

Up North Arts Newsletter

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Art Fair Volunteers Needed!

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THE WEEKEND SUCCESSFUL

JULY 17TH AND 18TH, 2026

58TH ANNUAL PHYLLIS OLSON ART JURIED ART FAIR



Make A Difference!
Join The Fun!
Bring The Family!
Sign-Up Is Easy!



<https://signup.com/go/KXvQYrW>

QUESTIONS? ARTFAIR@UPNORTHARTSINC.COM



Thurs - Sat
July 16, 17, 18
See the complete
schedule of events
on page 2.

CADILLAC FREEDOM
FESTIVAL SCHEDULE
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FART RUN
a family fun color run
BENEFITING WEXFORD 4-H'S

FART CLUB

JULY 16, 2026 | 6:00 PM
Cadillac Performing Arts Pavilion

MORE INFORMATION
832-691-0421 cleme305@msu.edu

WEXFORD COUNTY
4-H GROWS HERE
Michigan State University Extension

Cadillac FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Up North Arts
CADILLAC, MICHIGAN

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**SPONSORSHIP
RESULTS IN
AUGUST!**

CREATORS CAMP
Summer Art
A dynamic, all-inclusive art experience designed to ignite and nurture young imaginations.

JULY 27-30, 2026
1st through 8th Grades

REGISTER HERE

SUMMER ART CAMP 2026 Creators Camp 1st-4th Grade - 9am-12pm - July 27-30, 2026
SUMMER ART CAMP 2026 Creators Camp 5th-8th Grade - 1pm-4pm - July 27-30, 2026

Color Theory, 2D Art, 3D Art, Drawing, Painting, Printing, Clay

\$65 MEMBERS | \$85 NON MEMBERS
1-4th Grade 9am - 12pm 5-8th Grade 1-4pm

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY
231-468-3040
upnorthartsinc.com
classes@upnorthartsinc.com

Up North Arts
CADILLAC, MICHIGAN

POTTERS – YOU ASKED FOR IT, HERE IT IS!

Up North Arts
Cadillac, Michigan

DROP-IN STUDIO TIME!

Starting June 3rd 2026

WEDNESDAYS 6-9 PM & SATURDAYS 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM



Wheel Use for Qualified Potters
Hand Building Area Available

For Experienced Potters Only!

- Must have completed wheel throwing or hand building class.
- Membership Required.

ONLY 20 CARDS AVAILABLE!

5 Studio Visits • 25 lbs Clay • 10 Firings!

\$200 Punch Card

- Work Independently
- Personal Clay Storage Bin
- Instructor Supervised Sessions

Buy Your Punch Card!
+ 5 Visits + Clay + Firings = \$200

UpNorthArtsInc.com

601 Chestnut St.
Cadillac, Michigan
231-468-3040

Purchase on our website



Purchase card here



[Open Clay Studio! For Members Only Beginning June 3 - Wed 6-9 PM & Sat 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM](#)

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Audio & Visual
- Board Members/Secretary
- 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/>



CLASSES AND EVENTS – register on the links

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! \$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 July 7 – July 14 Time: 3-5pm

Members \$15 Non Members \$20 Suggested Donation – One time 1 session or all 11!

[Ukulele Strumming for all ages and abilities with Laurie McKay](#)



OPEN CLAY STUDIO! FOR MEMBERS ONLY

For Experienced Potters and Handbuilders

Wednesdays 6–9 PM & Saturdays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

\$200.00 For Members Only

Prerequisite: Must have previously completed a wheel throwing or hand building class at UNA

[Open Clay Studio! For Members Only Beginning June 3 - Wed 6–9 PM & Sat 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM](#)

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for more info



WATERCOLOR PAINTING SUMMER FLOWERS WITH JULIE RAABE GENTRY

Capture the joy of watercolor while painting outdoors in one of Cadillac's beautiful local gardens! Learn techniques of watercolor, sketching, and journaling. Create 3-4 watercolor paintings along with journaling notes. Leave with a watercolor journal and resources for further exploration. Spend time to relax, reflect, refresh, get artsy, and have fun expressing yourself while painting in a lovely garden of flowers!

Saturday, July 11, 2026 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Ages 18+ (a teen studying art may take class) Beginners+

All materials will be provided, watercolor paints, brushes, and a journal.

These will be student grade, so please feel free to bring your own favorite art supplies.

Members \$40 Non Members \$50

Additional Materials Fee: \$10 paid directly to the instructor at beginning of class

*We will meet at one of Cadillac's local gardens TBD. This class is outdoors, please dress appropriately. (Sunscreen, bug spray, hat, camp chair and water.) In case of rain we will be at Up North Arts.

[Watercolor Painting Summer Flowers with Julie Raabe Gentry - Saturday July 11, 2026 9:30am-12:30pm](#)



EMPOWERED MOVEMENT: BELLY DANCE BASICS, 4 SESSIONS – MORNING CLASS

This all-level belly dance class focuses on developing fluidity, strength, and control through movements centered on the hips, shoulders, and core. Dancers of all experience levels are guided through isolations, combinations, and gentle conditioning exercises designed to enhance body awareness and flexibility. The class begins with a dynamic warm-up to prepare the muscles and joints, followed by technique drills that refine hip articulations, shoulder shimmies, and undulations. Emphasis is placed on posture, alignment, and connecting movement with breath and rhythm. This class encourages self-expression, confidence, and the joy of movement while deepening participants' connection to the art of belly dance.

Ages: 12+ Ability Level: All Students should bring to class: Yoga Mat and Water

Purchase a yearly membership for member pricing and additional benefits.

Saturdays, August 8, 15, 22 & 29 Time: 9 - 10am

Members \$50 Non Members \$ 65

[Empowered Movement: Belly Dance Basics, 4 sessions - August 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2026 - 9am-10am](#)



MAHJONGG MADNESS! MONDAYS, AUGUST 10 & OCTOBER 12

Up North Arts welcomes all Mahjongg players, Newbies to Mavens, for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! Players will need to have their 2026 National Mahjongg League card, and bring a Mahjongg set, if available. Enjoy an afternoon with fellow Mahjongg enthusiasts!

If registering more than one person, 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 available

Mondays, 1 – 4 pm, Members and Non-Members \$10 Register for all at the same time!

[Mahjongg Madness! Mondays, August 10, 2026 1-4pm \\$10](#)

[Mahjongg Madness! Mondays, October 12, 2026 1-4pm \\$10](#)



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

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



PLEIN AIR CHALLENGE WEEKLY GATHERINGS



OFFICE HOURS

We apologize for not having established consistent office hours yet.

If you would like to come to the office and meet with us, please call 231-468-3040 to set an appointment.

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!



upnorthartsinc.com
info@upnorthartsinc.com 231-468-3040

Scholarships Available

We've set aside funds for scholarships for classes and memberships. Please fill out an application on our website.



We are here to help

www.upnorthartsinc.com



231-468-3040

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, AUGUST 11 at 5:30pm** at Up North Arts Center, 601 Chestnut (across from CAPS stadium). No meeting in July,

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A BOARD SECRETARY AND ADDITIONAL 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.



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

Or call 231-468-3040

601 Chestnut Street, Suite 3, Cadillac, MI 49601

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Up North Arts
CADILLAC, MICHIGAN

Spring

YART SALE CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR
DONATIONS WILL BE KEPT FOR NEXT YEAR.

Office Hours Vary
Please call or see our Facebook Page

UP NORTH ARTS, INC
601 CHESTNUT ST. CADILLAC, MI

**VISIT THE UNA
BOOTH AT THE
PHYLLIS OLSON
ART FAIR
on July 17 & 18**

**Learn more about
UNA; the classes
and events we
offer; what you can
do to volunteer;
and, how to help us
keep our doors
open.**

**Also, look for
UNA members' art
on display (and
for sale) in the
UNA booth.**



**JULY
2-5, 2026**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FULL DETAILS AT CADILLACFREEDOMFESTIVAL.COM

2 THU	PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS 7:00 p.m. Dusk	UpBeat Cadillac Music Series Fire Dept Family Movie Night	Rotary Pavilion Rotary Pavilion
3 FRI	9:00 a.m. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.+ 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.+ 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.+ 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.+ 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Freedom 5K Car & Motorcycle Show Craft & Vendor Show Food Vendors (9am Breakfast @ Chico's Truck) Gelly Ball Petting Zoo Foam Party 50/50 Raffle & Car Show Awards Free Kids Activities Live Music: Stranded Hobos Kids Pizza & Splash Pad Dance Party Bingo with Jam & Bread Car Cruise Live Music: California Summer	Lake Street S Mitchell Commons - City Park Commons - City Park Commons - City Park Commons - City Park Commons - Splash Pad Mitchell Street Commons - Market Rotary Pavilion Commons - Splash Pad Commons - Market Meet at United Methodist Rotary Pavilion
4 SAT	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.+ 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.+ 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.+ 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.+ 1:00 p.m. 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. Dusk	Craft & Vendor Show Food Vendors (9am Breakfast @ Chico's Truck) Petting Zoo Gelly Ball Independence Day Parade Foam Party Northern Lights Irish Dancers Live Music: North 44 Live Music: Greg Nagy Band Fire on the Water Veteran Tribute Fireworks + Music (Listen on 107.9 CDV)	Commons - City Park Commons - City Park Commons - City Park Commons - City Park Commons - Splash Pad Commons - Market Rotary Pavilion Rotary Pavilion Next to Rotary Pavilion View from East Side of Lake Cadillac
5 SUN	10:00 a.m.	Church in the Park	Rotary Pavilion

COMMUNITY SPONSORS



Saturday, July 19, 1:30 – 2:30pm

PERFORMING ARTS

@ the Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion



Northern Lights Dance Academy

SPOTLIGHT

Cadillac FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Come for the ART



Phyllis Olson
Juried Art Fair



Stay for the Fun

**Just a few of the artists at the Phyllis Olson Art Fair
on July 17 & 18**

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

Cadillac Area Symphony
Orchestra, Cadillac
Community Chorus,
Cadillac Footlitters,
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



Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

Thursday July 16
9 to 6
Friday July 17
9 to 5
Saturday July 18
Bag Sale - 10 to 12

Cadillac
Festival of the Arts

Cadillac Wexford Public Library
411 S Lake St, Cadillac MI 49601



CADILLAC GARDEN CLUB

**Festival of the Arts
FIRST NIGHT MURALS
RECEPTION**

4H / MSU EXTENSION OFFICE
401 N. Lake St.

Friday July 17 1pm – 3pm

SOUND GARDEN CLEAN UP
2nd Saturday of the month - July 11
9am – 11am from May – October
ALSO - Every Wednesday from
9am - 11am

Friday, July 17 @ 6pm
Rotary Pavilion



Cadillac Footlitters
Season 62



2026 Sponsorships

June 18-August 27
Thursdays in the Park
Up Beat Cadillac Music Series

July 3
Cadillac Freedom Festival
California Summers

July 18
Cadillac Festival of the Arts
Musical Mayhem in the Market



BINGO
JULY 3RD
5:30 PM

With Jam & Bread
at the Commons

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<https://cadillacmichigan.com/>



CLAM LAKE BAND CONCERT SCHEDULE

Weekly concerts take place on Monday nights from 7:00–8:00 p.m., June 29 through August 3, all held at the Rotary Performing Arts Pavilion.

Special performances include:

- July 13 – Christmas in July
- July 27 – Battle of the March Kings
- August 3 – Best of the Season (Season Finale)
- July 18 – Featured performance during the Cadillac Festival of the Arts

