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Welcome Newcomers!

VFAA informational meetings are free and open to everyone interested in the area art scene. They are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October, at the SHAC. Come for the meeting at 7:00 p.m., or for the speaker only at 7:30. For more information, call us at 248-797-3060 or visit milfordvfaa.org.

2018: The Year to Volunteer!

We would love for this year to be a banner year for volunteers! If you would like to volunteer for something please contact us. Some of the current openings for volunteers are:

- Openings on the VFAA Board of Directors.
- Members for fundraising and other committees
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Volunteers for events
- Graphic designer for marketing materials
- Bring snacks to monthly meetings

...and more! Just ask us. Soon we will be offering incentives for members to volunteer, such as prizes for volunteers with the most hours... more information to come! Also, as a reminder, please sign in at the front desk when volunteering... many thanks!

Haskew Challenge

You could win \$100! Bring in up to two pieces for our usual artist of the year competition and one piece to fit the theme of the Haskew Challenge at each of the following meetings:

July: Inspiration / October: Beauty

Next VFAA Meeting: Wednesday, June 27, 7:00 pm

At the SHAC, 125 South Main St., Suite 700, Milford

June's Guest Speaker:

S Kay Young - Fine Art Photographer

Of Cherokee descent, she describes herself as an "urban Indian" who became enamored of photography from an early age, acknowledging that "Photography began as inspiration from paintings and a lust for immediate, finished art." After a decades-long accumulation of a trove of silver prints, cibachromes, and film stills numbering in the thousands, Young shifted her emphasis to the sizable (some more than five feet in height), labor-intensive, digitally manipulated images that have consumed her art making to the present.

Young's film of a journey into the forest with a band of nascent photographers, shown on PBS's "Detroit Performs," was awarded an Emmy for documentary shorts.

Young studied photography at College for Creative Studies, followed by a ten year position at the Detroit Institute of Arts. She then served as adjunct instructor of photography at OCC, and is currently instructor for the Peacock Art Club -- art for special needs adults -- at the SHAC. Her class meets every Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Please come to our meeting at the SHAC this month for Kay's presentation and to see her awe-inspiring photographs.



Artist of the Year Winners

Congrats to the Artist of the Year winners for the May meeting:

- **First place - Cindy Rashid - Watercolor**
- **Second place - Linda Pelowski - Pastel**
- **Third place - Dan Persinger - Oil**
- **Honorable Mentions - Lauren Anderson, Bob Wesley, and Cindy Rashid**

Be sure to participate in this year's competition... it's easy. Just bring two pieces of art to every monthly meeting. Guest artist presenters will judge the art for first, second and third place. Just bringing your art earns you a point, and winning earns you additional points. At the end of the year, the three artists with the most points get gift cards, and first place gets you Artist of the Year!



Top left: Cindy Rashid, Pelicans; lower left: Linda Pelowski, Farmhouse; right: Dan Persinger, Eucalyptus tree.

Fresh! Plein Air Milford coming soon!

plein-air [pleyn-air; French ple-ner] *adjective* denoting or in the manner of a 19th-century style of painting outdoors, or with a strong sense of the open air, that became a central feature of French impressionism.

Our second annual plein air festival is coming this month! You may see artists painting around the Milford and Huron Valley area on Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23. Then several will be participating at a "Quick paint" event on South Main Street Sunday morning from 9 am to noon.

The awards reception and sale of paintings will be held at the SHAC on Sunday, June 24, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. We should have over 100 paintings to view and purchase, artists will be on hand, and we will have food, drinks and entertainment. Please stop by, receptions are always open and free to the public!

Artists: if you would like to participate, you can sign up anytime up to the event. Volunteers are also needed for help during the event. Call the SHAC for more information, or visit our website: milfordvfaa.org.

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About Us

Village Fine Arts Association is a regional, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting fine arts in the Huron Valley area.

Our Mission is to provide individual artists with opportunities for fellowship, inspiration and education by organizing, promoting and presenting monthly meetings with guest artists, workshops and juried exhibitions. We coordinate and participate with other community groups in art-related events to increase our visibility and further showcase our community's creativity derived from the freedom of artistic expression.

Suzanne Haskew Art Center is the home of the VFAA.

Office Hours:

Mon/Thurs/Sat 10:00 - 2:00

Tues/Weds/Fri 10:00 - 3:00

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If you have anything you'd like to see changed or added to the newsletter, please contact us at 248-797-3060 or shac@milfordvfaa.org.

and just for laughs...



Peacock Art Club (PAC) needs your help!

The cost of a PAC class for special needs students is \$20 per student. This covers the cost of materials and payment for the instructor. Generous donations in the past have enabled us to drop the cost of tuition to just \$10 per student. However, this funding is running out, and tuition will soon go back up to \$20 per student unless we can secure additional donations to help defray this cost to our special needs students. Please consider a donation to the Peacock Art Club today. Call us at 248-797-3060, or go to our website: www.milfordvfaa.org. We at the SHAC and our students appreciate your generosity... **Thank You!!**

SHAC/VFAA Update

Book Art Revival - The VFAA is looking for new/gently used art books for an upcoming Art Book Revival Sale later this year as a part of our fundraising efforts. If you have any new or gently used art books you no longer want or need, you can donate them to the VFAA/SHAC. Anyone can buy or sell books, and the proceeds from the sale will be split between the SHAC and the seller. Or you can donate 100% of proceeds to the SHAC!

Monthly meeting 50/50 raffle - As an added feature of our monthly meetings, we are holding 50/50 raffles. Members who come to the meetings can participate by buying a single ticket for \$1 or ten tickets for \$5. Our March winner won \$60!!

Happenings around town

SHAC Gallery Currently showing: **Zoom In** artwork. This show will be up through June 12th. Starting June 22: **"Fresh! Plein Air Milford.** Fresh! will be up through August 21. For a complete list of **2018 SHAC Art Gallery Exhibitions**, see our website.

Milford's Civic Center (home to the Village and Township offices). 2018 shows: *Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall* and *Birds*. The current show, **Spring**, will be up through the end of June, at which time our third show, **Summer**, will go up. Artists can bring up to two pieces. Take-in and pick-up happen at the first of each month. Contact Andrea at the SHAC: 248 797 3060 with any questions.

Main Street Art Currently showing: **Pottery by Mary Neff**. Contact Suzanne at 248-684-1004 if you would like to have your art shown in the Main Street Art window.

Milford Public Library Currently showing: **Fiber art of Mary Bajcz**. To get on the waiting list for a show at the library, please contact Linda Onderko at 248-842-6789. Shows run for six weeks.

Art Cafe Just want to meet with other artists and talk all things art? Come to our Art Cafe, fourth Tuesday of the month, 1:00 pm at the SHAC. Donation of \$5.

Calls for Entry:

Powerhouse Concert Series - VFAA members have the opportunity to show their art at the Powerhouse during Milford's concerts in the park. Attendance during these events are 1000+! Please contact us if you are interested.

Southwest Art's Artistic Excellence Competition - early-bird deadline June 15. <http://www.southwestart.com>

Detroit Artist's Market - The Heat is On - members summer show, due June 19. <http://www.detroitartistsmarket.org>

Fresh! Plein Air Milford - register anytime before the event on June 22 - 24. www.milfordvfaa.org

Northville Art House - West of Center - Juried All-Media Exhibition. Exhibit Dates: September 7 - 29. <http://northvillearthouse.org>

Anton Art Center - Motherhood - Exhibit Dates: July 28 - September 5, 2018. www.theartcenter.org

33rd OUR TOWN Art Show and Sale - enter now through July 20th. Show is November 2nd and 3rd. www.communityhouse.com.

Common Ground plein air workshop with Nora Venturelli and Jill Stephani Wagner. August 4 - 5. www.jillwagnerart.com

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Things we can always use at the SHAC:

- Paper towels
- Business Envelopes
- Stamps
- Bottled water
- Ask us about other items you want to donate

Thank you so much in advance for your generous donations!



"Five Cats" Brews and Brushes coming in June! Check our online schedule for more information.

Win \$2000 or a Mackinac Getaway!

Our VFAA / SHAC raffle fundraiser is underway! We now have \$5 raffle tickets and *we need your help to sell 3000 of them!* First prize is \$2000 cash; second prize is a Mackinac Island getaway for two; and third prize is a Grand Rapids getaway to come! We also have a ticket-seller's incentive prize of free tickets to the top seller. **Come on over and get your raffle tickets today!**

Summer Classes at the SHAC

SHAC's 2018 spring art classes and activities are now listed on our website, or come in to get a program guide. We are offering:

For kids: Kids N' Canvas, Cartooning, Summer Art Camps, Clay Workshop.

For teens: Exploring Different Mediums, Photography, Cartooning, and Concept Art. Also **Teen Art Club (TAC)** on Mondays @ 7pm

For adults: Fine Art classes including Oil, Pastel, Acrylic, Watercolor, and Encaustics. Also, Faux Stamped Metal workshop, Stained Glass Canvas Sculptural Canvas using Cardboard and Alcohol Ink workshops.

For everyone: Tile Making, Abstract Pastel Portrait, Inspired Zentangle.

For Special Needs: Peacock Art Club (PAC) on Thursdays @ 4 pm.

Check out the class list at our website for more info: milfordshac.org/classes

Summer Art Camps are back!

We will be holding two art camps for kids this summer. The first happens June 25- 28, and the second is July 23 - 26. *Note: the July camp is nearly sold out.* Kids will do a variety of art projects during the four-day camp.

Macaroni Kid (aka Sarah Sims, former elementary school art teacher) runs her kids classes and camps out of the SHAC.

Art papers and frames for sale

We have several selections of art papers and Neilsen frames for sale at the SHAC. If you are interested, please stop by to take a look!

Would you like to write an article for our newsletter?

Please contact us at 248-797-3060 or shac@milfordvfaa.org.



SHOW YOUR CARD

Members benefits include...

- Discounts at Main Street Art and Millers Art Supply
- email alerts to local art events
- artists opportunities and more!

JOIN US TODAY!

- \$40.00 Single Membership
- \$50.00 Family Membership
- \$60.00 Corporate
- \$260 Lifetime Membership
- Student Membership - Students K - 12 & College - \$10 plus 5 volunteer hours

VOLUNTEER AT THE SHAC!

We have several opportunities:

- Special events
- General facility help
- Serve on a committee
- Other _____

If you indicate that you would like to volunteer, we will be in touch to give you more information.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

(to receive notices of upcoming events & guest speakers)

We welcome any comments/questions you have!

Enclose your check or money order made out to the VFAA and mail to:
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