on more shifts if they are able
- **Wall hanging raising:** John Gahm has offered to do the work and will talk to the building committee about it
- **Bob Magee** (name correction from October) Photography: The board decided that we should not pursue the possibility of a fundraiser at this time
- **Non-juried Art:** Vendors will be reminded to only bring items for sale that have been juried in according to their contract
- **Story Trail for 2022:** “The Night Before Christmas” will be the theme. The Art Center will participate again this year.
- **Laura McMinn** has shown interest in learning how to use the new glass kiln
- **Mike Rodino** has taken the mat cutter and is thinking about showing people how to use it
- Still looking for a newsletter editor

Next Board meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Submitted by Nancy Flessner - Secretary