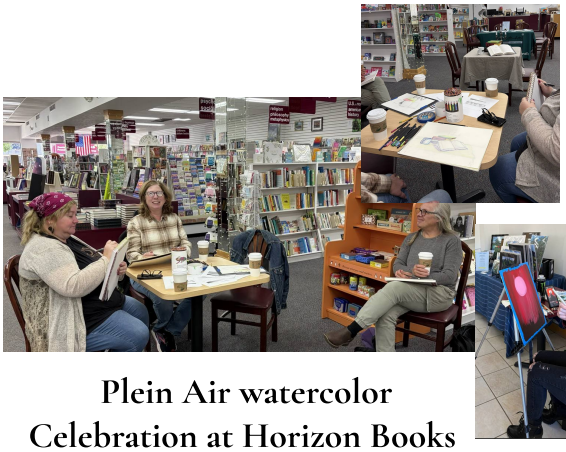
Up North Arts Newsletter

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Oh, What an Autumn!

October at UNA has been full of creation and joy! Take a tour with us!



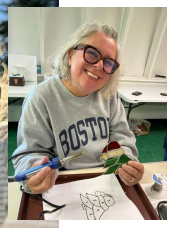
"Writing Your Own Story" with Dave Foley





Plein Air watercolor Celebration at Horizon Books





Crushed Glass Resin Pouring



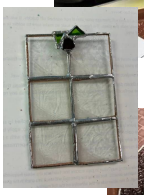






Beginning stained glass







Truck or Treat!



Look inside for our upcoming events!

Autumn classes and more!

- Handmade for the Holidays! (Ceramics)
- Clay and Sip
- Wheel Throwing for All!
- Beginning Stained Glass Ornaments
- Ukulele Strumming





Beach Glass Christmas Trees!

Join the party and create your own gorgeous Beach Glass Christmas Tree on November 19 with Vinny at Up North Arts in Cadillac! Look for registration details inside!

Phyllis Olson Juried Art Fair registration open!

Attention Artists! Registration for the 2027 Phyllis Olson Juried Art Fair begins November 1, 2026! Apply on Zapplication.

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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
V. President– Jill Doederlein
Treasurer - Jim Meister
Secretary – Rosemary Rokita

2026 Board Meeting Dates

Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 5:30
Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 5:30



UNA people

Say Hi to new friends from our amazing UNA community!

Pat Paveglio-Inspiring in the Arts



Pat Paveglio is a connoisseur of the theatrical arts. She has performed in local theatre and given her energy to local, state, and national theatre organizations. In addition to attending professional theatre performances in Stratford, Canada, and Meadow Brook Theater, Pat has traveled the country to see productions and AACTFest play competitions. She and her husband also served as chairs of the state's playwriting contest for several years..

In 2018, inspired by the energy of fellow UNA member Mollie Frier, Pat was one of the founding members of Northern Lites Readers Theatre under the auspices of Up North Arts.



"I particularly enjoy readers theatre. It's easier than regular theatre because there are no costumes, props, scenery or lines to memorize. It's harder than regular theatre for the same reasons – there are no costumes, props or scenery to help tell the story," Pat commented, "Today's readers theatres, however, have moved away from the dark black stools, music stands and costumes and now typically use more color and movement. It's a great way for actors to keep performing without the huge time commitment and memorization of "regular" theatre."

Pat welcomes everyone to Northern Lites Readers Theatre - with the only requirement being that one "plays well with others" (pun intended). Join the Fun!

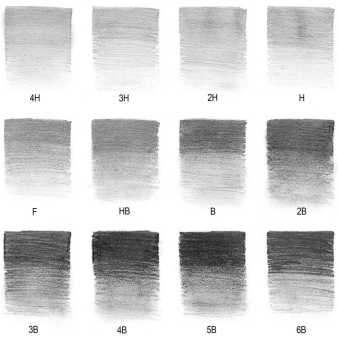
Create. Teach. Inspire.

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

The Creative Fix

What's the difference between drawing pencils labeled H, HB, and B?

Have you ever wondered what those mysterious letters and numbers on drawing pencils mean? They're actually a guide to the hardness of the graphite and the darkness of the marks it makes. Graphite is a naturally occurring form of carbon that, when mixed with clay, creates the familiar writing and drawing material inside pencils.



H stands for Hard. These pencils contain harder graphite mixtures, producing lighter, finer lines. They're ideal for preliminary sketches, technical drawings, and delicate details. The higher the number (2H, 4H, 6H), the harder and lighter the pencil. **B** stands for Black. These pencils have softer graphite mixtures that create darker, richer marks. They're wonderful for shading, blending, and expressive drawing. Higher numbers (2B, 4B, 6B) mean softer graphite and darker marks. **HB** falls right in the middle, offering a balance between hardness and darkness. It's the familiar everyday writing pencil! Try drawing the same object using an H, HB, and 4B pencil!

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



Holiday Stained Glass Ornaments

Beginning Stained Glass with Sherrie Sandell - Come to a workshop to create ornaments for gift giving or decking your halls! Participants will make holiday inspired or personalized ornaments while learning pattern making, glass cutting, grinding, foiling and soldering skills. Tools, equipment, glass and supplies will be provided. Only 6 seats available.

Ability level: Beginner
Cost: Member Fee: $125.00 Non-Member Fee: $155.00
Register here: Sunday, November 15 Time: 1-4 pm
Sunday, December 13 Time: 1 - 4 pm

Glass Christmas Tree Creation with Vinny!



Join the party and create your own custom beach glass Christmas tree November 19 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.

The Clay Corner

Holiday Clay & Sip - 21+

Gather your girlfriends for a fun and creative night, creating your choice of holiday pottery. Or come alone and meet some new friends! This class will be completed in two evenings. In the first session, you'll hand-build your unique pieces from clay. Choices will include Christmas trees, mugs, plates, ornaments, and more! In the second session, you'll return to paint and glaze your creations, ready for holiday display or gifting. Enjoy a fun, relaxed atmosphere, get creative, and socialize while making something beautiful for the season.

Ability level: All **Age:** 21+ Bring your ID and libation of choice. Snacks will be provided or bring your own to share.
Cost: member: $65 non-member: $85
Register here: 11/14 & 12/5 **Time:** 5:00-8:00 pm

Handmade for the Holidays!

Gather your significant other, girlfriends or kids for a fun and creative night, creating your choice of holiday pottery. Or come alone and meet some new friends! This class will be completed in two days.
Create your choice of holiday pottery, including Christmas trees, mugs, plates, ornaments, and more! In the first session, you'll hand-build your unique pieces from clay In the second session, you'll return to paint and glaze your creations, ready for holiday display or gifting. Enjoy a fun, relaxed atmosphere, get creative, and socialize while making something beautiful for the season. Good for beginners, and anyone looking to give a gift made with love.

Ability level: All **Age:** 14+
Cost: member: $60 non-member: $70
Register here: 11/15 & 12/6 **Time:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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 11/5-12/3, 2026 **Time:** 5:00-8:00 pm

Classes and Workshops, continued

Autumn and Winter with Cadillac Plein Air Artists

Plein air watercolor refers to the practice of painting with watercolors outdoors, directly from life, to capture the immediate effects of light, atmosphere, and changing weather. The term comes from the French expression en plein air, which translates literally to "in the open air", Join our Cadillac plein air group for our autumn and winter sessions! In clear weather we will travel to beautiful places around town, and in the chill, we will meet inside with warm drinks and welcome smiles. Please bring your own supplies and projects.

Ability level: All **Ages**: 14+
Cost: members: $30 non-members: $40
Register here: Tuesdays, 11/3-5/25 Time: 6 - 8 pm

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! Nor registration needed!

Ability Level: All **Ages:** 14+
Cost: members: $15 non-members: $20
Tuesdays, 9/29 to 12/15, 2026 **Time:** 3 – 5pm

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
Register here: Wednesdays 6–9 pm and Saturdays 9:30-12pm

CREATIVITY * COLLABORATION * COMMUNITY

In the Making...

Kids' Club resumes in January 2027

Kids' clubs are currently wrapping up until January. Watch the December newsletter for January Registrations. Lots more fun to come!



UNA 10 Year Anniversary Celebration

UNA's 10th Anniversary is coming in 2027! The planning committee welcomes all to join the team in making this a wonderful event!



Fused Glass Studio Coming Soon!

Beth Wallin, one of our fused glass instructors, is busy updating the glass studio with new tables and storage shelves. We can't wait to see the finished product!



Welcome to A Christmas Trio!

Northern Lites Readers Theatre presents: CAST LIST
Performances on November 21 & 22 on the Drill Deck at UNA
Tickets available at Brinks Framing and Horizon Books

Christmas Trio (Three one-act Plays)

O, Commi-Tree by Marcia Eppich-Harris
Mom – Jeanette Baumgras
Dad – Jim Smith
Cassie – Rose Clark
Walker – Jerry Ramsay
Talking Tree – Karolyn Lackey
Director – Pam Holmquist

Death by Poinsettia by Dwayne Yancey
Caroline – Pam Holmquist
Dwayne: George Lackey
Director – Penny Lowes

The Baker's House by Bonnie Grooters
Leslie – Penny Lowes
Karen – Lorne Archer
Debbie – Mary Kibbe
Elaine – LeeAnn Bartin
Rob – Jerry Ramsay
Nick – Ralph Annis
Director – Jim Smith

Membership at Up North Arts 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

Phyllis Olson
Juried Art Fair
Established 1968 Cadillac, Michigan

Applications Open
November 1st, 2026
Through
March 1st, 2027

Apply Today Through Zapplication

https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=15089

Have Questions? Visit Our Website!

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Special friends and events!





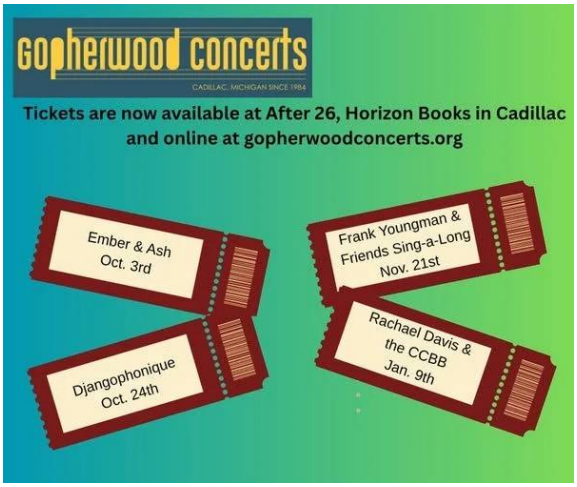




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Cadillac Area Symphony Orchestra



Sarah Ryden November 22, 4:00

