Welcome Back Students!

We have had a difficult spring and summer and are pleased to have the Art Center back open, even with shortened hours. We have limited our hours to be sure that we can make a safe adjustment to the present situation.

The Fall semester of classes will be shortened—think of it as a practice run as it is a learning experience for all of us! We will also have fewer classes as some instructors are not ready to return yet, which we understand.

We will run our Fall semester to start with for five weeks. If we all get through this safely we will extend the classes for their regular length.

We must also limit the number of students in some of the classes for this semester. Please sign in upstairs upon your arrival for each class or with the instructor.

In order to keep everyone safe we must follow all CDC guidelines which includes:

- Wearing masks and social distancing.
- No food or drink in the building plus no use of the kitchen.
- If you have your own tools for your artwork, please bring it with you for your own use.
- Shared equipment will have to be wiped down after every use.
- For the present there will be NO Open Studio. Ask your instructor about an appointment to come in to meet with them or call the Art Center and we will set up a time that is convenient.

Gallery and Gift Shop Hours:
Tuesday through Thursday
11 am to 3 pm
CO-OP INDEPENDENT CERAMICS
Facilitator: Dallas Shoesmith
Students must have taken a minimum of 3 Advanced Ceramics classes. Students must be able to work without an instructor. Skills in construction and glazing methods, advanced knowledge in chemicals and glaze formulas, the ability to load kilns and knowledge in firing temperatures is necessary. Extra studio time can be set up with the instructor.
$25 material fee includes 25 lbs of clay, firings and glazes. Class limit-6 students (18 years+)
5 wks- MON Sept 21-Oct 19 1 pm-4 pm
Cost $62.50 members/$78.50 non-members

ADVANCED CERAMICS
Instructor: Dallas Shoesmith
(Prerequisite for Independent Ceramics)
Explore surface tensions and add natural organic touches to traditional pots and sculptures. Be willing to explore. Glazing, use of chemicals and other processes will be demonstrated. You will have the opportunity to advance your creative skills by exploring a variety of mixed media with your clay creations. There will be a Raku workshop offered during the semester.
Extra studio time can be set up with the instructor.
$25 material fee includes 25 lbs of clay, firings and glazes. Class limit-6 students (18 years+)
5 wks- MON Sept 21-Oct 19 7-9:30 pm
Cost $62.50 members/$78.50 non-members

ACRYLIC FOR BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE ARTISTS
Instructor: Linda Holderbaum
The media of acrylic paint will be explored through various exercises for both beginners and intermediate students. Students bring their own paints and paper/canvases. Additional canvases will be provided for the learning exercises.
Class limit-6 students (18 years+)
5 wks- WED Sept 23-Oct 21 10-Noon
First class on September 23—will be at 1 pm to 3 pm that day only!

STUDIO PAINTING
Instructor: Craig Bishop
This class is designed for all skill levels and provides instruction in oil, acrylic and watercolor. Painless critiques will take place each week. Bring your own supplies.
Class limit-6 students (18 years+)
5 wks- THURS Sept 24- Oct 22 9:30 am -12 pm
Cost $62.50 members/$78.50 non-members

There is NO open studio this semester for working on artwork. Please talk to your instructor and/or the front desk and make an appointment to meet with your instructor for additional instruction. All appointments need to be arranged through the front desk so we do not over-book a studio. Thank you for your understanding!
Registration Information

Our class enrollment is small because of our space and also because of the social distancing guidelines we are following from the CDC. If you are planning on taking a class—please register at the desk as soon as possible. Instructors cannot reserve a place in class for you—you need to make your own reservation.

Please register by calling 269-962-9511 or stop in. We are not taking PayPal payments at this time because we have to limit the number of students because of the COVID-19 guidelines. Payments need to be made to the: Art Center of Battle Creek, 265 E. Emmett St., Battle Creek, MI 49017. We do take cash, checks or credit cards (VISA and MC).

Registration is on a first come first serve basis. Payment is due in full at the time of registration. Registrations will be accepted until the second week of class if space is available. Classes that do not have a minimum of six (6) students one-week prior to the start of class, however, will be canceled.

REFUNDS-Refunds will be given ONLY when a registrant withdraws from a class AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR to the first class session. NO CASH REFUNDS WILL BE MADE. Refunds will be in the form of a check. There are no refunds for missed class sessions. No refunds will be given after the first class session. A $10 service fee will be deducted from all refunds. Please allow one month from the date of request to receive you refund.

CANCELLATIONS- The Art Center reserves the right to cancel any class when there is insufficient enrollment (6 students). Registrants will be notified if a class is not going to fill. We make every effort to reschedule a class when a class does not have sufficient enrollment.

INCLEMENT WEATHER— the Art Center follows the weather schedule used by the Battle Creek Public Schools. If BCPS are closed the Art Center is closed. Information will be put on the Center’s Facebook page. You can also find closing information on Battle Creek Radio. Classes cancelled for inclement weather will be rescheduled whenever possible and every effort will be made to contact students by phone.

WAIT LISTS- When a class fills quickly, the Center will offer registrants the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. Wait list students will be called when space becomes available or if there are enough students to offer another class section.

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Please bear with us as we are all making adjustments to our new safety guidelines.
This will be a learning process for all of us!

Masks are required for all classes!