

# Up North Arts Newsletter

April 2025 Vol. 7 No.4





## Youth Art Gala of Cadillac

### Call for Entries

Open to Grades K-12 in the  
Greater Cadillac Area  
All Mediums Welcome

### Gallery Reception

May 2nd, 2025  
5 - 8 pm

Email Name, Grade, School, Image (Up to 5),  
Dimensions and Medium to  
[director@upnorthartsinc.com](mailto:director@upnorthartsinc.com)  
by 3/31/25  
231-468-3040

Notified by 4/13/25 Drop-Off by 4/25/25



Follow us on Facebook!

**Submit by  
March 31**

**Up North Arts, Inc.**  
601 Chestnut St. Ste. C  
Cadillac, MI 49601

**upnorthartsinc.com**

**Everyone welcome!**  
Some experience helpful  
Not a Tournament – Let's have FUN!

## MAHJONGG MADNESS

**MONDAY, APRIL 14**  
**1 pm – 4 pm**  
Please bring your  
NMJL 2024 or 2025 card  
**Only \$10**  
Refreshments, door prizes, fun!

Register here:  
[Mahjongg Madness –  
4/14/2025 - 1pm - 4pm](#)

Questions?  
Call 231-  
429-5462

### NEW # NEW # NEW

- ❖ Kumihimo (Japanese braiding)
  - ❖ Mom's Night Out Pottery
  - ❖ Sewing Machine Maintenance
  - ❖ Art Sensory for 1 – 5 year olds
  - ❖ Create Your Own Sketchbook
- Registration on p 3, 4, & 5

**SUBMIT YOUR WORK THEN COME TO THE GALA to CELEBRATE!**  
**FAMILY & FRIENDS WELCOME TOO!**

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Up North Arts Presents a

## Youth Art Gala



May 2nd, 2025  
5:00pm-8:00pm

\$10 Suggested Donation  
Free for Students (18U)

Join us for an evening to celebrate the talents of our area youth artists  
Light refreshments provided

**Thank YOU  
Volunteers!**  
April is National



### VOLUNTEER Month

If you have experience, talent,  
or a strong interest in being an  
active part of a fun, growing art  
center, contact us by phone  
231-468-3040 or go to  
<https://upnorthartsinc.com/volunteer/>  
See page 8 for more info.

## Kids Art Classes with Miss Gabby in April & May!

### Jr Art Club with Gabby Hanson

**Grades 1-4** 5 weeks, once a week, exploring and growing your child's creative mind

Members \$45 Non-Members \$55

**Mondays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 4:30 - 5:30pm**

Jr Art Club Winter 2025 w/ Gabby Hanson 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23 2025 -4:30-5:30pm - Grades 1-4

Jr Art Club Winter 2025 w/ Gabby Hanson 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 2025 -4:30-5:30pm - Grades 1-4



### Artists in Training Club with Gabby Hanson

**Grades 5-8** 5 weeks, once a week, exploring and growing your child's creative mind

Members \$45 Non-Members \$55

**Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 5:30 - 6:30pm**

Artists in Training Club Winter 2025 - Grades 5-8 5:30-6:30pm -4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 2025

Artists in Training Club Winter 2025 - Grades 5-8 5:30-6:30pm -5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 2025



# 2025 UP NORTH ARTS FINE ART CAMPS

MEMBERS

**\$65**

**DATES**

NONMEMBERS

**\$80**

• <b>Grades 9-12</b>	June 16-19	9-12pm
• <b>Grades 5-8</b>	June 16-19	1-4pm
• <b>Advanced Art</b> (Grades 5-12)	June 23-26	10-12pm
• <b>Grades 1-4</b>	June 23-26	1-4pm

**Tie Dye, Painting, Drawing, Creating**

**Register At**

Art Summer Camp (Gr 9-12) 6/16/25-6/19/25 9am-12pm

Art Summer Camp (Gr 5-8) 6/16/25-6/19/25 1pm-4pm

Advanced Art Summer Camp (Gr 5-12) 6/23/25 - 6/26/25 10am-12pm

Summer Art Camp (Gr 1-4) 6/23/25-6/26/25 1-4pm

**UP NORTH ARTS**

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

**WED & THURS**

**12 pm – 5pm**

**STOP IN - TAKE A TOUR – SAY HELLO!**

**Up North Arts** believes in  
*Art for every Child*

### **KIDS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS**

Apply with you or your child submitting either

- 30 second video, or
- 250 word essay on why Art is important to you.

Families will be notified of enrollment in the last week of the month based on seats available. Scholarship will cover enrollment fee.

**Submit with intended class to Gabby Hanson**

[Gooby-Hanswoon@gmail.com](mailto:Gooby-Hanswoon@gmail.com)

Art by Gooby Hanswoon



## CLASSES AND EVENTS – register on the link

### OPEN SEW MONDAYS - 12:30pm – 3pm CREATIVITY \* COLLABORATION \* COMMUNITY

We are excited to offer a **WEEKLY OPEN SEW** for members of UNA! No cost— A benefit of annual membership. Every Monday, you may bring your supplies and your project, and take advantage of our comfortable classroom to work on a project of your choice! Carve out some time in your week to be creative and hang out and socialize with other sewists. You will have access to an ironing station, cutting table, and one of our sewing machines (You may bring your own machine or reserve one of ours for only \$5.) Come out for as many hours as you'd like. Ages 14+ Ability Level Beginners to Advanced. Help is available through a Host who will be on site!

**Purchase a yearly membership to take this class.**

**Every Monday – indefinitely (closed on holidays) 12:30pm – 3pm Members Only**



### OPEN ART STUDIO - EVERY WEDNESDAY – 12 NOON - 3 PM CREATIVITY \* COLLABORATION \* COMMUNITY

OPEN STUDIO for members of UNA! No cost— A benefit of annual membership. Every Wednesday, bring your supplies and your project, and take advantage of our comfortable classroom to work on a project of your choice! Bring your lunch and some snacks too! Ages 14+ Ability Level Beginners to Advanced.

**Purchase a yearly membership to take this class. Join Us!**

**Every Wednesday – indefinitely (closed on holidays) 12 Noon – 3pm Members only**



### UKULELE STRUMMING FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WITH LAURIE MCKAY

**REGISTER ONLY ONCE. YOU'LL BE GIVEN A LIST OF DATES YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND!**

Grab your own Ukulele and come join us for Strumming Sessions! No lessons will be given however, there will be lots of fun! Come for 1 session or all 10! \$15 (members) or \$20 (non members). Flat Fee no matter how many sessions you can join! However, it's more fun to join us for all sessions! Ages: 14+ Adults All Ability Levels

Participants must have their own ukulele

**Tuesdays 4/1, 4/8, 4/15 and 4/22/25 Time: 3-5pm**

Members \$15 Donation Non-Members \$20 Donation

[Ukulele Strumming for all ages and abilities with Laurie McKay - Several Dates - See Description](#)



### MAHJONGG MADNESS - 4/14, 6/9, 8/11, 10/13/2025 - 1PM - 4PM

Up North Arts welcomes all Mahjongg players for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! Players will need to have their 2025 National Mahjongg League card (if you have it), and bring a Mahjongg set, if available. Enjoy an afternoon with fellow Mahjongg enthusiasts! Refreshments and door prizes are part of your fee!

If purchasing more than one ticket, you will be required to provide names and emails of others you are purchasing for when you check out. All ability levels. Only 28 spots

**1pm – 4pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in April, June, August, and October**

Member and Non-Member Fee: \$10

[Mahjongg Madness - 4/14/2025 - 1pm - 4pm](#)

[Mahjongg Madness - 6/9/2025 - 1pm - 4pm](#)

[Mahjongg Madness - 8/11/2025 - 1pm - 4pm](#)

[Mahjongg Madness - 10/13/2025 - 1pm - 4pm](#)



### SEWING MACHINE MAINTENANCE 101 WITH BARB KEYS

Learn to maintain a sewing machine, cleaning, oiling and adjusting for best performance. Hands-on, students will work on their own machines Ages 14+ (Parents are required to stay with children under 16 during class) Ability Level: Beginner. Students are required to bring their own Sewing machine and everything needed to run it.

**Saturday April 26, 2025 Two sessions morning OR afternoon 9am – 1pm and 2pm – 6pm**

Members \$50 Non Members \$65

[Sewing Machine Maintenance 101 with Barb Keys - 4/26/25 9am-1pm](#)

[Sewing Machine Maintenance 101 with Barb Keys - 4/26/25 2pm-6pm](#)



**NEW!**

**Purchase a yearly membership for member pricing and additional benefits.**  
**Additional Classes are being added continuously – go to: <https://upnorthartsinc.com/>**

## CLASSES AND EVENTS – register on the link

### KUMIHIMO JAPANESE BRAIDING W/JILL DOEDERLEIN

Exploring Japanese Kumihimo. Students will learn the ancient art of Kumihimo making a bracelet with cords and beads

Ages: 16+ Ability Level: Beginner

**Monday, 4/28/25 5pm-8pm**

Members \$25 Non-Members \$35

Additional Materials Fee Paid Directly to Teacher at beginning of class \$13

[Kumihimo Japanese Braiding w/Jill Doederlein 04/28/25 - 5pm-8pm](#)

**NEW!**



### PAT'S POTTERY FOR ALL! DAY Or EVENING CLASSES

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.

Ages 12 and up. **NO CLASS MEMORIAL DAY 5/26**

**6 Sessions: Mondays 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 6/2, 6/9**

**AFTERNOONS 12:30 – 3pm EVENINGS 6 – 8:30PM**

Member Fee: \$135 Non-Member Fee: \$170

[Pottery For All! DAY Class 12:30-3pm-P Schroeder Mondays, 04/28-06/9/2025 REGISTER FOR SESSION 20a](#)

[Pottery For All! NIGHT Class 6-8:30pm-Pat Schroeder Mondays, 04/28-6/9/25 REGISTER FOR SESSION 20b](#)



### MY LITTLE & ME: SENSORY ART CLASS FOR 1-5 Y/O

Come enjoy Sensory Art Class with your Little. With specially researched activities focused on Early Childhood Development, children will learn through play on our Sensory Tables. Adults are encouraged to aid and assist their Little through this unique bonding experience.

Ages: 1-5 y/o Ability Level: Beginner

**Wednesday 4/30/25 1-2pm**

Members \$15 Non Members \$20

Parents/Guardians are required to stay and play with their little

[My Little & Me: Sensory Art Class for 1-5 y/o - 4/30/25 - 1-2pm](#)

[My Little & Me: Sensory Art Class for 1-5 y/o - 5/28/25 - 1-2pm](#)

**NEW!**



Very appreciative of Jason Ball, from Eyeball Design, and the sensory tables built for our new sensory class

### DESIGN A BOUND WATERCOLOR SKETCHBOOK W/ LINDA LIABENOW

Tired of using the boring spiral bound commercial art journals? Join Linda to create your own perfect personal sketchbook. No Sewing Required! Linda will guide you through a bookbinding technique that results in a nice "lie flat" book when opened to any page. Your finished project will provide you with plenty of space for your watercolor paintings. Suitable for mixed media work as well. All bookbinding tools will be provided by the instructor.

Ages: Adult 18+ Ability Level: Beginner+

**Saturday 04/26/2025 10am-1pm**

Members \$65 Non Members \$75

Some items will need to be purchased by student ahead of class. See full course description on listing.

[Design A Bound Watercolor Sketchbook w/ Linda Liabenow - April 26, 25 - 10am-1pm](#)

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**TWO  
CLASSES  
WITH  
MANDY!**

## MOM'S NIGHT OUT! CRAFT YOUR PERFECT MUG!

Get Creative with Stoneware Clay: Mom's Night Out! Craft Your Perfect Mug! BRING YOUR CHILD'S HANDPRINT AND LET US HELP YOU TRANSFER IT TO YOUR MUG!

Adult Ability Level: Beginner

**Tuesday May 6, 2025 6-8pm**

Members \$40 Non Members \$50

**Mom's Night Out! Craft Your Perfect Mug! 6-8pm May 6, 2025**

**NEW!**



## HAND BUILDING FUNCTIONAL POTTERY W/ MANDY ALSAGER

Students will create three functional pieces. The 1st week a mug, 2nd week a planter, and the 3rd week stacking trays all while exploring different textures. No class on 5/28, (the 4th week) as students will have a break to allow for pieces they've made to be bisque fired. The 5th week student will return to decorate their pieces applying varied glazing techniques. The 6th week all will gather to show off their finished pieces and enjoying light refreshments. All materials will be provided; clay, tools, firings, glazes. 25# of clay is included. Any remaining clay remains the property of UNA.

Ages: 17+ Ability Level: Beginner To Advanced

**5 classes over 6 weeks (no class 5/28)**

**6 weeks – Wednesdays 5/7, 5/14, 5/22, 6/4, 6/11 Time: 6-9pm**

Members \$120 Non Members \$145

**Hand Building Functional Pottery w/ Mandy Alsager Wednesdays 5/7, 5/14, 5/22, 6/4, 6/11**



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.

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. For more information call 231-468-3040

### All members are eligible for:

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

### Membership levels:

**Student**

**(18 and under) \$15**

**Adult \$35**

**Couple \$60**

**Family \$80**



**Julie Raabe Gentry's** mid-March watercolor journaling class

**Beth Wallin's** fused glass wind chime class in March

## Board Member Spotlight:

**Jill  
Doederlein**



### 1. What made you decide to join the UNA board?

Art has always been an integral part of my life. When asked to attend an UNA board meeting last May, I saw it as a way to become more involved with the community in a way I enjoy.

### 2. What life experiences have you had that inspired you to take a leadership role in the arts?

I was living and working in Washington DC in 2001. After 9/11, I was permanently laid off and moved back to Michigan. The Shiawassee Art Center hired me as their Gallery Manager. It was a wonderful experience learning how to operate an art center.

During this time, I was fortunate to be able to return to teaching at Lansing Community College. In 2004, I left the art center to become faculty advisor for the Japan Adventure Program in Otsu, Japan. In 2006, I returned to Japan for a second time.

I was the art instructor for the Disability Network in Lansing teaching adults from 18-80 from 2016 - 2020.

### 3. What is your favorite artistic medium?

I think of myself as a multi-media artist; a few of my favorite mediums include clay, stone, and wire.

### 4. Do you create art of your own? If so, what have you made recently?

I picture everything as a postcard, this helps my creativity. Most recently, I have been making jewelry and mosaics.

**5. What was one of your more memorable experiences?** One of my most memorable art experiences was at the Moravian Tileworks in Doylestown, PA. I was an artist in residence working in the living museum and having my own studio space.

Another highlight was taking pottery classes in Otsu. My pottery teacher didn't speak English, but we actually communicated quite well non-verbally.

### 6. Who is your favorite artist?

Paul Gauguin is one of my favorite artists with his use of bold color. I had the opportunity to visit one of his galleries while visiting Tahiti.

### 7. Current favorite song?

Jimmy Buffets' song, "A Pirate Looks at 40" is one of my favorite songs. Ironically, I first became an honorary "parrothead" after listening to his CD left in my Japan apartment.



Jill's photos of her jewelry and other art forms confirm her vast interests and abilities. Look for Jill's *kumihimo* (Japanese braiding) classes coming up on April 28. Registration on page 4.



# Phyllis Olson

JULY 18 & 19 Juried Art Fair  
Cadillac, Michigan

CHECK YOUR EMAIL



Invitation letters have gone out to the artists! Check your emails!  
Questions? Contact  
[artfair@upnorthartsinc.com](mailto:artfair@upnorthartsinc.com)

## Teachers Wanted!

Bring your Talents to the classroom at Up North Arts!  
And Get Paid Too!



Paid positions or volunteer.

Submit a class proposal from our website:

<https://upnorthartsinc.com/teaching-staff/>

Questions? Contact by email: [classes@upnorthartsinc.com](mailto:classes@upnorthartsinc.com)

Or call 231-468-3040

601 Chestnut Street, Suite C Cadillac, MI 49601

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## Northern Lites Readers Theatre

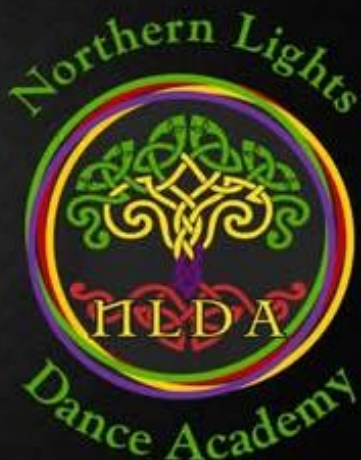
*Is Murder Tax Deductible?*

Saturday, April 26 @ 7pm

Sunday, April 27 @ 2pm

@ Up North Arts, 601 Chestnut

<https://upnorthartsinc.com/northern-lites-readers-theatre/>



## Summer Dance Camp Registration Opens April 1st!!

Worship Camp    Princess Ballerina Camp    McBain Dance Camp  
Junior Ballet Intensive Camp    Irish Dance Camp  
Create Dance Camp    Drama Dance Camp

Contact INFO: [dancenlida.com](http://dancenlida.com)    231-920-2322    [dance.nlida@gmail.com](mailto:dance.nlida@gmail.com)

## Up North Arts Board Meetings & Contact Info

Beginning in March, our Board meetings started meeting on the second Tuesdays of each month at 5:30pm. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 8 at 5:30pm** at Up North Arts Center, 601 Chestnut (across from CAPS stadium).

For questions or information on meetings, classes or other UNA matters, call Heath Urbaniak, Executive Director, at 231-468-3040 or email [info@upnorthartsinc.com](mailto:info@upnorthartsinc.com). You can also call this number to leave a message for any of our board members.



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



CADILLAC **ARTS** COUNCIL

Please Support our Fellow  
CAC Organizations



**UP NORTH ARTS**  
is always looking for  
people in the community  
who are looking to be  
actively involved as  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Administrative, Audio & Visual, Classroom Assistance,  
Events, Maintenance, Network & IT.**

If you have experience, talent, or a strong interest in  
being an active part of a fun, growing art center, contact  
us by phone 231-468-3040 or go to  
<https://upnorthartsinc.com/volunteer/>

**gopherwood concerts**

PRESENTS



**THE GO ROUNDS**  
April 12 7:00 pm  
@ the Elks

[gopherwoodconcerts.org](http://gopherwoodconcerts.org)

### USED BOOK SALE

Friends of the Cadillac Library

Thu 4/3 9-6

Fri 4/4 9-5

Sat 4/5 10-12



Library Community Room



FOR MORE CADILLAC AREA EVENTS  
GO TO CADILLAC AREA VISITORS BUREAU  
<https://cadillacmichigan.com/>



**CADILLAC FOOTLITERS**  
April 4, 5, 11, 12 @ 7pm  
April 12 @ 2pm

@ ELENBAAS THEATRE - MCBAIN