



# creative 360

inclusiveness · creativity · respect · community

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## Events + Classes · Spring 2024 <sup>(v5)</sup>

### 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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# EXHIBITIONS

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## 15th Annual Festival Celebrating Michigan's Visual Artists and Writers, Age 55 and Over

**VISUAL ART EXHIBIT - Jurist - Robert A. McCann** is a Midwest-based artist and educator. Born and raised in the Ozarks of Missouri, he developed as a studio artist through studies at Missouri State University, Indiana University, and as a Fulbright scholar based in Berlin, Germany. McCann is an Associate Professor in the Department of Art, Art History & Design at Michigan State University.

**SENTIMENTAL JOURNEYS CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST** - Jurists Sarah Yoder, Luana Russell, and Jared Morningstar will select the winning writings in each category: Poem, Short Story, and Memoir.

### Artfest 55 Opening Night & Award Announcements

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

*IMAGE - Best In Show 2023 - Always Welcome at My Table - Beth Bynum*

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.



## Independence Village Portraits

Residents from Independence Village were the models for a fabulous 'Get Gorgeous' Photoshoot with styling and photography by artist Angela Swan. All parties are thrilled to have these portraits debuted at Creative 360 for a weeklong exhibit that is open to the community of Midland!

We invite you to experience the funky depth within this collection of stunning and unique portraits that prove age is just a number, but a spirit is limitless!

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments catered by Independence Village.



Opening Reception: Monday, June 24 / 6:30 - 8:00 pm / No Charge

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# EVENTS



## Bridgerton Tea Party



Now that you've caught up on the most recent events of the Bridgertons, come join the Ton as we gather to eat cakes, sip lemonade, and gossip! All are encouraged to dress in bright spring colors or Regency clothing. A well-placed brooch or the sparkle of a beautiful necklace will add to the grandeur of the occasion. Some gloves and hats will be available for use. Her majesty, the Queen, will be in attendance.

*Preregistration required.*

Saturday, June 29 / 2:00 - 4:00 pm / \$20 or \$22 to be announced as a member of the peerage



## Try Something New Events!



We know you love learning new things. We also know that you don't have time for weekly classes. The solution? Try Something New Events - 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!

**7:00 - 9:00 pm / Preregister to save a space! These sell out!**

**July 10 - Carving Wooden Mushrooms \$35**

*Jordan Walmsley will teach you to carve a garden of cute mushrooms.*

*Take home as many as you can make in the two hours! Age 17+ (Age 14+ with caregiver) No experience necessary.*

**August 7- Pasta Part II - RAVIOLI \$20**

*If you 'passed' Pasta Part I, join us to make ricotta stuffed ravioli. You can even try tortellini if you are brave enough! with Laura Vosejpk*



## 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



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



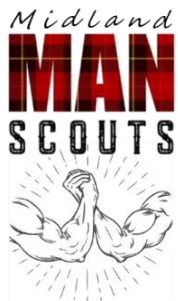
## Acrylic Painting

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

June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10



## MIDLAND MAN SCOUT

***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](mailto:beasle23@msu.edu).

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

June 17





## **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**

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### **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 August / 11:00 - 11:45 am / \$5 drop-in

# 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**

**June 24, 25, 26, 27, 28**

**\$125, Final Performance June 28 @ 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.*