



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

From Old Hams to Holiday Cheer: Northern Lites Is Back!

Northern Lites Readers Theatre is back on stage at Up North Arts! The group kicked off its ninth performance season this September with *Old Hams*, beginning another year of entertaining community theatre at UNA.

Next up is *A Christmas Trio*, featuring three one-act plays celebrating the holiday season. Performances will be held November 21 and 22, 2026, offering audiences a festive way to welcome the holidays while supporting local performers and the arts in our community.

Northern Lites Readers Theatre rehearses and performs in the Drill Deck at Up North Arts. Auditions are generally held about six weeks before each production, followed by rehearsals every Sunday from 2:00–4:30 p.m. until opening weekend. Saturday and Sunday matinee performances make the shows an easy addition to a weekend afternoon.

Following *A Christmas Trio*, Northern Lites has two additional productions planned this season, with performances scheduled for February 20–21 and April 17–18, 2027. Readers theatre puts the emphasis on storytelling, characters, and the spoken word, creating an engaging theatrical experience without the elaborate staging of a traditional production. Watch for upcoming audition announcements and performance details—and come see what Northern Lites Readers Theatre is bringing to the UNA stage this season!

Supporting the Arts, Strengthening Our Community

Up North Arts extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2026 Sponsorship Drive. Together, our sponsors donated more than \$9,300 to support UNA and our mission of enriching our community through the arts.

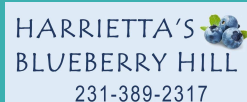
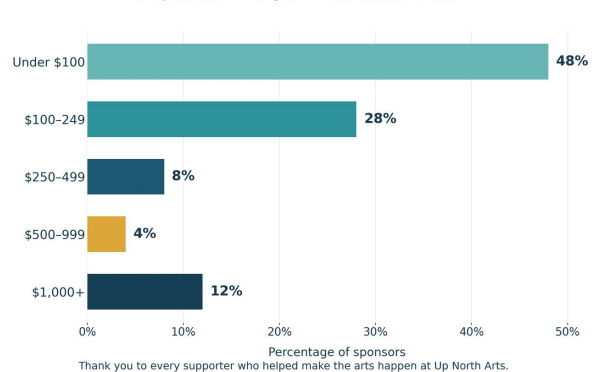
We are deeply grateful to the individuals, families, and local businesses who chose to invest in UNA this year, including Avon Protection, Harrietta's Blueberry Hill, Piranha Hose Products, Cadillac Family Physicians, Simple Expressions, and the many generous community members whose gifts—large and small—made this campaign a success.

Your sponsorship does much more than help keep our doors open. It helps UNA provide affordable classes and workshops, host exhibitions and special events, support local artists and instructors, offer opportunities for children and families, and continue expanding the ways people throughout our community can experience and participate in the arts.

Most importantly, your generosity tells us that you believe a vibrant arts community matters. Every class taken, artwork displayed, new skill learned, friendship formed, and creative experience shared at UNA is possible because people in our community choose to support what we do.

2026 Sponsorship Drive

25 sponsors • 32 gifts • \$9,381.08 raised



Welcome to our new board member, Pat Markham

Pat Markham brings to the UNA board a lifetime of experience working with non-profit/volunteer programs. As an ordained minister, she and her husband, Will Markham, have been pastoring for over 40 years. Her responsibilities have included program start-ups, organizing large events, teaching all ages, training volunteers, mentoring, hosting, speaking, writing, and promotion.



Her creative loves are piano and experimenting with many art mediums such as watercolor, ink, and pastel.

Her passion is to see people in all stages of life have the opportunity to build a solid artistic/creative foundation, along with the equipment and encouragement to realize their potential.

This summer, Pat launched a program for plein air artists that will soon conclude with an exhibition at Horizon Books in downtown Cadillac.

52 years of marriage have produced 3 sons, sixteen grandchildren, and now the ever-enlarging family tree branches of great-grandchildren.



The Creative Fix

What's the difference between greenware, bisque, and glaze-fired pottery?

Pottery passes through several stages before becoming a finished piece. *Greenware* refers to clay that has been shaped but not yet fired. Fresh clay is soft and workable. As it dries, it becomes *leather-hard*—firm enough to hold its shape but still damp enough to carve, trim, or attach handles and other pieces. Next comes *bone-dry*, when all visible moisture has evaporated. At this stage, the clay is very fragile and ready for its first kiln firing.

After the first firing, the piece is called *bisque*. It is now hard and durable but remains porous enough to absorb glaze. Once glaze is applied, the pottery is fired again. During this glaze firing, the glaze melts and bonds to the clay, creating a smooth, often colorful surface. The first firing isn't necessarily the hottest—the temperatures depend on the type of clay and glaze being used. From a soft lump of clay to a colorful finished piece, each stage is part of the magic of turning clay into ceramics!

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



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>

Classes and workshops

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

Spark your child's imagination in our 5-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: 10/22 - 11/19, 2026 Time: 4 - 5pm
Grades 6 - 9: Autumn session: 10/22 - 11/19, 2026 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. Late registration is OK!

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)



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: Thursdays 10/1 - 10/29, 2026

Time: 5:00-8:00 pm

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 10/26 - 11/30, 2026 **Time:** 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Night class: Mondays 10/26 - 11/30, 2026 **Time:** 6-8:30 pm

Beginning Handbuilding

Take your first step toward becoming a master potter! In this six week handbuilding class you will learn techniques for building pinch, coil, and slab pots, as well as basic texturing and glazing techniques. We guarantee laughter, experimentation, and a feeling of accomplishment - and ideally three finished pieces. Clay, tools, and firings are included in the cost of the course.

Ability level: All **Age:** 16+ **Cost:** member: \$180 non-member: \$200

Register here: Tuesdays, 10/13 - 11/17, 2026

Time: 6-8:30 pm

Classes and Workshops, cnt.

Empowered Movement: Bellydancing

This all-level belly dance class focuses on developing fluidity, strengths, and control through movements centered on tehhips, shoulders, and core. Enhance self-expression, confidence, and the joy of movement while deepening your connection to your body and the art of belly dance! Please bring a yoga mat and water to the drill deck at UNA.

Ability level: All

Cost: Members: \$50 non-members: \$65

Register here: Sundays, 10/11 - 11/1, 2026 Time: 12:00 - 1:00pm

Ukulele Strumming

Grab your own ukulele and come join us for community strumming sessions! No lessons will be given, however there will be lots of fun and friendly advice! The fee covers all sessions - however many sessions you would like! We highly recommend joining us for all sessions!

Ability Level: All

Ages: 14+

Cost: members: \$15 Non-members: \$20

Register here: Tuesdays, 9/29 to 12/15, 2026 **Time:** 3 - 5pm

Magjongg 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



Membership has its benefits! Including Open Studio times!

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!

Wednesdays - indefinitely (closed on holidays) 12 - 3pm



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 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 - additional punch card available

Wednesdays 6-9pm and Saturdays 9:30-12pm



CREATIVITY * COLLABORATION * COMMUNITY

Speaker Series: October Presenting: Dave Foley



"Writing Your Own Story"

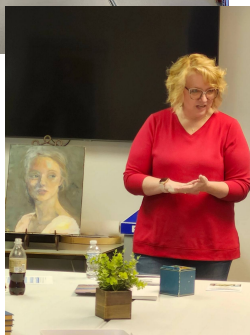
Cadillac author, columnist, teacher, and outdoorsman, Dave Foley shares his experiences and suggests hand-on activities to inspire creating authentic family histories. Dave will help you to begin journaling or start a family history. Ideas will be offered to help interview family members to help them recall special moments in their lives. Ideas will be shared on developing a writing style, as well as techniques to communicate more effectively.

October 27, 2026, 5 - 7pm
Cost: Free to all

Register here: [Dave Foley](#)



Thanks to Gayla McDonald for her inspiring presentation on The Art of Plane during our September Speaker Series offering!



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

Thanks to our many volunteers and guests who manned and visited the reception for artist Betty Hoffman. The turnout and artwork were remarkable!

Crushed Glass Resin Pour

Join the party and create your own custom crushed glass suncatcher October 22nd at Up North Arts in Cadillac! This project utilizes resin and a wide variety of colorful crushed glasses to create a vibrant and unique suncatcher!

\$55 includes step by step instruction, real crushed glass, resin, wooden template and all other supplies! Choose from 15 unique designs. Finished projects measure 12 inches. Get ready for some big time fun because we are about to CRUSH IT!

Register online at [Eventbrite](#).



Beach Glass Christmas Trees



Join the party and create your own custom beach glass Christmas tree November 19th at Up North Arts in Cadillac!

Michigan is known for its beautiful lakes and large sandy dunes. Beach glass is created when turbulent waves combine with coarse sand to create a natural rock tumbling effect. The resulting product is a mixture of wonderfully polished glass - a treasure that we will be utilizing to create our beautiful Christmas trees!

\$60 includes step by step instruction, a wide variety of beautiful beach glass, and all other necessary supplies. Finished projects measure approximately 9 inches tall. This workshop will be hosted and instructed by Vinny, also known as "The Richard Simmons of The Crafting World." He will surely keep things humorous and highly entertaining! Register online at [Eventbrite](#).

Special friends and events



Cadillac Footlites
Engage, Enrich, Entertain

Season 63
Cadillac Footlites
Lower Youth | Sept 17 - 20

Season 63
Cadillac Footlites
Oct 22 - 25

Season 63
Cadillac Footlites
April 2, 3, 8, 10

Season 63
Cadillac Footlites
June 11, 12, 18, 19

Season 63
Cadillac Footlites
Upper Youth | July 22 - 25

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The Sparrow



WEKFOR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
All Proceeds Support the Preservation & Mission of WCHS

Lumberjack MEETS Line Dancing

Wear your Flannel and Cowboy hat!
NOV. 7TH 2026
SATURDAY 6PM-9:30PM
CADILLAC ELKS LODGE
(122 S. MITCHELL ST. CADILLAC, MI 49601)

Line Dancing, Live Auction, Hors d'Oeuvres, Cash Bar
50/50 Raffle!

STANDARD TICKETS: \$50 - \$65
Advance Purchase - At the Door
Half off for Lifetime Members

For Sponsorship information and ticket purchase, visit wekfordcountyhistory.org

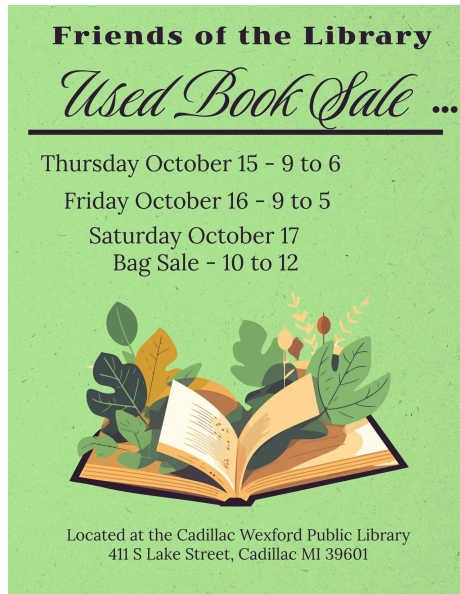


Our 2026/27 School Year Schedule is Out!

Northern Lights Dance Academy

Fall Registration opens 7/27/26

For more information and to register email us at dance.nlida@gmail.com or call (231) 923-2322



Friends of the Library
Used Book Sale ...

Thursday October 15 - 9 to 6
Friday October 16 - 9 to 5
Saturday October 17
Bag Sale - 10 to 12

Located at the Cadillac Wexford Public Library
411 S Lake Street, Cadillac MI 39601



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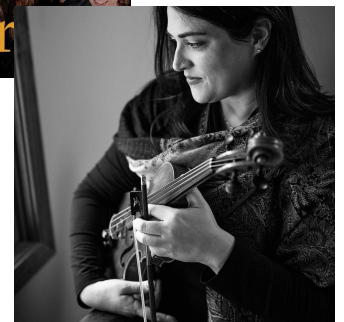
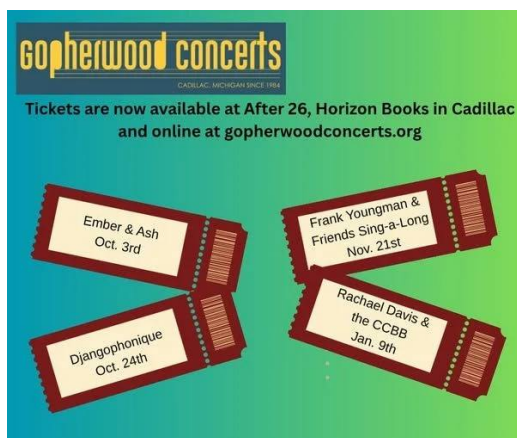
2026 Fall Tour

St. Olaf Orchestra
October 13, 7:00



Cadillac Area Symphony Orchestra

Sarah Ryden
November 22, 4:00

Gopherwood concerts
CADILLAC, MICHIGAN SINCE 1984

Tickets are now available at After 26, Horizon Books in Cadillac and online at gopherwoodconcerts.org

Ember & Ash Oct. 3rd
Frank Youngman & Friends Sing-a-Long Nov. 21st
Djangophonique Oct. 24th
Rachael Davis & the CCBB Jan. 9th



Cadillac Garden Club
HOME Tour

NOVEMBER 7, 2026



Cadillac Garden Club
All are welcome!

Sound Garden Clean Up
Second Saturday each month
& every Wednesday
9am - 11am

Visit us at Cadillac Garden Club

