

2026 UP NORTH ARTS SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS

AWARD WINNING AUTHOR AND ARTIST



Join us
Saturday
February 21st, 2026
Up North Arts
601 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, MI

Registration links on Page 5

- 10am-12pm FREE Meet The Author: Book Conversation
- 12-12:45pm Catered Lunch with Ellie \$20
- 1:00-3pm Art Workshop with Ellie \$50/\$60
- 3:15-4:45 One on One Mentoring Sessions \$50

Register online for one or all events www.upnorthartsinc.com

Presented by: Friends of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library & Up North Arts



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about Ellie



Please Support UNA in Building the ARTS in Our Community

SPONSORSHIP DRIVE 2026

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Phyllis Olson
Juried Art Fair
Established 1968 Cadillac, Michigan

Applications Due
March 1st, 2026

Apply Today Through
<https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=13903>

Have Questions? Visit Our Website!
Or email: artfair@upnorthartsinc.com
<https://www.upnorthartsinc.com>



<https://www.facebook.com/phyllisolsonjuriedartfair>



UP NORTH ARTS
is looking for a part time
(10 hours/week)
**ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT**

Work in an environment
that wants you to help us
promote the ARTS
in our community!

Click for description &
application process:

<https://upnorthartsinc.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/UNA-2026-Admin-Job-Description.pdf>

SPONSORSHIP DRIVE 2026

Up North—Arts

Cadillac Michigan's Community Art Center

Donations of any amount are welcomed.
Every \$1 donated helps us reach our goal.

Help us support our mission of Providing Space to Create. Your generosity will ensure that artists can access the tools they need to bring their visions to life, provide a platform for local talent, and sustain the programs that make creativity accessible to all.

\$100

- Social Media Recognition**
- Up North Arts Swag

\$500

- Social Media Recognition**
- Member Pricing for 2 classes*

\$1000

- Digital Sign Recognition**
- Social Media Recognition*
- Member Pricing for 4 classes*

\$2500

- Includes all recognition perks above
- Member Pricing for 8 classes*

*Membership Pricing for any number of participants depending on class limits. Must be used within 1 year
**Social Media includes Facebook, Instagram, Newsletter & Website

Please donate by March 31, 2026



Mail Check to:
Up North Arts, Inc
601 Chestnut, Suite C
Cadillac, MI 49601

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Company logos in PDF format should be emailed to:
Questions? email or call 231-468-3040

info@upnorthartsinc.com
<https://upnorthartsinc.com>

Company/Individual Name:

Contact Name:

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Address:

City:

State:

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Donation Amount:

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Donate As An Individual or Family <https://upnorthartsinc.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate-as-an-individual-2>

Donate As A Company <https://upnorthartsinc.app.neoncrm.com/forms/13> **EASY ON-LINE ACCESS !!**

Up North Arts Board Meetings, & Contact Info

Board meetings are usually on the second Tuesdays of each month at 5:30pm. Our next meeting will be on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**, at 5:30pm at Up North Arts Center, 601 Chestnut (across from CAPS stadium).

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A BOARD SECRETARY AND OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

For questions or information on meetings, classes or other UNA matters, call 231-468-3040 or email info@upnorthartsinc.com. You can also call this number to leave a message for any of our board members.



We are always looking for people in the community who are looking to be actively involved as volunteers.

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/>

UKULELE STRUMMING FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WITH LAURIE MCKAY

REGISTER ONLY ONCE. YOU'LL BE GIVEN A LIST OF DATES YOU CAN CHOOSE 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 11! Flat Fee no matter how many sessions you can join! Participants must have their own ukulele However, it's more fun to join us for all sessions! Ages: 14+ Adults All Ability Levels **Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 3pm – 5pm** Members \$15 Suggested Donation Non Members \$20 Suggested Donation

<https://upnorthartsinc.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/upnorthartsinc/publicaccess/event/CalendarBig.jsp>





Kid's Art Club

Sept-May
Make Space to Create

- Tuesday**
• Grades 1-4 4:30-5:30pm
- Wednesday**
• Quiet Crafting (Gr 1-4) 4-5pm
• Grades 5-8 5:30-6:30pm
- Thursday**
• Quiet Crafting (Gr 5-8) 4-5pm
• Grades 9-12 5:30-6:30pm



Whats New?

Quiet Crafting

Geared towards the more introverted, sensory-sensitive creatives to get them out of their shells and shine. Also perfect for homeschool groups. Kiddos will learn the same artistic skills in a more reserved environment.

Kid's Club Cards

Never miss out on Kid's Club again!
Purchase 4/6/10 classes at a time and use them throughout the year.

4 Classes- Member \$60 / Nonmember \$75
6 Classes- Member \$75 / Nonmember \$90
10 Classes- Member \$100 / Nonmember \$120

Single Class- Member \$20 / Nonmember \$25
Walk-Ins Welcome or Call/Sign-Up Online
Scholarships Available

Let your child's confidence and creativity soar while they build real artistic skills!

Find the Kid's Club Punch Cards here :

<https://upnorthartsinc.app.neoncrm.com/np/publicaccess/browseProducts.do>



Cadillac's Youth Art Gala

Call for Entries

Open to Grades K-12 in the Greater Cadillac Area
All Mediums & Performances Welcome
Up to 5 Submissions / 5mins
Due 3/31/26

Gallery Reception

May 1st, 2026
5 - 8 pm

Questions and Submissions to

Gabby Hanson
(419)203-2751

FineBlotchStudio@gmail.com

Email must Include: Subject- YAG '26, Name, Grade School, Title & Images or Length of Performance

Notified by 4/3/26

Drop-Off by 4/10/26



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Teachers Wanted!

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

Fill out a class proposal
<https://upnorthartsinc.com/teaching-staff/>
email: classes@upnorthartsinc.com
601 Chestnut Street, Suite C, Cadillac, Mi 49601
Up North Arts is a registered 501c3

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

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My Little & Me Sensory Classes AGES 1 - 5

[Art with Miss Gabby](#) are starting again

Several dates to choose from: 2/4, 3/11, 4/8, 5/6/26

Spend this monthly class with your Little to make memories through crafting, sensory and play! Ages: 1 - 5

Purchase a yearly membership for member pricing and additional benefits.

Wednesdays, 1 - 2pm

Members \$20 Per session Non Members \$25 per session

My Little & Me Sensory Class with Miss Gabby registration links:

[My Little & Me Sensory Class with Miss Gabby 2/4/2026 @ 1-2pm](#)

[My Little & Me Sensory Class with Miss Gabby 03/11/2026 @ 1-2pm](#)

[My Little & Me Sensory Class with Miss Gabby 04/08/2026 @ 1pm - 2pm](#)

[My Little & Me Sensory Class with Miss Gabby 05/6/2026 @ 1pm - 2pm](#)

CLASSES AND EVENTS – register on the links

POTTERY FOR BEGINNERS 3 (WHEEL THROWING) W/ KASSIE HEARTH

This hands-on pottery class is perfect for beginners looking to explore wheel throwing techniques. With personal instruction, you will learn the basics of wheel throwing, including how to center clay and create forms such as bowls and mugs. You will also gain a foundation in glazing your work and understanding the firing process, to create beautiful lasting results. This class offers a supportive, welcoming environment to experiment and grow. No prior experience is necessary - just bring your curiosity and willingness to get your hands dirty! Ages: 18+ Ability Level: Beginner +

Tuesdays 2/3, 10, 17, 24/2026 5:00-8:00 pm

Members \$175 Non Members \$200

Additional Materials Fee Paid Directly to Teacher at beginning of class \$15 (for clay)

[Pottery For Beginners 3 \(Wheel Throwing\) w/ Kassie Hearth 2/3, 10, 17, 24/2026 @ 5:00-8:00 pm](#)



ADVANCED EXPLORING ALTERED BOOKS WORKSHOP WITH LINDA LIABENOW - 3 HOURS

For those that have taken the previous class, continue with developing additional skills with this workshop. Move forward to give your old, unwanted book a new life by turning it into a work of art. Starting with a new or used book as your canvas, participants will tear away pages and then add their own creative expressions through painting, drawing, collage, rubber stamping, stenciling, photomontage, and writing. Instruction of altered book techniques will include how to create various pockets, pop-ups, doors, windows, fold outs, and a carved niche to display a special found object. All Ability Levels Age Level: 16+

Saturday, 2/7/26 - 10:00am - 1:00pm

Member price \$ 65 Non-member price \$75 Students need to bring: \$10 materials fee pay to instructor at beginning of class

[Advanced Exploring Altered Books Workshop with Linda Liabenow - Saturday, 2/7/26 - 10am-1pm](#)



WATERCOLOR VALENTINES FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART 55+ WITH LIZ LAKIN

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a relaxed and inspiring watercolor class designed for adults ages 55 and up. Participants will explore basic watercolor techniques while creating valentine cards! The class focuses on gentle instruction, creativity, and enjoyment—no prior painting experience required. All skill levels are welcome in this friendly, social atmosphere. Bring your friends or your favorite valentine! 💖 🎨

Ages 55+ Ability Level: All Levels Welcome

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 4pm - 6pm

Members \$ Free Non Members \$5

Additional Materials Fee Paid Directly to Teacher at beginning of class \$15

[Watercolor Valentines for the Young at HeART 55+ February 3, 2026 4-6pm](#)

NEW!



POTTERY FOR ALL! DAY & NIGHT CLASSES - SESSION 25A W/PAT SCHROEDER

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

Mondays 2/9, 23, 3/2, 9, 16, 23/2026 (no class 2/16/26) 12:30-3pm* no class 2/16/26

[Pottery For All! -DAY CLASS- Session 25a 12:30-3pm 2/9/26-3/23/26 *no class 2/16/26](#)

[Pottery For All! -NIGHT CLASS- Session 25b 6-8:30pm 6-8:30pm -2/9-3/23/26 *no class 2/16/26](#)



Love at First Punch - a Valentine's Day Punch Needle Rug Hooking Workshop

Looking for a creative way to celebrate Valentine's Day? Join this beginner friendly punch Needle rug hooking class where you will learn the basics, while making an 8"x8" sweetheart Inspired design. Singles, couples, or if you're Valentining it; this class is the perfect way to stitch Up some love. Choose from the blue Patchwork Heart kit or the pink Patchwork Heart kit.

Ages: 17+ Ability Level: Beginner To Advanced

Saturday, 2/14/2026 Time: 9am-5pm

Members \$100 Non Members \$135

[Love at First Punch-a Valentine's Day Punch Needle Rug Hooking Workshop 2/14/2026 9am-5pm](#)

Learn with Mandy Alsager - a certified Oxford Punch Needle instructor



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 links

All events
will be held
at UNA

UNA ARTIST SPEAKER SERIES 2026

A DAY WITH **ELLIE HAROLD** ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

MORNING BOOK SESSION WITH ELLIE HAROLD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE CWPL LIBRARY

Follow the journey that Ellie took from Registered Nurse, to Unity Minister, to Artist, through a review of her books including her latest: **Monet, Mitchell & Me: A Painter's Pilgrimage (2023)** chronicling her journey to France to resolve a creative block. Learn why Ellie identifies as “A Late Blooming Artist Making Vibrant Healing Art.” Learn more about Ellie at <https://www.ellieharold.com/> or check out Timestamp's You Tube channel.

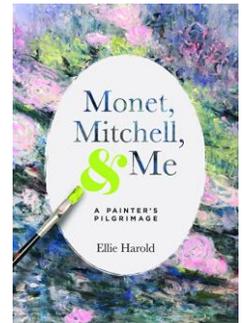
This is a fascinating interview of her early years and her artistic process:

[“All I had to do was get my fear out of the way.”](#)

Saturday, February 21 Time: 10am – Noon

[FREE Registration for Morning Book & Art Conversation with Ellie Harold 02/21/2026 10am-12pm](#)

Books will be
available for
sale.



STAY FOR LUNCH WITH ELLIE AFTER THE BOOK TALK OR BEFORE THE WORKSHOP \$20

[Lunch Tickets for Box Lunch with Ellie 2/21/26 - 12:00 – 12:45pm](#)

“HOW TO DO YOUR ART: LIBERATING THE INNER ARTIST” WORKSHOP WITH ELLIE HAROLD

Your art is waiting for you! Have you longed to express yourself in paint or some other art medium? Would you like to loosen up and enjoy your art-making more? Does perfectionism get in your way?

If so, this 2-hour mini-workshop is Designed for you! Ages: 16+ Beginner

Saturday, February 21 Time: 1-3pm

Members \$50 (Workshop Only) (\$70 with box lunch @ 12-12:45pm)

Non-Members \$60 (Workshop Only) (\$80 with box lunch @ 12-12:45p

[Artist Speaker Series 2026 Workshop with Ellie Harold 02/21/2026 1-3pm](#)



ONE-ON-ONE MINI MENTORING SESSION WITH ELLIE HAROLD ONLY 3 SPOTS AVAILABLE

Bring samples of your art. Three 30-minute slots available

Saturday, February 21 Time: 3:15 - 4:45pm

Cost is \$50 which you will pay directly to Ellie at the beginning of your session

[One on One Mini Mentoring Session with Ellie Harold 02/21/2026 3:15-4:45 - ONLY 3 SPOTS AVAILABLE](#)

OPEN SEW MONDAYS - 12 Noon – 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 enjoy OPEN SEW.**

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

BOTH OF THESE MEMBER BENEFITS ARE ON A DROP-IN BASIS! No registration required.



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 enjoy OPEN ART and create with other artists. Join Us!

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



What made you decide to join the UNA Board?

I joined the Up North Arts board because I thought it would be a good way to support our local art community.

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

I don't care for leadership roles, I prefer to support. I have a background in painting and illustration, and 13 years of teaching experience in public schools. For the past three years I have taught art classes for CAPS (go Vikings!). I currently teach high school ceramics and photography at CHS [Cadillac High School].

What is your favorite artistic medium?

My favorite artistic medium is pen and ink.

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

Yes, but nothing you can own. Teaching is an art. In fact, teaching maybe the greatest art, and all those hours I poured into drawing and painting now gets poured into my students, with just as much passion and love. My gift, my art is I create artists.

UNA Board Member Highlight:

ELIZABETH LAKIN

- Board member 2025-2026



What was one of your more memorable experiences?

My favorite memory involving art was turning the corner in The Kings Gallery and seeing DeVinci's hand drawn anatomy notes right there in front of me. There was some uncontrolled weeping.

Who is your favorite artist?

Who's my favorite artist... like what? This is an impossible question. I just started a list and I had to stop. I do not have one, and you didn't ask for a list. My favorite local artist is Anthony SlaughterHawk, go buy one of his hats!

Current Favorite Song?

You Get What You Give - New Radicals

BECOME A MEMBER OF UP NORTH ARTS TODAY!



Membership Levels

- Youth Membership 18 & Under \$15
- Student Over 18 with Valid School ID \$25
- Adult Over 18 Membership \$35
- Senior Membership 62 and over \$30
- Couples Membership \$60
- Active Duty Military \$30

Up North Arts Members Save Money & Receive Benefits Too!






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<https://upnorthartsinc.com/memberships/>




UNA "Support Local Artists" t-shirt designed by Anthony SlaughterHawk with support from B.C. Pizza \$25. At the UNA Store:

<https://upnorthartsinc.app.neoncrm.com/np/publicaccess/browseProducts.do>



December & January classes
Left: Pottery wheel
Below & Right: Resin plates



Northern Lites Readers Theatre

Pack Your Bags



A Very Open House

by Bonnie Grooters

Two sisters, a family reunion and no place to sleep

Turbulence

by Tony Targan

A budding romance in the sky

*Romance Senior Style: The Singles Cruise**

by Sherry Churchill

A singles cruise brings out the claws

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2:00

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2:00

Up North Arts • 601 Chestnut Street •

TICKETS \$10.00

at Brinks Art & Frame and Horizon Books

Online at [Readers Theatre Presents: "Pack Your Bags" 2/21 @ 2pm and 2/22 @ 2pm](#)

Tickets sold at the door



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CADILLAC ARTS COUNCIL

Please Support our Fellow **CAC** Organizations

- Cadillac Area Symphony Orchestra
- Cadillac Community Chorus
- Cadillac Footliters
- Cadillac Garden Club
- Cadillac Philharmonic Club
- Clam Lake Band
- Friends of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library
- Gopherwood
- Jam & Bread
- Up North Arts
- Wexford County Historical Society



For more info on Cadillac area events go to

Cadillac Area Visitors Bureau

<https://cadillacmichigan.com/>



ART INSPIRATION

"When art critics get together they talk about Form and Structure and Meaning. When artists get together, they talk about where you can buy cheap turpentine."

-Pablo Picasso

Gopherwood concerts

CADILLAC, MICHIGAN SINCE 1984



Join Us

Mary Sue Wilkinson & Mark Schrock
Cadillac Elks Lodge

Saturday
February 7th
7 PM - 9PM