



**Gallery
and
Gift Shop
Hours:**

**Tuesdays
Wednesdays
Thursdays
and
Saturdays**

**11 am
to
3 pm**

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Winter Classes 2026

ROBERT AND ELEANOR DEVRIES EDUCATION PROGRAMS

ART CENTER OF BATTLE CREEK

Did you know????

Our Mission: to present high-quality programs in the visual arts for the **enrichment, education and enjoyment** of the general populace of the great Battle Creek area and beyond.

We are celebrating our **77th year** in this community doing all of the above in our three program areas: education, gift gallery and exhibitions.

The **gift gallery** and exhibitions are **FREE** to the public and sell items for other non-profits with no commission fee.

A minimum of **10 exhibits** are featured each year that range from single artist to group shows as well as those with a historical or social theme.

We **collaborate** with numerous other organizations in the community throughout the year.

We collaborate on exhibitions. **Partners** have included the Battle Creek Society of Artists, American Cancer Society, the Historical Society of Battle Creek, Kingman Museum, the Detroit Children's Museum, the Music Center and others. In September 2025 we had a special exhibit tied with Suicide Prevention Month.

We continue to experience increases in utilities and other operational expenses and operate on a very tight **non-profit** budget.

We have partnered with the **Veterans Hospital** in Fort Custer for the past 16 years with weekly programs for veterans. We host their area art exhibit in August with work traveling to their national competition.

Class Act: Kindergarten through High School Art, is an exhibit which we have included in the annual schedule since the late 1960s which includes all the school districts in Calhoun County and beyond.

Over 50 **Michigan artists** are represented in the **gift gallery**. Staff provides information to the artists on marketing their art. Since many avenues for selling art work have still not come back to the level they were at before the pandemic, our shop is one of the few locations to sell art work.

Four semesters of classes are run during the year. Between regular semesters extensions are provided so literally many students are engaged all year round. We pride ourselves on **small classes** with lots of **individual instruction** and excellent teachers.

All this is provided with **one full time staff person**, one part-time maintenance person and a **ton of dedicated volunteers**. We operate on a very tight budget. Donations are always welcomed to help support all of these programs and we are always look for volunteers to help us on a variety of projects.

Adult Classes

MONDAY

ADVANCED AND INDEPENDENT CERAMICS

Facilitator: Claudia Houser

If you have ever taken a pottery class, or are a current pottery student - one of these classes may be perfect for you to continue to explore clay and learn fun new techniques - or get back into this creative hobby. Opportunities to throw and hand build, along with increased knowledge about glazes, underglaze painting, kiln tech and firing knowledge are all a part of these classes. A collaborative and creative environment with others who have a love for creating with clay is the goal, while helping each student achieve their personal pottery goals.

SIGN UP FOR AFTERNOON OR EVENING CLASS:

\$30 material fee covers 25 lbs of clay, firings and glazes.

Class limit-10 students (18 years +)

8 weeks-MON January 19 to March 9

2:00-4:30 pm

AFTERNOON SESSION 2:00-4:30 pm (20 hours)

Cost \$ 250 members/\$ 275 non-members

EVENING SESSION 6:00-8:30 pm (20 hours)

Cost \$ 250 members/\$275 non-members

(The break between classes allows the instructors to take a break. Students are allowed into the studios during class times only.)

WEDNESDAY

I JUST WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING

Instructors: Sid Paradine

Perhaps you've always wanted to try clay but don't want to face a steep learning curve until you know if you like it or not. Maybe the last time you made something was that wonky kindergarten pinch pot. This class will be student driven. You tell me what you want to make and I'll do my best to help you make it happen. I'll also tell you if your idea is unrealistic and help you find a new one. A demo of throwing be given and anyone who wishes to try their hand at it will have the opportunity. You will learn some basic facts about clay, glaze and firing and the next time you have friends over you may be able to say " Why yes, I did make that"!

Class limit-8 students (18 years +)

\$30 material fee includes 25 lbs of clay

10:00 am- 12:30 pm (20 hours)

8 weeks-WED January 21-March 11

Cost \$ 250 members/ \$275 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-10 students (18 years +)

8 weeks- WED January 21-March 11

10:00 am- Noon (16 hours)

Cost \$ 200 members/\$ 225 non-members

THURSDAY

CONVERSATIONS IN DRAWING AND PAINTING

Facilitated by various local artists

Need some time devoted to creating your art? Want to share a space with other artists to bounce ideas around? Our studio space is available during this time for you to do just that! Bring your own art work and your supplies with you and use our studio and have some conversations. A variety of local artists will be facilitating this "class" but there is no instructor. Facilitators will share techniques and offer suggestions to try. You can learn from each other. This is a new, experimental class and will be extended if there is enough interest. Bring your own sack lunch. Refrigerator/microwave is available.

Class limit-10 students (18 years+) Minimum -5 students

6-weeks—THUR January 22-Feb 26

11:00 am—2:00 (18 hours)

Cost \$125 members/150 non-members

OPEN STUDIO TIME -CERAMIC STUDIOS ONLY

While an instructor is present they are not there to give individual instruction though they can answer questions. This time is for students who have to finish projects or pick up completed work.

Class limit-8 for Ceramics,

8 weeks- THURS January 22-March 12

1:00 -3:00 pm (ends promptly at 3 pm)

NO CHARGE-OPEN ONLY TO ART CENTER MEMBERS CURRENTLY ENROLLED in a class.

Ceramic students

Clay for all Art Center classes must be purchased through the Art Center's supply so all the clay being fired in our kiln is compatible when fired. This clay is available at the price of \$30 for a 25 lb bag, includes the cost of the glazes and firing for enrolled students. Only artwork created by students currently enrolled in a class can be fired in the Art Center's kiln. Firing of production pottery work is also limited as space and firing time must accommodate all the ceramic department students. Possibilities need to be discussed with your instructor.

Watch for special workshops added throughout the semester!
Like us on Facebook—Art Center of Battle Creek for the most updated information!

Our class sizes are small, partly because we have smaller size studios and also because we pride ourselves on providing lots of individual instruction. Our instructors work to build a community of artists within the art Center and will work with you as much as possible in whatever level of art you are at. 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. Payments need to be made to the: Art Center of Battle Creek, 265 E. Emmett St., Battle Creek, MI 49017. We 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 five (5) students one-week prior to the start of class 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 your refund.

CANCELLATIONS- The Art Center reserves the right to cancel any class when there is insufficient enrollment (5 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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