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Welcome Newcomers!

Newcomers to our June meeting were: **Alicia Brown**, writer and photographer; **Donna Thompson**, oil painter; and **Linda Romanov**, artist. Welcome all!

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!

Some of the current openings we have for volunteers are:

- Board secretary or member
- Volunteer coordinator
- Fundraising or other committee members
- Volunteers for events
- Graphic designer for marketing materials

... and more! Let us know how you would like to help. Also, as a reminder, please sign in at the front desk when volunteering... thank you for your help!!

Haskew Challenge

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

July: Inspiration!

October: Beauty

Next VFAA Meeting: Wednesday, July 25, 7:00 pm

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

July's Guest Speakers:

**Rick and Deb Zuccarini -
Fresco Mural Artists**

Fresco mural painting is an age-old art, yet not very common in the United States. Rick and Deb Zuccarini have not only mastered the art, but teach it in workshops and lectures around the state. They have also led groups of people through Rivera Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, talking about Diego Rivera's famous fresco *Detroit Industry*.



Rick and Deb served as apprentices to Stephen Dimitroff and Lucienne Bloch, assistants to Diego Rivera, here in Detroit and in New York City. They are trained in buon fresco and mural-making. Both have experience with several types of art and have taught art history and art culture to numerous groups.

Rick and Deb will be lecturing about their experiences, here at the SHAC on Wednesday, July 25th, at 7 pm. Please stop by to see their art and hear their story!

Artist of the Year Winners



Congrats to the Artist of the Year winners at the June meeting:

- **First place - Pat Bombach - Oil**
- **Second place - Pat Keckan - Acrylic**
- **Third place - Dave Justus - Oil**
- **Honorable Mentions - Jennifer Thrift, Helga Scholz, Laurie Hewitt and Jan Key.**

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: Pat Bombach, Landscape;
top right: Pat Keckan, Sunflowers;
bottom: Dave Justus, Barn.

Plein air art of Huron Valley now showing!!



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.

During the last weekend of June, artists from all around Michigan, and some beyond, came to Milford to paint our beautiful town and the surrounding Huron Valley area during our *Fresh! Plein Air Milford* event. These paintings are on display now at the SHAC arts center. Please stop by 125 S. Main, Suite 700 (next door to the River's Edge brewery) through August 21 to see this show.



First place winner
"Sand Hill Crane" by
Mike Todoroff.

FREE teen art classes this summer!!!



The SHAC has partnered with the Huron Valley Community Coalition to offer some free art classes for teens this summer. **Pastel Abstract Portrait** takes place August 16 at Milford High School; **Inspired Zentangle** will be held at historic Fisk Farm on August 22. Also, teens are welcome to come to our **FREE Digital Painting Demonstration** on Saturday, July 14. **Please register** for any or all of these classes on our website: milfordshac.org.

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About Us

Village Fine Arts Association (VFAA)

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

VFAA Mission: is to promote the arts by providing fellowship, education and opportunities to artists and art lovers in our community.

Suzanne Haskew Art Center (SHAC)

is the home of the VFAA.

SHAC Mission: to serve as a community arts center where artists of all ages and skill levels can practice, share, teach, showcase and inspire others through their craft.

New Office Hours!

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

Tues 10:00 - 6:00 pm

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 in order to help those students who struggle to pay the full cost. However, this funding has run out, and tuition is now back up to \$20 per student. Please consider a donation to the Peacock Art Club today. Call us at 248-797-3060, or go to our website: 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!!

Art happenings around town



SHAC Gallery Currently showing: **Fresh! Plein Air Milford.** Fresh! will be up through August 21. Starting August 30: our members show **My Inspiration.** 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, **Summer,** will be up through the end of September, at which time our fourth show, **Fall,** 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: **Block prints by Natalia Wohletz.** Contact Suzanne at 248-684-1004 if you would like to have your art shown in the Main Street Art window.

Milford Public Library Starting mid-July: **Three Artists, Four Seasons, Paintings of Dale Alcocer, Danny Persinger and Paul Tibedeau.** This show will be up through the end of August. To get on the waiting list for a show at the library, 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 Art Cafe, fourth Tuesday of the month 1:00 pm at the SHAC. A donation of \$5 is appreciated.

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 - due July 16.

<http://www.southwestart.com>.

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

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

Canton Fine Arts Exhibition - due August 10. Show is October 2 - 27, 2018. <http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org/418/Participate>.

Livonia Fine Arts Exhibition - due September 7. Exhibition is in October. www.ci.livonia.mi.us/Government/Commissions/ArtsCommission.aspx.

Embracing Our Differences - due October 15. The 2019 exhibit will run from January 19 thru March 15, 2019 in Island Park along Sarasota's bay front. <http://embracingourdifferences.org/submit-art>.

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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!



Have your party at the SHAC!

Space is available to rent for any type of party or meeting. Contact us to find out more.

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 for two! We also have a ticket-seller's incentive prize of free tickets given away at each of our next two meetings. **We held our first ticket-sellers incentive drawing at our June meeting, and Jennifer Thrift won 5 tickets... 5 more chances to win big!** *Come on over and get your raffle tickets today!*

Summer Classes at the SHAC ★ ★ ★

SHAC's 2018 summer 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: Art through the Ages, 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.

FREE classes sponsored by Huron Valley Community Coalition: Pastel Abstract Portrait, Inspired Zentangle. Also, come to our FREE Digital painting demonstration. See our website for more info: milfordshac.org.

Do you have an inspirational art story? ★

The VFAA/SHAC is being considered for a sizable donation from the BenjaMen of Huron Valley. For our presentation to the BenjaMen, we would love to share YOUR stories. Do you have a story about how the SHAC / VFAA has impacted you or someone you know personally? Please share it with us so we can share it with the BenjaMen of Huron Valley. If you have a story or any questions about this, please let us know: contactus@milfordvfaa.org or 248-797-3060.

Studio Space available for rent, art papers and frames for sale. If you are interested, please stop by to take a look!



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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