Up North Arts Newsletter



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Kids Art Classes with Miss Gabby in 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 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 –5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 2025





Join Miss Gabby with the Little Ones for Sensory Fun

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. Parents/Guardians are required to stay and play with their little one. Ages: 1-5 y/o

Wednesday May 28 1-2pm

Members \$15 Non Members \$20 My Little & Me: Sensory Art Class for 1-5 y/o - 5/28/25 - 1-2pm





Thanks!! to the Women's Giving Circle for the initial funding for the Sensory Classes and additional resources provided by Great Start Collaborative. 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

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CLASSES AND EVENTS - register on the links

EMPOWERED MOVEMENT: BELLY DANCE BASICS WITH ELLEN SLAUGHTERHAWK

This beginner-friendly class is open to all, regardless of dance background. You'll find a supportive environment to grow and focus on the fundamentals of belly dance, including basic movements, isolations, and combinations. We'll also incorporate elements of yoga to enhance flexibility and strength. Instead of memorizing complex choreography, we'll prioritize the joy of free expression. Ages: All Ability Level: All

Thursdays 5/1, 5/8, 5/15 & 5/22/2025 6-7pm Members \$50 Non-Members \$65

Empowered Movement: Belly Dance Basics, 4 sessions - 5/1, 5/8, 5/15 & 5/22/2025 - 6-7pm

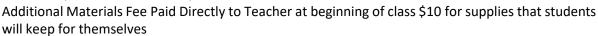
SAVE THE BEES ORGANIC TANGLES WITH MARJORIE GOOSEN

We will be creating a "Save the Honeybee" project. The design we create in class will use patterns we have used in our intro class and be similar to the one shown in the image We will have a brief prisma color lesson so we can add color to our design at the end if desired. This will be fun! We will have an intro to Zentangle for the first hour. The 2nd part of class will be an application with a spring organic flower arrangement. Learn new tangles and techniques. We will explore the beginnings of a ZIA (Zentangle® Inspired Art) piece. You will learn many organic tangles that grow as you draw. Bring your supplies from previous classes if you have them, additional supplies available to help you create a beautiful Zentangle® Garden. Some color pencil application and instruction may be shared. Ages: 12+ NEW



Saturday, May 3 10am-12:30pm

Members \$35 Non Members \$45



Save The Bees Organic Tangles with Marjorie Goosen Saturday 5/3/2025 @ 10:30am-1pm



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



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 bisgue 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



NEW





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





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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, May 31 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 - May 31, 2025 - 10am-1pm

MAHJONGG MADNESS - 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 2nd Monday in April, June, August, and October Member and Non-Member Fee: \$10 <u>Mahjonng Madness - 6/9/2025 - 1pm - 4pm</u>

Mahjonng Madness - 8/11/2025 - 1pm - 4pm Mahjonng Madness - 10/13/2025 - 1pm - 4pm



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

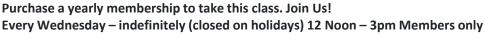
We are excited to offer a **WEEKLY OPEN SEW** for members of UNA! No cost— A benefit of annual membership. Every Monday, you may bring your supplies and your project, and take advantage of our comfortable classroom to work on a

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. <u>Help is available through a Host who will be on site!</u> **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.





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Join JULIE TIBUS for a SUMMER of Classes

MAKE ALCOHOL INK JEWELRY WITH JULIE TIBUS

Design exquisite jewelry from your unique alcohol ink abstracts. Our process involves expertly blending and enhancing metallics with four pieces of art paper using vibrant alcohol inks. Participants will experience the thrill of crafting distinct jewelry, selecting from various pendant settings, earrings, bracelets, and rings, all accompanied by chains. All materials are provided, allowing each individual to create and take home three stunning jewelry pieces. Only 15 seats available. Minimum enrollment of 4 needed, or class will be cancelled/rescheduled

Only 15 seats available. Minimum enrollment of 4 needed, or class will be cancelled/reschedu Members \$70 Non Members \$80

Wednesday, June 11 10am – 1pm

Make Alcohol Ink Jewelry with Julie Tibus June 11, 2025, 10-1:00pm

PAINT BEAUTIFUL BETTA FISH- W/ JULIE TIBUS ALCOHOL INK



Alcohol inks are a fascinating medium and the perfect choice to create stunning paintings of Asian fighting fish (betta fish). Using glossy black paper, compressed air, and a small brush, Julie will guide you through creating a beautiful diptych (two paintings). You don't need any prior experience to join the course. You will receive support and coaching during the class through demonstrations, classroom time, and personalized guidance. (All supplies included) Ability Level: Beginner Adult 18+ **Sunday, June 22 10am – 1pm**

Members \$60 Non Members \$70 <u>Paint Beautiful Betta Fish- w/ Julie Tibus Alcohol Ink (3 hour workshop) June 22nd, 2025</u> <u>10am - 1pm</u>

BEGINNER WATERCOLOR BOTANICALS W/JULIE TIBUS

Create 2-3 watercolor botanicals, including roses, poppies, and delicate flowers. Each class teaches about watercolor paint and specific brush techniques, with demonstrations, coaching, and Arches watercolor paper provided. Adult: 18+ Beginners

Members: \$55 Non-Members: \$65

Thursday, July 10 5:30-8pm

Students will need to purchase some supplies to bring to class. See full description on listing. BEGINNER WATERCOLOR BOTANICALS w/Julie Tibus July 10, 2025 5:30-8pm



Love You

GELLI PLATE PRINTING AND CARD MAKING W/ JULIE TIBUS

Spend the day learning to monoprint and layer printing techniques. Work on making papers and then cutting and collaging to create beautiful cards (Each student will be supplied with 3 Strathmore paper cards and envelopes). Stencils, exciting papers, and design ideas are provided. Adult: 18+ Beginners

Members:\$85 Non-Members: \$95

Thursday, August 14, 2025 10am-3pm

Students will need to purchase some supplies to bring to class. See full description on listing. <u>Gelli Plate Printing and Card Making w/ Julie Tibus August 14, 2025 (10-3pm)</u>

To learn more about membership and payment options for UNA, go to our website membership link— <u>https://upnorthartsinc.com/memberships/</u>You can manage your own membership account and, in the future, learn about your past membership and class history. You will be notified annually about your membership renewal. For more information call **231-468-3040** Become a Member

Membership levels: Student (18 and under) \$15 Adult \$35 Couple \$60 Family \$80





Instructor Spotlight:

ELLEN SLAUGHTERHAWK

What do you teach at Up North Arts? **Beginner Belly Dance**

What do you like about teaching at Up North Arts?

I like that I can offer belly dance to our community and within my very own neighborhood. I like the big dance space in the historic building.

Do you have a favorite work of art?

Shoshone Falls on the Snake River by Thomas Moran. I saw the actual painting at the Portland Art Museum many years ago and it was awe-inspiring. Framed, it is 93x166 and fills a room. I am a lover of American landscape art and Thomas Moran is one of my favorite artists. My major was literature, with an emphasis on American and Native American literature, so I love the art and photography of American history.

What is your favorite work of art that you created?

I recently wrote a book called For You and Music, under my maiden name, Ellen M. Hawkins. It was a project over twenty years in the making. I had a great editor and am most proud of this book, of all I have published.

How did you get started? What led you to being an artist/instructor?

I started dancing as a kid and was a cheerleader in high school. After college I started taking belly dance classes. When I moved to Portland, I joined a dance troupe and took classes in a variety of belly dance styles. I was a performance belly dancer from 2009-2014. I decided to teach dance because I miss attending regular dance classes and saw a need in the community for belly dance.

Was there a moment, work, or event that made you feel like you had real talent as an artist?

When I was in elementary school in Traverse City, Mrs. Keenan and Mrs. Puchala encouraged my love of art and music. They taught a variety of skills that I carry with me today. It wasn't until I started writing and dancing in middle and high school that I realized I had talent. I wrote for the school paper and discovered a strength in choreography in high school and used to write stories for my friends when I was in middle school. I always knew I wanted to write; dance was a happy discovery along the way.



Ellen M. SlaughterHawk brings the joy and art of Beginner Belly Dance to Up North Arts, a place she cherishes for allowing her to share this dance form within her own neighborhood and in the spacious setting of its historic building. Her appreciation for art extends beyond dance, finding particular inspiration in Thomas Moran's monumental painting, "Shoshone Falls on the Snake River," a piece she encountered years ago at the Portland Art Museum and which resonates with her love for American landscape art and history. A literature major with a focus on American and Native American works, Ellen is also a published author, holding her recently released book, "For You and Music," written under her maiden name, as her proudest creative accomplishment, a project over two decades in the making.

Ellen's journey into movement began in childhood, leading to cheerleading in high school and a deep dive into belly dance after college. Her time in Portland included performing with a dance troupe from 2009 to 2014, immersing her in various belly dance styles. Her decision to teach at Up North Arts stemmed from a desire to return to regular dance practice and a recognition of the local interest in belly dance. Looking back, Ellen credits her early teachers, Mrs. Keenan and Mrs. Puchala, in Traverse City for nurturing her artistic inclinations. It was in her middle and high school years, through writing for the school paper and exploring choreography, that she truly recognized her creative talents, realizing a lifelong aspiration to write while discovering a parallel passion for dance.

Teachers Wantedy Bring your Talents to the classroom at Up North Arts!

Paid positions or volunteer. Submit a class proposal from our website: https://upnorthartsinc.com/teaching-staff/ Questions? Contact by email: classes@upnorthartsinc.com Or call 231-468-3040 601 Chestnut Street, Suite C Cadillac, MI 49601 Up North Arts is a registered 501c3



Clay students at Mandy Alsager's April class.

April Mahjongg participants. Ceramic hearts hand-crafted by Pat Schroeder were one of the door prizes.





Did you know you can rent the UNA "party room"? We can help you plan your event. Call 231-468-3040



Gabby's kids' classes preparing for gala...



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, May 13 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. 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



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NORTH UP 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/





SETH BERNARD May 10 7:00 pm House Concert

gopherwoodconcerts.org

Cadillac Garden Club meets in the Sound Garden (near high school) for MONTHLY CLEAN-UP (bring gloves). 2nd Saturday, May 10, 9am – noon **Everyone WELCOME!**