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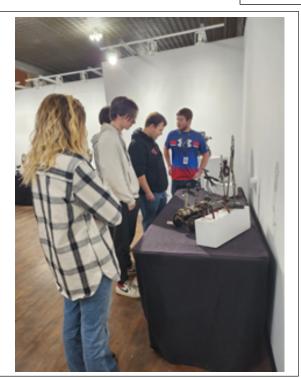
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### Livingston Area Career Center Metals Class Visits GLCAC

The Livingston Area Career Center metals class visited the art center to view Joe Peters' "Accidental Artist" show. They enjoyed, not only the finished product, but the workmanship, creativity, and time needed to create these beauties!

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### There's always something going on at the art center!





**Book Signing -- CONGRATULATIONS** to Dan Fitzgerald and Joyce Harbin-Cole for a successful book signing hosted by the Special Events Committee! The art center was busy all afternoon, and these two generated the highest single-day income at the art center for books and small artwork.



**Photography Class** -- A big thanks to Richard Decorie (not pictured) for hosting a "How to Use Your Camera" class! Editor did not get a photo during the class, but shot this one of vendor John Gahm and patron Terra Manning just after.



**Tuesday Night Painting Class --** A great time had by all in Kathy Zehr's December Tuesday Night painting class. Brenda with her granddaughters Ryan and Riley, and Jeff Utterback enjoyed the class and everyone took their own spin on painting the snow persons.

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# ART ATTACK . . .

Kathy Zehr, John R Gahm, Clo Mayback, and Brenda had a good time visiting and working on their various art projects at the December 15th Art Attack! Brenda hosted and shared Pfaffs donuts.

### At Left:

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rick Decorie for his recent 2nd place finish for his photo entitled "Joliet Prison."

#### Below:

**Red Hats** make decorative signs at the art center for their Christmas gathering. Brenda Thompson is their fearless leader!



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### **Christmas Mug Decorating Workshop**

A few people popped in to the Art Center during December to decorate Christmas mugs. Brenda facilitated the Christmas Mug Decorating Workshop and surprised attendees with a FREE event!



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The Greater Livingston County Arts Council held their annual meeting on November 29, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Art Center.

Members and Patrons Present: Juli Fraher, Darlene Miller, Lisa Green, John Fitzgerald, John Gahm, Brenda Thompson, Pam Beeson, Vickie Fitzgerald, Mike Ingles, Dan Fitzgerald, Mike Rodino, Brittney Krischel, Clo Mayback, Jan Dunn, Karen Compton, Joyce Cole, Sharon Corrigan, Karen Compton and Nancy Flessner

Meeting was called to order by president, Vickie Fitzgerald.

There was no Secretary Report.

Treasurer Report stated that we have \$2,484.55. Estimated monthly expenses run approximately \$1,300. Our income comes from the following sources: Dues, 25% of art sales, donations and classes, with classes bringing in the bulk amount of income. Vendors were encouraged to teach classes if they feel able to do so.

Greater Livingston County Arts Council is the official name of our organization. Members were asked to be mindful of using the correct name with addressing any aspect of the organization including advertising, answering the phone or talking to people one-on-one. Our public websites will be checked to make sure that we are using the correct name. The board made the decision to increase yearly dues for vendors from \$25 per year to \$50. Patron fees will remain the same. Anyone who is unable to pay the dues will be able to ask for a fee waiver from the board. All present agreed to the rule.

The location of all fire extinguishers in the building was discussed so that everyone is aware of where to look in case of an emergency.

Issues with the Square were discussed. Instructions for use is in the blue notebook at the front desk. Everyone was reminded to make sure that the Square is online when they are trying to make sales, especially those sales from credit/ debit cards. There will be a page entered into the notebook to let people see how to manually add entries.

Lack of attendance at art show openings has become an issue. Discussion was held on how to encourage members/ patrons/public to attend future shows. Brittney and Cloe Mayback will look into ways to use electronic media to advertise our openings. Brittney will also make a text group that can be used for members/patrons that can be used as reminders and can also be used in case we need to let people know of changes to anything at the gallery. Members should contact Brittney directly if they have information that needs to reach the group.

Karen Compton will be the new newsletter editor. All newsletter articles, committee reports and pictures should be sent to her in a timely manner.

Pam gave a demonstration on how to fix the issue with the lift in case anyone gets stuck using it. There will be further information printed and placed at the front desk.

Vickie Fitzgerald and Teresa Lowell are retiring from the GLCAC Board. Members were asked to volunteer to serve on the new board for 2024. Pam Beeson, Nancy Flessner and Brenda Thompson (who will remain until she moves in the near future) will remain on the board, and four new members are needed.

After discussion, the following members agreed to serve: Lisa Green, Brittany Krischel, Juli Fraher, Brenda Thompson, Pam Beeson, and Nancy Flessner will complete the board, along with a person from the public that is yet to be asked. The new board will meet after the first of the year to elect officers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Submitted by Nancy Flessner, GLCAC Secretary

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#### 2024 Dues

Our dues expire at the end of this year. All vendors need to sign a new vendor agreement, verify their phone/ address/email information, and pay dues for 2024. Patrons are also invited to renew their memberships. Because of rising expenses at the art center, vendor dues have been raised to \$50. Patrons still have options.

#### Welcome to the New Board

Juli Fraher, Lisa Green, and Brittney Krischel: WELCOME to the GLCAC Board. They will be filling a newlycreated seat and replacing Teresa Beard-Lowell and Vickie Fitzgerald, who will be "retiring." Pam Beeson and Nancy Flessner will retain their positions. New officers will be determined at their next meeting in January.

#### **Swinging Bridges 2024**

Art vendor forms are now available at the art center for the 2024 Swinging Bridges Art Festival.

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Train from the Light Parade wishing all a MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!! May you have a safe and joyous holiday!!!