

Up North Arts Newsletter

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A Message from UNA President Tim Florinki given at our Founders' Day Celebration on October 1

Welcome. We are today celebrating the 4 years of hard work given by our volunteers to achieve our goal of establishing a community arts center for Cadillac and the surrounding area.

I would first like to thank all the volunteers, many of whom are here today, for all their efforts put forth to create a home for the arts in our community.

We received help from area manufacturers, independent businesses, area contractors, skilled volunteers, and contributions from many members of our community. It took much effort on the part of many people to bring the vision of a community arts center to fruition.

Today we are honoring our founding members as you have heard of the things they have all done to create a safe and open inspiring place to be creative.

As Robert L. Lynch, President of Americans for the Arts, stated: "The arts empower. The arts give a voice to the voiceless. The arts help transform American communities and, as I often say, the result can be a better child, a better town, a better nation and certainly a better world. Let's champion our arts action heroes, emulate them and make our communities everything we want them to be."

Art is often a vehicle for social change. It can give voice to the politically or socially disenfranchised. A song, film or novel can rouse emotions in those who encounter it, inspiring them to rally for change. The impact that art has on society is threefold, it comes from the individual's reaction to the work, the power inherent in the work and the environmental factors surrounding the work.

There are many ways the Art Center is utilized. We're the home for visual arts lessons and displays, private music lessons, The Irish Dancers, Reader's Theatre, and community group meetings, just to name a few. In the future, we hope to develop an active children's program and interface with veterans and assisted living residents.

The idea for a community art center started as a seed planted by the Cadillac Arts Council, long ago. [Molly Frier spoke about and read from the book *"What Do You Do with*

Get Creative!
Fall Class Schedule is Up!

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**See class schedule
on pages 4 — 5**

an Idea" by Kobi Yamada. Pat Paveglio shared a history of Up North Arts prepared by herself, Jim Smith and others, see page 6] Now if I can have our **current board members** stand as I read your names.

President—Tim Florinki; Vice president—Susan Mellema; Secretary—Rosemary Rokita; Treasurer—Ed Goldman; Board Members: Chris Fisher, Amy Gonzales, Tracy Logan Walker, Shelly Mueller.

Now if our **founding members** will come up and receive their awards as I call your names: **Bobbie Brown*, Paul Brown*, Vickie Essenmacher*, Chris Fisher, Mollie Frier, Mary Kukla-Kidder, Sue Mellema, Jim Smith**. Can we give them a big hand!
(*unable to attend)



(l to r) Mary Kukla Kidder, Jim Smith, Chris Fisher, Tim Florinki, Susan Mellema, Mollie Frier



Cadillac **Mayor Carla Filkins** cutting the ribbon to the new Children's Art Center with **Mollie Frier, Amy Gonzales** and **Chris Fisher**



Tours were given of the new Children's Center art rooms and the rest of the Center.



UNA's upstairs neighbor, **Northern Lights Irish Dance and Ballet Academy**, put on a wonderful performance.

**All Founders' Day
photos provided by
Sisters Studio—
Thank You!**



Thanks to the young people from the **WMISD Career Tech Center** and **Annie's Bakery** for the delightful nibbles and sweets enjoyed.



Up North Arts Board Meetings

We are meeting in person again. Please join us at the UNA Center for our open meetings. Please call 231-468-3040 or email info@upnorthartsinc.com to find out the time and date of our next meeting.



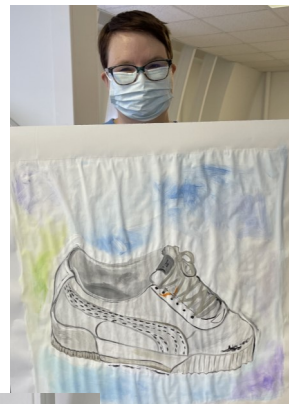
You can also call this number to leave a message for any of our board members.

Executive Board	
Tim Florinki	President
Susan Mellema	Vice-President
Rosemary Rokita	Secretary / Newsletter
Ed Goldman	Treasurer
Board of Directors	
Chris Fisher	Board member
Amy Gonzalez	Board member
Tracy Logan-Walker	Board member
Shelly Mueller	Board member

PAINT THE TILES FUNDRAISER

Thank You!

Lots of laughter and paint flying at the **Paint the Tile 2021** event on September 22. Close to \$2000 was raised including donations from those unable to participate in person.



Create



Northern Lites Readers Theatre
We're back and ...
We're Laughin'!



Lisa Martek and Mary Kibbe (left) laugh it up while Rory Burns and Kathy Bloomfield (right) acknowledge the audience's applause from an entertaining **"Afternoon of Jokes, Quotes and Anecdotes"** with the **Northern Lites Readers Theater** on September 23.

CLASSES AND EVENTS

COVID precautions are in place. To ensure our students', teachers' and visitors' safety, we ask everyone to **wear a mask** when they come into the UNA center, including the drill deck for events. Hand sanitizer and masks will be available. [Covid-vaccination strongly recommended for students and instructors.](#)

Click on the links to **REGISTER**
Purchase a membership for reduced fee
and additional benefits
<https://upnorthartsinc.com/>

- 10/06/2021 06:00 PM - 09:00 PM ET

[Beginning Quilting with Dawn Paulin 6 wks 10/6-11/10 6-9pm REGISTER HERE FOR 6 week class](#)

Member price \$110 Nonmember price \$135

Learn some of the basics of quilting. After the 6 week class you should have a lap sized (46" x 60") quilt top completed. Suggestions for finishing the top will be offered.



- 10/07/2021 03:30 PM - 05:00 PM ET

[Let's Make Origami & Kirigami with Rosemary Rokita 10/7/21 3:30-5pm Ages 9+](#)

Member price \$15 Nonmember price \$20

Beginner course in learning basic origami (paper folding) and kirigami (paper cutting)



- 10/09/2021 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM ET

[Adult Intro to Machine Sewing with Elizabeth Dewey](#)

Member price \$30 Nonmember price \$40

Learn how to: set up and use a sewing machine, use and make basic sewing patterns, use different sewing tools, and more!



- 10/12/2021 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM ET

[Jewelry Design with Wire Wrapping- 3 week class 10/12,19 & 26 REGISTER HERE](#)

Member price \$75 Nonmember price \$90

Three session class learning the basics of jewelry design skills, knowledge of tools needed and basic wire wrapping techniques. 3 separate sessions October 12, 19, and 26.



- 10/16/2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

[Fun with Bubble Art \(B\) 3-6 year olds Saturday 10/16/21 - 10-11am](#)

\$10.00 for all

Join us for a fun morning of bonding with your child! Students will work with their caregivers on two projects. The first project will be bubble prints using liquid watercolors. The second project will produce iridescent bubbles with rainbow scratch paper. Story time and movement activities will be incorporated into the lesson.



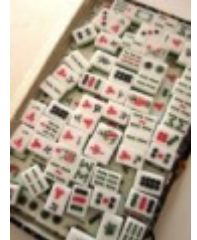
more CLASSES AND EVENTS

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- 10/18/2021 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM ET
[Mahjongg for the Neophyte October 18, 25, November 1, & 8, 2021 1-4pm 4 Wk Class REGISTER HERE](#)

If you're interested in learning a new and enjoyable table game, Mahjongg may be for you. The class, an introduction to American Mahjongg, will familiarize you with tiles, racks, walls, passes and game cards, and how these are used to play this fun and challenging game. The instructors are experienced "Mahjongg Mavens" who have enjoyed playing weekly for several years and look forward to sharing the game with you.

Minimum of 4 students must be enrolled. **MASKS REQUIRED FOR THIS CLASS**
Member Fee \$35 Non-member Fee \$45



- 10/20/2021 06:00 PM - 08:30 PM ET
[Pottery For All - Session 2 with Pat Schroeder 10/20-12/1/21 REGISTER HERE FOR SESSION 2](#)
Member Fee: \$125 Non-Member Fee: \$150

Only 5 seats available. In this class you will learn the slab and coil methods as well as glazing techniques. This class is geared for both the beginner and the experienced potter. Projects are selected by the student.



- 11/16/2021 06:00 PM - 09:00 PM ET
[Creating an Art Sketchbook Journal with Julie Raabe Gentry 11/16 6-9pm](#)
Members \$40 Non Members \$50

Have fun combining your writing with watercolor, acrylics, collage or mixed media to begin creating your own art sketchbook journal. Journaling has so many purposes – recording memories, events, travel, reflections, or an opportunity to release or “play.” This class is just the beginning! Masks are required for this class.

Minimum Enrollment: 3 If Minimum is not met, class will be cancelled/rescheduled.



- 11/20/2021 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM ET
[Kid's Introduction to Machine Sewing with Elizabeth Dewey 11/20/21 10am-4pm](#)
Member price \$30 Nonmember price \$40

Learn how to: set up and use a sewing machine responsibly, use and make basic sewing patterns, use your creativity in sewing, and more!



- 01/26/2022 01:00 PM - 03:30 PM ET
[Drawing in Perspective with Don Harris 1/26/22 1-3:30pm](#)
Member price \$30 Nonmember price \$45
Students will learn the concepts and techniques of drawing in perspective by making drawings in class.



NEW Classes will be added throughout the fall months.

Look at our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/upnorthartsinc/>
or website <https://upnorthartsinc.com/> for up-to-date information.

A Brief History of Up North Arts

It all began in 2012, when Chris Fisher put an “**Art Center**” donation jar out at a Jewelry and Bead Show at the Cadillac High School. The \$488 from that event was given to the Cadillac Arts Council to hold as a “building fund” line item in their budget. Over the next two years, subsequent donations brought the total to \$10,320.91.

In April 2015, a task force of **Cadillac Arts Council members** began meeting. Their vision was to establish a common location for all Art Council member organizations to coexist and share resources to further the arts and cultural enrichment of the community.

2016 was spent searching for a physical location, writing bylaws, obtaining non-profit status, working on a business plan and discussing grant writing and fundraising opportunities. On April 4th, we became a “real” entity. In October of 2016, UNA Board Members and Council representatives toured the vacant portion of the former Naval Reserve complex at 601 Chestnut Street. Most were favorably impressed with the location and opportunities this building offered for classroom space.

On July 17, 2017, **Chris Fisher**, UNA President, signed the original lease at the City Hall. We were in business! The hard work of transforming the space into a functional, esthetically pleasing art center began. By August, **Paul and Nancy Brown, Laura Porter, Chuck and Val Fales and Mindy Hinkle** were working tirelessly cleaning floors, walls, sinks, toilets and the kitchen, prior to painting! **25 Rexair** employees did the painting. Throughout the Fall of 2017, contractors, tradespeople, and volunteers worked to make the building ADA compliant and to upgrade the infrastructure to meet building codes. Even with a wealth of donated labor and supplies, UNA spent over \$11,400 remodeling the building and bringing it into ADA compliance.

2018 brought an uptick in classes and attendance and the **Northern Lites Readers Theatre** added the performing arts to our offerings.

2019 was the first year of a full class schedule. Classes included fused glass, clay, painting, fiber, ukulele, knitting, jewelry making, and a summer art camp for the kids.

In 2020, **Betsy Clark and Loretta Hubbard** helped clean out and paint the two new children’s classrooms. Donations from groups and individuals led to the purchase of furniture and supplies for our new **Children’s Art Center**.

Then, Covid-19 hit!!! UNA had to shut down. What a blow to a struggling, fledgling 501-C3! UNA was determined to serve the community during this dismal time. We created an activity for kids called “**Art with a Heart**” and the kids decorated and displayed yard signs around the town. We also sponsored an “**Art Camp to Go**” for kids who were sequestered in their homes. Each child was given a bag of art supplies and two lesson plans to get them creating at home. Money became very tight! Even though UNA was closed, expenses, of course, continued. A fundraiser called “**Paint the Tiles**” was initiated, following Covid regulations. Proceeds from that fundraiser bought more furniture for the **Children’s Center**.

It needs to be mentioned that behind many of these projects and among all the hard-working volunteer workers, was the idea-generating hand of Mollie Frier. The addition of **Readers Theatre** and the **July 2020 yART Sale** were just two of her grand ideas.

All of this has been made possible by hard work, generous financial support, and the creative minds of so many of you. It not only takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes a community to bring art and culture to life.

- This was read out loud at the Founders’ Day event. Thanks to Jim Smith, Pat Paveglio, Susan Mellema, Sue Baker and others for their help in putting this history together.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

UNA has adopted very simple membership levels.

Student (18 and under) \$15

Adult \$35

Couple \$60

Family \$80

All members are eligible for:

1. Discount on classes
2. Open Studio Access (donation or small fee may be required)



To learn more about membership and payment options for UNA go to our website membership link—<https://upnorthartsinc.com/memberships/>. You can manage your own membership account and in the future learn about your past membership and class history on our new Customer Relations Management (CRM) system NEON.

You can also pay with check or money order payable to: Up North Arts, Inc. Mail to: **Up North Arts, Inc., Attention: Membership, PO Box 62, Cadillac MI 49601** Your account will be billed at once. You will be notified annually about your membership renewal.

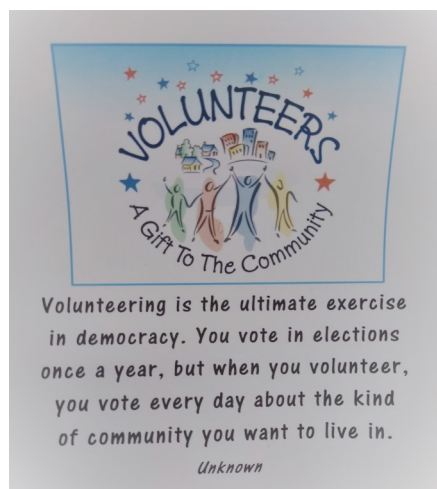
Volunteer Needs:

- 2022 Phyllis Olson Art Fair Volunteers (Multiple Duties) (July)
- Paint the Tiles Fundraiser (Event Committee, Event Volunteers) (September)
- Art in the Park Fundraiser (Event Committee, Event Volunteers) (July)
- Holiday Market Place (Committee, Event Volunteers) (Fall)
- Art Center Gift Shop Volunteers (2022)
- Children's Center Volunteers (Multiple duties) (Summer/Fall)
- Facility Volunteers (Multiple Duties) (Ongoing)
- Marketing Committee
- Membership Drive (Event Committee, Event Volunteers)
- Board Members
- Fundraising

Our Vision: To expand access for people of all ages and socioeconomic status to all art forms, including major musical and theatrical performances in one centralized location—a true community arts center.

Please help us continue to grow by volunteering today.

You can sign up by calling us at 231-468-3040 or email info@upnorthartsinc.com. You can also sign up on our website at <https://upnorthartsinc.com/volunteer/> today.



UNA On-line Store is now OPEN!

Some of the tiny canvases (4x4 and 6x6) that were painted by community members are still available **FOR SALE** in support of the **Mary Kukla Kidder Scholarship Fund**.

To view and purchase available tiny Canvases and t-shirts (in all sizes) go to <https://upnorthartsinc.app.neoncrm.com/np/publicaccess/browseProducts.do>

Items can be picked up at UNA or shipped. You can also email info@upnorthartsinc.com or call **231-468-3040** to make purchases or for more information.



Up North Arts is proud to be a member of the Cadillac Arts Council, Northwest Michigan Arts & Culture Network, and Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs.



Please support our fellow Cadillac Arts Council (CAC) member organizations.



Gopherwood Concerts: Full Cord Bluegrass, Saturday, October 23 @ 7pm at the Elks, 122 S. Mitchell \$15 in advance \$18 at the door, less for students. Ticket info @ <https://mynorthtickets.com/organizations/gopherwood-concerts>



Friends of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library "Intro to Urban and Rural Japan"

Show and tell of Japanese arts and crafts, **Saturday, October 23 at 1pm**. Free Admission, Refreshments served.

Check websites for updates and plans for the fall. . .

Cadillac Arts Council <https://cadillacmichigan.com/cadillac-listings/cadillac-arts-council/>
<https://www.facebook.com/CadillacArtsCouncil/>

Cadillac Area Symphony Orchestra <https://cadillacsymphony.org/>

Cadillac Community Chorus <https://www.facebook.com/CadillacCommunityChorus>

Cadillac Footlites <https://www.cadillacfootlites.com/>

Cadillac Garden Club <https://www.cadillacgardenclub.com/>

Cadillac Philharmonic Club <https://www.facebook.com/CadillacPhilharmonicClub/>

Cadillac String Association <https://cadillacstrings.org/>

Clam Lake Band <https://www.facebook.com/events/601-chestnut-st-suite-b-cadillac-michigan/clam-lake-band/353693885291502/>

Friends of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library <http://friendsofthecadillaclibrary.com/>

Gopherwood <https://gopherwoodconcerts.org/>

Northern Lites Readers Theatre <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Performance-Art-Theatre/>

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