



Up North Arts Newsletter

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Office hours

Our office hours currently vary from week to week. Please call before stopping by.

Our mission: To sponsor, promote, and encourage the creative efforts and appreciation of visual, performing, and literary arts in the greater Cadillac community!

Executive Board

President – Chris Fisher
Vice President – Jill Doederlein
Treasurer – Jim Meister
Secretary – Rosemary Rokita

2026 Board Meeting Dates

Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 5:30
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 5:30
Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 5:30
Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 5:30

New board members
are welcome!

Betty Hoffman: A Quiet Legacy of Beauty

This September, our UNA family celebrates the life and work of local collage artist Betty Hoffman. Please join us at a reception and sale honoring Betty at UpNorth Arts on September 26 and 27, 2026.

Betty and John Hoffman moved to Cadillac in November of 2006. Betty, a talented collage artist, joined the Cadillac Area Artist's Association that same fall. Both Betty and John worked to help establish Up North Arts, Inc. in 2017 and remained active members of our artist community.

Meticulously combining glass and various natural materials, Betty created beautiful and unique collages. The resulting artworks are stunning. Betty was a quiet, modest woman who avoided the spotlight. She reluctantly entered the 2018 UNA spring art show and won first place, and then promptly donated her prize money back to UNA.

Betty lost her lengthy battle with cancer this past spring. It was her wish that more than 20 of her works of art be offered for public sale, with all proceeds to be treated as donations to Up North Arts, Inc. in her memory.

Honoring this request, a reception and sales event will take place in the UNA Founders' Room on Saturday, September 26 from 12 to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, September 27, from 2 to 5 p.m. Please join us to share in the legacy of art left by Betty Hoffman.



Betty L. Hoffman 1950-2026



"Spring in Cincinnati" Collage by Betty Hoffman
First place: UNA Spring Art Show - 2018

Cadillac Captured in Plein Air Works

The Cadillac Area Plein Air Exhibit Committee invites artists who participated in the Cadillac Plein Air Challenge, held from May through October 2026 to take part in a special art exhibit celebrating Cadillac. The exhibit will be held at Horizon Books, 115 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, Michigan, from October 15 through October 18. An opening night celebration on October 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This exhibit is a celebration of the artists who captured Cadillac and the surrounding area through plein air painting throughout the season. Whether you completed one piece or several, your work is part of the story of this challenge, and we encourage you to participate.

Please send an email sharing your interest and the number and dimension of pieces you would like to share to cadillacpleinair.lisawilliams@gmail.com by September 18. Please check your email for additional information about presentation and drop off and collection.

We look forward to gathering and celebrating the creative work inspired by Cadillac's plein air season. Thank you for being part of this challenge, and we hope to see your work included in the exhibit!

UNA people

Say Hi to new friends from our amazing UNA community!

Welcome to our new board member, Pamela Helder Naylor

Pam moved to Cadillac, and our UNA community, a year ago from Norway, bringing with her two dogs, boxes of accidentally broken glass, and an infectious enthusiasm for color and spice. She currently works at Cadillac High School as a special needs mathematics specialist, and is owner of GingerSwirl Studios, her garage glass fusing workspace.



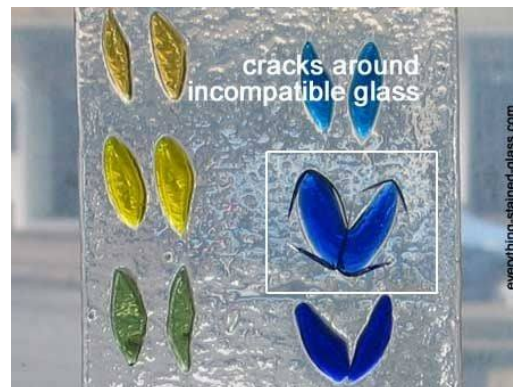
Pam began working in fused glass while living in Washington State, 25 years ago. She fell in love with the vibrancy of the colors and the forgiving nature of glass. At UNA, she has joined the weekly ceramics handbuilding class and attended glass fusing workshops taught by artist Beth Wallin. She will be teaching an intergenerational class art class on Saturdays this autumn.

'Joining the UNA board has been inspiring!' Pam writes, "Our meetings are rife with humor, passion for the arts, and a dedication to growing UNA into a farther-reaching creative space.' Her drive for joining the board is around helping to design a long-term growth plan for UNA, 'UNA has the community support and vision to expand systematically into a facility supporting more and more artistic mediums - silversmithing, leatherworking, improv theater. Our future is great!'

The Creative Fix

What is special about the glass used by fused glass artists?

Glass fusing is a form of art in which glass is shaped and layered, then melted in a kiln, to create colorful effects. Fused glass artists use special types of glass because different glasses expand and contract at different rates when heated and cooled. Glass made for fusing is carefully manufactured to have a specific coefficient of expansion (COE), which helps ensure that pieces melted, or fused, together are compatible. If incompatible glasses are combined, stress can develop as the piece cools, causing cracks, bubbles or breakage found when they are removed from the kiln. For this reason, artists must be cautious when using recycled or other found glass, such as bottles or window glass, because its compatibility may be unknown. Fusing glass is also designed to behave predictably at kiln temperatures, helping artists create artwork that is both beautiful and durable. Its pretty 'hot' stuff!



Become a
UNA
volunteer!

However you can help, you are needed!

Join our vibrant team of volunteers working to make art available to everyone in our Cadillac community! You can find a home here empowering young artists, tackling the supply room, setting up tables and chairs, or working on a board committee. Your enthusiasm and kindness are welcome!

Submit a volunteer form at <https://upnorthartsinc.com/volunteer>

Create. Teach.
Inspire.

Up North Arts is looking for artists, makers, and creative minds to lead classes and workshops. Share your skills.

Spark new ideas. Help someone discover a passion they never knew they had.

Whether you teach professionally or simply love your craft, your creativity can make a lasting impact.

Join us in creating, teaching, and inspiring our community! Create a course proposal and submit it

online at
upnorthartsinc.com

Classes and workshops

Children's After School Art Club - grades 1 - 5 & 6 - 9

Spark your child's imagination in our 6-week After School Art Club! Designed specifically for grades 1-5 or 6-9, this engaging after-school program meets every Tuesday to help young creators explore their unique artistic voice. Throughout this session, students will dive into a variety of art media, allowing them to experiment, build confidence, and develop real artistic skills in a fun, supportive environment. Each week features a new, hands-on project designed to let their imaginations soar! At Up North Arts, every child is an artist!

Ability level: All **Ages:** grades 1 - 5 or 6 - 9

Cost: member \$60 non-member \$75

Register here: Grades 1 - 5: Autumn session: 9/1 - 10/6 Time: 4 - 5pm
Grades 6 - 9: Autumn session: 9/1 - 10/6 Time: 5:15 - 6:15pm

Grand Art-venture

Grand Art-venture is a four-part creative series designed for grandparents and grandchildren to make art, memories, and meaningful connections together. Each session offers a new hands-on adventure made for two—exploring clay, printmaking, fused glass, and colorful flowers made from recycled materials. Come create side by side, try something new, and discover how art can bring generations together.

Ability level: All **Ages:** 6+

Cost: member \$100 non-member \$120 (four classes for each pair)
- materials fee: \$10 per class for each pair (\$40 total)

Register here: Grand Art-adventure Saturdays
September 12, 10-11:30 - Get a little muddy! (clay)
October 10, 10-11:30 - Make your mark! (printmaking)
November 14, 10-11:30 - Glass with a little sparkle! (fused glass)
December 12, 10-11:30 - Trash to blooms! (recycled materials flowers)

Membership at Up NorthArts has its benefits!

- Discounts on classes
- Members-only classes
- Support community arts

Membership Levels

Students (under 18)	\$15
Students (over 18)	\$25
Adults (over 18)	\$35
Seniors (over 62)	\$30
Couples	\$60
Family	\$80
Active duty military	\$30

Join online at upnorthartsinc.com

The Clay Corner

Wheel Throwing for All!

This hands-on pottery class is perfect for beginners looking to explore wheel throwing techniques. With personal instruction from Kassie Hearth, 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!

Ability level: All **Age:** 18+

Cost: member \$175 non-member \$200

Register here: 9/3, 10, 17, & 24, 2026 Time: 5 - 8pm

Handbuilding for All!

Discover the joy of working with clay as you pinch, shape, texture, and build your own one-of-a-kind creation. In this class you will learn handbuilding techniques, as well as glazing processes. Because projects are selected by the student, this class is geared for both the beginner and the experienced potter. Clay and glaze are included in the cost.

Ability level: All **Age:** 12+

Cost: member \$135 non-member \$170

Register here:

Day class: Mondays 9/14-10/19/2026

Time: 12:30 - 3:00

Night class: Mondays 9/14-10/19/2026

Time: 6 - 8:30

Open Clay Studio!

UNA members are invited to hone their ceramics skills during open clay studio. Register below to purchase a punch card, good for instructor supervised studio time and firings. Clay and glazes included with punch card.

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

Members only: \$200 for initial punch card

Register here: Wednesdays 6-9pm or Saturdays 9:30-12pm

Classes and Workshops, cnt.

Open Sew Mondays!

Build time in your week to be creative and socialize with other sewists in our comfortable classroom! Bring your project supplies and take advantage of our group knowledge to inspire your own project. We provide an ironing station and cutting table. You may bring your own machine or reserve one of ours for only \$5. Come out for as many hours as you'd like.

Ability Level: All **Ages:** 14+

Members only: Free!

Mondays – indefinitely (closed on holidays) 12:30pm – 3pm

Open Art Studio!

Nurture your artistic soul each week during open art studio each Wednesday! We do a little bit of everything - watercolor, beading, knitting, crafting, drawing, etc. Bring your supplies and your project, and enjoy our comfortable workspace and great company! Bring your lunch and some snacks too!

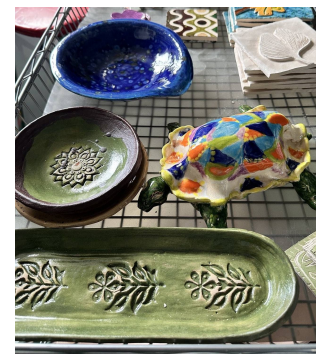
Ability Level: All **Ages:** 14+

Members only: Free!

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Summer Ceramics!
August 2006



Mahjongg Madness!

Up North Arts welcomes all Mahjongg players, Newbies to Mavens, for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! Please bring a 2026 National Mahjongg League card, and Mahjongg set, if available.

Ability level: All **Cost:** Members and Non-Members \$10

Register here: Monday, October 12, 2026, 1 - 4pm



Mahjongg Madness -
August 2026



Speaker Series: September Presenting: Gayla McDonald



Join 2026 Dorothy Sorensen
Painting Award winner
Gayla McDonald for an evening
of learning and exploring 'The
Art of Plane'.

September 22, 2026, 6 - 8pm

Cost: Free to all
Held at UpNorthArts

Special friends and events

SEPT. 12, 2026
10 AM - 4 PM

Cadillac Book Fest

The Marketplace at the Cadillac Commons

Meet the authors, buy the books, enjoy a literary event that is free to the public! Featuring books for all ages and genre fans!

friendsofthecadillaclibrary@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF THE CADILLAC LIBRARY

CWPLL
Cadillac-Wolford Public Library

CADILLAC
Cadillac-Horton Music Building

Northern Lites Readers Theatre

Now Playing



Old Hams

A Modern-Day Melodrama
By Bob Rinfrat

Saturday, September 19, 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 20, 2:00 p.m.

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TICKETS \$10.00

Brinks Art & Frame, Horizon Books and at the door

Online at <https://bit.ly/NLRTickets>

UpNorthArts

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CTM
Community Theatre
Association of Michigan

Up North Arts Cadillac, Michigan

DROP-IN STUDIO TIME!

Starting June 3rd 2026

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

Up North Arts
Good clay. Good vibes.
DROP-IN STUDIO PASS
Make. Mess. Magic.

For Experienced Potters Only!

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

ONLY 20 CARDS AVAILABLE!

Wheel Use for Qualified Potters
Hand Building Area 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

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Purchase on our website
<https://upnorthartsinc.org/clients/upnorthartsinc/event/up/event17401>

DOWNTOWN CADILLAC

SIP & PAINT FOR THE COMMUNITY MURAL PROJECT!

Ready. Set. Paint

Sip, paint, and make a difference. Join us at one of the following locations to help build a more beautiful community.

Want to be a host of your own party? Reach out via email or call to get one on the schedule!

\$50 SUGGESTED DONATION

Upcoming Dates for Sip & Paints

- Saturday, August 8, 2026 - 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 - Wildflower Bakery Event Space
 - Food & drinks Available to purchase
- Thursday, August 20, 2026 - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 - Non Stop Farm
 - Live music, Food and Drinks Available to purchase
- Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 - Primrose BBQ
 - Food & Drinks Available to purchase

ONLY 350 TILES AVAILABLE!

Sponsor or Donate

Learn More

Contact Us 231-281-7458 towens@cadillac-mi.net

FIBEREXPO II

Spring
Mar. 28 & 29, 2026
Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds Ann Arbor, Michigan
Sat. 9 - 5 • Sun. 10 - 4

Fall
Oct. 3 & 4, 2026

Classes, Vendors, Animals

An event created to showcase fiber art and fiber products.

Classes held in spinning, knitting, felting, dying natural fibers, and much more.

Vendor booths' holding yarns, art, garments & accessories.

Animals: sheep, angora rabbits, alpacas - raw fleece to finished product

For more information:
www.fiberexpo.com
Email: info@fiberexpo.com
Phone: 567-249-3294

**DOOR PRIZES!
SNACKS!**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026
1-4PM

MAHJONGG MADNESS!

SIGN UP TODAY ON THE WEBSITE

\$10

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BRING 2026 NATIONAL MAHJONGG LEAGUE CARD AND A MAHJONGG SET, IF AVAILABLE

Up North Arts
Cadillac, Michigan

Cadillac Garden Club

HOME Tour

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

SCAN ME

Cadillac Garden Club

All are welcome!

Sound Garden Clean Up
Second Saturday each month
& every Wednesday

9am - 11am

Visit us at
Cadillac Garden Club

