



creative 360

inclusiveness · creativity · respect · community

A non-profit 501(c) 3 corporation

Events + Classes · Spring 2024 (V4)

Our Mission

To *create environments* that allow people of all ages and abilities to experience the creative process, and to enhance physical, mental and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities.

Core Values

Inclusiveness – No matter your age, gender, race, beliefs, skills or life circumstances, you are welcome at Creative 360 and are free to be yourself.

Creativity – We believe that imagination and free expression are essential to any person's life. We see creativity not as a finished product, but a journey of discovery, so we provide a non-judgmental atmosphere where all work is treasured.

Respect – We respect not only people, but also ideas. We are open to new and non-traditional programming. We believe in the power of saying “yes.”

Community – We believe that unity and compassion are components of a strong society. We work to bring people together.



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Activities at Creative 360 are supported in part by the Michigan Arts & Culture Council; a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, Midland Area Community Foundation, and The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation.

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EXHIBITIONS



The Great Lakes iPhoneography Group, An Overview

Featuring the art of: Armin Mersmann, Cindy Bancroft, Julie Close, Gaylene LeVally, Steve Parkhurst, Nancy Brooks Siebert, Elizabeth Sullivan, and Janis Taylor.

iPhoneography is the art of creating photos with an iPhone where images are both shot and processed on the iOS device. The focus is on creating images by building them through a process that resembles painting and collage rather than traditional photography and photo editing. The element of surprise is a key component, leading to the exploration of new ideas that may not have been possible through other means. *On Exhibit through 6/9.*

images L to R: S.Parkhurst, N.B.Siebert, A.Mersmann

Admission to all of our gallery exhibits is free and we are grateful for your donations that allow us to continue this policy. Call for weekend and evening hours.



CALL for ART & WRITING

Creative 360 is seeking original, imaginative art, both written and visual, for the 15th annual Artfest 55 festival. If you are a Michigan resident age 55+ it's time to pick up your paint brush, put pen to paper, or both! Artfest 55 features a juried art exhibition and a creative writing competition -- both with prizes! Stop in, call, email, or visit our web site (becreative360.org) for an entry form or to register online.

2023 Best in Show- Always Welcome at My Table, Beth Bynum

VISUAL ART EXHIBIT - This exhibition will be shown in the gallery through 7/28. Please notify Creative 360 of your intent to enter by

contacting us at 989/837-1885 or frontdesk@becreative360.org

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEYS CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST - *We are in search of poems, short stories, and memoirs. Jurists Sarah Yoder, Luana Russell, and Jared Morningstar will select winners in each category. Please notify Creative 360 of your intent to enter - 989/837-1885 or frontdesk@becreative360.org*

Artfest 55 Opening Night & Award Announcements

Friday, June 14 / 6:30 - 8:30 pm / No charge, everyone is welcome

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EVENTS



PROM DAY X 2

A Double Dose of Dancing, Music & Fun!

Saturday, May 18

Leave it to Creative 360 to put a new spin on the same old boring Prom. Our Proms are fully inclusive. Ages 17+

Senior Prom • 5:00 – 7:00 pm

We kick off the night with two hours of the best music from the 30s, 40s and more with Midland's favorite swing band, **Blast from the Past**.

Alternative Prom • 8:00 – 10:00 pm

The DJ takes the stage to play House, Club, and Pop music for a two hour mini festival! You bring the energy, we provide the snacks and drinks. This is a non-alcoholic event.

Try Something New • First Wednesdays

We know you love learning new things. We also know that you don't have time for weekly classes. The solution? First Wednesdays - a chance for you to pick up a new, creative skill in just one evening. No experience necessary. Come learn something out of the ordinary with us! First Wednesdays / 7:00 – 9:00 pm / Please Preregister

May 20 - ADDED PASTA FROM SCRATCH, \$20 per person



June 5 - IMPROV \$10

Unleash your creativity and join us for laughter and spontaneity. You don't have to be funny; you just have to be there! With Ariel Rak.

Art Speaks Play Festival

A unique staged reading experience showcasing plays in development by playwrights from all over the country. Each performance features a never-before-produced play that received the highest recommendation from the jurists. Performances are scheduled so you may drop in and out between pieces.

Saturday, June 1, with Award Presentations between each section / Free

One Act Plays - 3:00 pm

10-Minute Plays - 4:30 pm

Full Length Play - 7:00 pm



Sound Community Music Series

*SPONSORED BY: Saginaw Valley State University Foundation
Interlochen Public Radio*

Join us each month for this series of classical and jazz concerts featuring local and regional musicians. Admission is free and we appreciate your donations.

Second Wednesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm / Free! / BYOB

June 12 · TRIO RUBATO

July 10 · JAZZ JAM SESSION

August 14 · BRAD DEROCHE, GUITAR

ARTS & HUMANITIES



Open Studio

Wish you had the studio space to really create? You do - right here at Creative 360. Join us on Fridays to spread out and make art in our fantastic new space. Come alone or bring your friends, there is LOTS of room! You can work in any medium as long as you 'leave no trace'. Please bring your own supplies

along with table and floor protection.

Fridays, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm / \$8 each day

Riverside Writers - Writing & Telling Your Story

Everyone's life is a story to tell. Join us at the comfortable and casual Riverside Apartments community lounge on Main Street where Anne McGeehan-Woodard leads the writing and/or telling of your stories. Sharing is confidential and optional. Memories are captured and fellowship grows amongst the group. Let us know if you are interested in attending.

Tuesdays, through June 4 / 3:00 – 4:00 pm / Free



Acrylic Painting

If you're just starting out or if you are well versed in the acrylic medium, this series will provide a thorough understanding of the principles and elements of art, color mixing, composition, and adding mediums to explore the versatility of acrylics.

There will be project flexibility depending on your artistic needs with in-depth tailored instruction. With Cynthia Keefe, MFA, and Creative 360 Co-Founder. A materials list will be provided. **Preregistration required.**

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 9:00 pm / \$180

May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3



Beginning IMPROV

"This is the coolest thing happening in Midland right now!" ~ A student

Improv is a lively, active, team sport that encourages us to live in the moment, connect with our teammates and explore the spaces outside of our comfort zones together. Coach Ariel Rak will get you up and playing right from the start. Through games and exercises we will develop creativity, flexibility, friendships and

thinking skills in a safe and nurturing environment. For those with no improv experience or those who just miss it.

You don't need to be funny . . . you just need to be there! Ages 18+

Coach Ariel Rak studied and performed short and long form improv with Magnet Theater (NYC) and the N.J. School of Dramatic Arts and was a member of ComedySportz before moving to Midland.

SESSION II: Tuesdays April 30, May 7, 14, 21 / 7:00 - 9:00 pm / \$45



MIDLAND MAN SCOUTS

Come be a part of the inaugural Midland Man Scouts!

Make friends · Make enemies · Earn badges!

WHAT: Men developing camaraderie and a social network through participation in a variety of tasks/challenges/competitions to earn badges.

HOW: We will meet up to chat and pick tasks, challenges, competitions to complete. For instance, we might task each member to write one sentence about their life each day for fourteen days. At the next session, members share what they completed. We might challenge everyone to pick one health related behavior and do that for two weeks, reporting back to the group. The competition will obviously be arm wrestling. Group members will be encouraged to plan and participate in mutually beneficial outings.

Let's show this loneliness epidemic who is boss!

With Eric Beasley, Ph.D, Sociology Michigan State University. Eric has been a professor for many years and likes improv, yoga, comedy, basketball, and guitar, along with whatever you're interested in! Send any questions, suggestions, one-liners, etc. to Eric at beasle23@msu.edu.

Every other Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm / \$8 each day, please let us know you are coming!

April 8, 22, May 6, 20, June 3, 17



Beginning Stained Glass

Acquire the basic skills and techniques for creating art with the copper foil method of stained glass, a lighter, stronger, and simpler way to work with glass that was designed for the creation of Tiffany lampshades. Each student will finish one project, some may even finish two! With Paul Schmidt, who has been creating stained glass for 40 years. A partner at *Imagine That!* in downtown Midland, he loves to share his passion with others because "*Stained Glass is my thing!*" *Preregistration required.*

Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29 / 1:00 - 3:00 pm / \$90, plus \$30 materials



Experimental Drawing with Valerie Allen & Armin Mersmann

Dive into the best of both artists' world where creativity knows no bounds. You will learn the intricacies of contour and tonal drawing and the accidental process of frottage under Armin's guidance while Valerie will

open your eyes to the endless possibilities of textured and toothy drawing grounds, giving your creations an avant-garde twist.

Expect projects that challenge your conventional thinking and encourage you to explore innovative concepts. Experimenting with materials such as graphite, charcoal, India ink, molding pastes, and micaceous Iron oxide will push the boundaries of your artistic expression. In addition, you will craft your own drawing tools and hone skills with traditional pencils, brushes, and pens.

Armin Mersmann is well known for his intense naturalistic graphite drawings and iPhoneography. He teaches online, leads in-person workshops across the nation, and exhibits nationally. His artistic interests have become more experimental in recent years, with more attention placed on the surfaces of the artwork.

Valerie Allen received her BFA from the University of Cincinnati. She is a lecturer for Golden Artist Colors, mentors for Matrius Art Community, and is an art educator. Valerie exhibits nationally and received the Great Lakes Bay All-Area Artist Award for her role as a visual artist and community leader.

Together, Valerie and Armin founded Art Ladders: The Creative Climb podcast available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

Get ready to unleash your creativity and embark on a journey of artistic discovery!

Bring your lunch each day. Acrylic gels & grounds provided. A material list will be sent upon registration.

Saturday and Sunday, June 29 & 30 / 10:00 am - 4:00 pm / \$335

WELLNESS



Tai Chi 360

Also known as “moving meditation,” tai chi is a series of slow, gentle motions that are patterned after movements in nature. It has many health benefits for both body and mind and promotes an overall sense of well-being, vitality, and inner calm. The class offers deep, internal understanding of the practice and whether this is your first time or you’ve been practicing for years, you are welcome! Taught in an open, friendly atmosphere. With Dianna Cole. Tuesdays, through June / 11:00 - 11:45 am / \$5 drop-in

YOUTH



Creative Kids • Afternoon Arts Extravaganza

Two Age Groups: Ages 5 - 8 and Ages 9 - 12

Each week, we have a unique creative arts experience for children. There are visual arts, movement, music, theater, and writing experiences with our fun, caring group of talented instructors who are experts in their field. Students will

make art, move their bodies, get messy, make new friends, as they explore all aspects of creativity. *Please preregister. Scholarships are available - please inquire*

Thursdays, through May / 4:15 - 5:30 pm

\$15 per class, \$120 for 12 classes / please specify child's age when registering

5/16 - Batik Banner Day I

5/23 - Batik Banner Day II

5/30 - Tic Tac Rock Painting!

SUMMER CAMPS



CULINARY KIDS CAMP

MORNING SESSION - Mondays through Friday / 9:00 am - Noon

June 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 / \$140 / Ages 9-13

Eating with kids is always an adventure—one day they'll consume anything you put in front of them: the next it's exclusively plain pasta. But once kids get involved in cooking, the story changes. Students will learn to make homemade

pasta, how to expertly frost a cake, make creamy one of a kind mac-n-cheese, and more!

Choose from morning or afternoon sessions. *We will be using Gluten based wheat.*

Preregistration required.



TAYLOR SWIFT CAMPS

LITTLE SWIFTIES CAMP

A Taylor Swift Camp for younger kids

Monday through Friday / 9:00 - 11:30 am / Ages 5-8

June 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 / \$115

July 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 / \$115

Calling Little Swifties! Learn choreography, sing all the songs, create your own Swifty Bling shirts and friendship bracelets, and so much more. Join us for this unforgettable week of total emersion in Taylor! **All participants must have independent bathroom skills.*

TAYLOR SWIFT CAMP

Mondays through Fridays / 9:00 - 11:30 am / Ages 8-13

June 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 / \$115

July 29, 30, 31, August 1, 2 / \$115

Calling all Swifties! Learn choreography, sing all the songs, create your own Swifty Bling shirts and friendship bracelets, and so much more. Join us for this unforgettable week of total emersion in Taylor! *Preregistration required.*





THEATER PERFORMANCE · INTENSIVE

Monday through Friday / 12:00 - 4:00 pm / Ages 10-16

Early Summer - June 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

\$125, Final Performance June 28 @ 6:00 pm

Late Summer - August 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

\$125, Final Performance Aug. 9 @ 6:00 pm

Actors will gain the skills they need to own the stage, ask the right questions, and follow their instincts to develop their most inspiring performance. Each student will be given a role to memorize at a level and style that will allow them to both build on current talents and acquire new skills. Our hard work will culminate in a full performance at the end of the week! With Laura Brigham, a professional actor, director, and casting director who has taught classes and camps all across the country for both adults and children. *Preregistration required.*



CLAY CAMP

Mondays through Thursdays / 9:00 am - Noon / Ages 9-13

July 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18 / \$200

Explore clay as a material for design, sculpture, and expression. Students learn various hand-building and sculpting techniques along with the fantastic world of texture and glaze to create stunning sculptures, tiles, or functional items. All materials included. *Preregistration required.*