2015 Annual Arts & Cultural Guide
Your guide to arts & culture in the greater Ann Arbor area
Letter from the President

deb polich
President/CEO
The Arts Alliance

Welcome! Whether you live here or are visiting, you will find many reasons to enjoy the creative treasures of the greater Ann Arbor area, the place that thousands of artists, artisans, creative organizations and businesses call home. In every corner of Washtenaw County you can discover galleries, theaters, art centers, artisan markets, culinary riches, museums, specialty film theaters, cultural heritage centers, book fairs, fairy doors, festivals of all kinds and so much more. There is something for everyone, literally every day of the year!

The Arts Alliance is pleased to present the 2015 Annual Arts & Cultural Guide. It contains a listing and brief description of The Arts Alliance creative members – artists and creative organizations that keep this region at the top of the list of great places to create, work, live, learn, play and visit. Use the Guide as your resource to discover the vibrant creative sector and explore the varied and unique offerings of every town in Washtenaw County.

We encourage you to visit our members; seek out their creative skills, purchase original artwork that is available at a variety of price points and attend unique and top-quality cultural events. Spend a morning in Ypsilanti visiting its automotive heritage centers, check out Saline’s public art displays, venture to Manchester for a music festival, hop over to Chelsea to grab lunch and visit a gallery, stop by Dexter and hike the art trail and top off your day in Ann Arbor with a great dinner before heading to any number of music, theater or film events. When your stay ends and you are blissfully remembering every moment spent in the greater Ann Arbor area, begin planning your next creative adventure!

While you enjoy our creative offerings, please consider becoming a member of The Arts Alliance. Our creative sector plays an important role in building and sustaining economic vibrancy in the region by employing a creative workforce, spending money locally, generating revenue for the government and being a cornerstone of tourism. Our members declare publicly their commitment to the value of arts and culture in Washtenaw County.

The Arts Alliance thanks each and every one of its members, as well as every creative sector patron, for investing in the vibrancy of our community.

May every day be a day of creative discovery for everyone in the greater Ann Arbor area!

With warm regards,

deb.polich@A3arts.org

AN ABUNDANCE OF CREATIVITY!
The Greater Ann Arbor Area…combines small town charm with big city attractions. It connects you with a vibrant art scene and abundant cultural attractions. The city hosts various events and festivals throughout the year. – USA Today

With experimental new art spaces, a thriving gallery scene, and a burgeoning cocktail culture, this Midwestern city offers much more than the typical college-town charms. – New Yorker Magazine

…the sheer energy and the abundance of cultural opportunities, from classical dance performances to bluegrass concerts, makes a visit here a good time…– New York Times
A transformative grant in 1993 helped the University Musical Society present its very first Shakespeare residency - setting the stage for innovative theater programming and educational residencies at UMS that continue to attract and engage arts audiences today.

It’s one of the many ways we invest in local arts & culture organizations in ways that promote long-term impact - to ensure our community remains a vibrant place to live, work, learn, and visit.

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Before we had a written language, humans had to rely on gestures, paintings and words to tell their stories. No one knows when the first story was told, but we do know that the Storyteller was a member of early communities.

The art of storytelling is kept alive by folks like Lyn Davidge. After retiring from a career in the University of Michigan library system, Lyn took a class in storytelling and began telling with the Ann Arbor Storytellers’ Guild. Lyn once told a story that consisted of two people who met in the street and didn’t exchange a word. That this story was both entertaining and compelling speaks to Lyn’s talents as a storyteller.

**Why is this art important?**

How do artists increase awareness of storytelling? (Storytelling) has always been about connections. The world is a very disjointed society, and I can’t help but feel that sharing our stories—and what we share about ourselves in our stories—is an important way of reaching out.

The listeners are an important part of the storytelling process. I have had a variety of insights into myself, into my family...each listener brings something to the storytelling experience and their comments make me realize that there are new thoughts, perspectives, and insights for them as well.

As far as awareness, the (Ann Arbor Storytellers’) Guild is working on that right now! Sometimes, I tell people I’m a storyteller and they don’t understand the concept - they think I go to the library and read to children. However, entities like the Moth (a National Public Radio sponsored event) have brought the idea of storytelling more to the public.

**How do you create your stories?**

What are some things that make a good story? What makes a good told story and a good written story are very much the same thing, but the process is different. I have always liked to write, but that is not how I construct a story. I start by telling the story in my head and then I record it, listen back, and work on it that way. If I can get a version that is close to what I want to say, I can learn it and it gels when I listen to it.

At a basic level, you want to engage the audience and so you need a clear beginning, middle and end. You also want the story to be about something, although it may not be about the same thing for the teller as the audience. It helps to have a strong element of universality...

Also, it doesn’t have so much to do with delivery, everyone has their own style.

**What is your favorite story to tell?**

My two favorite stories to tell (so far) are called The Picnic and the 12/6 story. The first is about development and the change in a setting from its bucolic beginnings. The 12/6 story is about the Halifax (Nova Scotia) explosion in 1917 and its aftermath.

**What are some benefits of being in the Arts Alliance?**

It has raised my awareness about the arts community in Ann Arbor and given me a wider and more thorough picture of the arts community, its needs, and the economic benefits of having a strong arts community.

**PATTI SMITH** lives in Ann Arbor with her fiance and pets. By day, she is a special education teacher, but her lifelong dream is to be a writer and she feeds this dream by blogging and writing whenever and wherever possible! Her work has been published in Concentrate, Mitten Brew, I’m a Beer Hound, the Observer and many other local blogs (including her own, www.teacherpatti.com). Her writing focuses on local people, events and history. Patti’s first book, images of America: Downtown Ann Arbor, will be released by Arcadia Publishers this fall.

Source: Americans for the Arts. For more facts on the impact of the creative sector visit ArtsUSA.org.

**3 Reasons to Support Arts & Culture**

1. **More Social Cohesion**

2. **Higher Civic Engagement**

3. **Lower Poverty Rates**

4. **Low-income students who are highly engaged in the arts are more than twice as likely to graduate college as their peers with no arts education.**

This infographic is from Mediaplanet’s special insert on arts education and creative careers in the September 19, 2014 issue of USA TODAY. Image Credit: Mediaplanet
“The Arts Alliance is an invaluable, one-of-a-kind resource that connects artists and arts organizations with the rest of our community. 16 Hands relies on them to stay informed about cultural events and issues.” (Page 10)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

WEST HURON SCULPTORS

“All Ages” by Barbara Melnik Carson.

Great Lakes Performing Artists Associates is a non-profit booking agency that represents the finest Great Lakes musicians as well as connects those musicians to students in order to teach skills in decision making, teamwork, and creativity through music. “The Arts Alliance provides us with the connections and visibility to enhance our artistic contributions to the community at large.” (Page 16)

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437 N. 16th Ave. 2nd Floor, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 734.769.1120 16handsgallery.com Open 7 days/week. Locally owned since 1971.
"Little Bear" by Betsy Youngquist is part of Gifts of Art's visual arts program at the Arts Alliance. Gifts of Art’s mission is to inspire people to discover the wonder of science, technology, math, art and engineering. The mission of the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum is to inspire people to discover the wonder of science, technology, math, art and engineering.

Akinleye is a dancer and choreographer. Akinleye is a dancer and choreographer.

The AAAC is the contemporary forum for visual arts courses, conversations, and collaborations, leveraging the power of the creative process to engage minds, expand perspectives, and inspire growth.

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407 N. Fifth Avenue
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16 Hands offers handcrafted treasures; jewelry and fashion accessories, home goods, garden art, and exquisite gifts—heartfelt creations of uncommon beauty and character, often with a touch of whimsy, many using up-cycled materials.

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GIFTS OF ART PROGRAM
(734) 995-5356 • aafilmfest.org
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
The Ann Arbor Film Festival is the longest-running independent and experimental film festival in North America, established in 1963.

ART MEETS BUSINESS
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Art Meets Business is a program to help creative entrepreneurs connect with their markets through business skills development, networking and individual coaching.

THE ARK
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316 S. Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
The Ark is a not for profit, live music venue for contemporary and traditional folk and roots music.

ART IN MARKET
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Briarwood Mall - 100 Briarwood Circle #125 • Ann Arbor, MI 48108

ANN ARBOR FIBERARTS GUILD
annarborfiberarts.org
Ann Arbor, MI
Membership group that educates and promotes the fiber arts.

ANN ARBOR STREET ART FAIR - THE ORIGINAL
(734) 994-5260 • artfair.org
217 E. Huron Street, Suite 200
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
The original of the four fairs that comprise the Ann Arbor Art Fair, the Street Art Fair surrounds Burton Tower and is recognized for its high quality work.

ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL
(734) 994-5999 • a2sf.org
310 Depot Street, Suite 3
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A2SF is a three-week multi-art festival offering ticketed and free events, both indoors and out, featuring music, dance, comedy, film, circus and street arts, and family entertainment.

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
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“The Clinton Arts Center is striving to be where art meets community. The Arts Alliance is an important part of community and connection for us.” (Page 13)

**ARTISTICA GALLERY**

(734) 426-1500
artisticagallery.net
3203 Broad Street
Dexter, MI 48130

Artista is a unique shop featuring gifts by Michigan artists. Look for the red door by the village clock in historic downtown Dexter.

**ARTTRAIN, INC.**

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artrainusa.org
1100 N. Main Street, Suite 106
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Delivering world-class arts and cultural exhibitions and education programs to under-resourced communities. Artrain’s current projects include: CriticCar Detroit, Infinite Mirror, Mr. B’s Joybox Express and Paths to Peace.

**JILL AULT**

(734) 665-4601
jillault.com
Ann Arbor, MI

Ault makes transparent quilts of pieced and layered silk organza, often hand-dyed and working from a water theme, celebrating its transparent and shifting color.

**THE ARTS ALLIANCE**

The Arts Alliance is an important connection for us.”

**BALLETT CHELSEA**

(734) 475-3070 • balletchelsea.org
1050 S. Main Street • Chelsea, MI 48118

Formerly known as Youth Dance Theatre, Ballet Chelsea provides superior dance education and training in ballet, pointe, jazz, modern, ballroom and Highland step for ages 3 to adults. Yoga, pilates, and conditioning classes are also offered.

**RUTH BARDENSTEIN**

ruthbardenstein.com • Ann Arbor, MI

Bardenstein’s work includes installation, book art, collage, typography, assemblage and graphic drawings which explore the connections and relationships across scientific, mathematical and artistic disciplines.

**SUSAN BADGER BOOTH**

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1289 Jewett Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Performing Arts) provides educational and performance opportunities for people of all ages and who are actively involved in the regional art community. Chelsea Painters host an art fair the first weekend of June.

**CHELSEA PAINTERS**

chelseapainters.com
Chelsea, MI

Chelsea Painters is a group of talented 2-D artists striving for excellence and who create abstracts as well as landscapes and portraits. She also does decorative paintings and murals.

**DANIEL J. BARRY**

(734) 355-5433 • danieljbarry.com
614 Riverview Drive • Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Barry creates fine art oil paintings.

**CYNTHIA BAXTER-WATERWORKS PHOTO ARTS**

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Baxter has been creating through incorporating photography into other art media since 2005.

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**SUSAN BADGER BOOTH**

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Director of the Arts & Entertainment Management/Arts Administration Program at Eastern Michigan University.

**DOLORES M. CARLSON**

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dolorescarlsonart.com
Novi, MI

Carlson works in acrylics, oils and collages to create abstracts as well as landscapes and portraits. She also does decorative paintings and murals.

**BILL KNUDSTRUP**

“With the lack of support that the visual arts receive locally it is very important to have the Art Alliance as a resource for artists.” (Page 17)

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Photographic artist Joel Geffen shown with one of his most popular images, “Liquid Sunshine.”

“People grow through interaction. The Arts Alliance generously creates events to promote those. As an artist, I’m really pleased to be part of these efforts.” (Page 16)
COMMUNITY TELEVISION NETWORK (CTN)  
(734) 794-6150  
a2gov.org/departments/communications/ctn  
2805 S. Industrial Highway, Suite 200 • Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
Community Television Network provides multimedia resources and programming to serve diverse public interests and strengthen the fabric of the Ann Arbor community.

CANDACE COMPTON PAPPAS  
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Working in both 2D and 3D, Pappas interweaves her paintings and sculptures using cement, plaster, wax, acrylics, inks, tar and oils.

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KRISTINE M. CRAVENS  
etsy.com/shop/kircravenspottery  
Brooklyn, MI  
Cravens is a studio potter coming from a fashion design background. She utilizes design elements rather than more traditional glazes, with finishes that often resemble fabric.

CRITICCAR DETROIT  
(313) 747-8300  
criticcar.org  
c/o Arttrain, Inc.  
1100 North Main, Suite 106  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
An arts journalism project, CriticCar Detroit interviews participants at arts & cultural experiences to gather reviews and share these voices through social media.

CULTURAL ART STRINGS  
(734) 223-6876  
culturalartstrings.org  
Manchester, MI 48158  
A division of the Riverfolk Music and Arts Organization, CAS provides string music education for the youth of Manchester. CAS offerings include: private lessons, group classes, summer day camps, quarterly benefit concerts and community outreach concerts.

CULTURESOURCE  
(313) 831-1151  
culturesource.org  
2727 Second Avenue, Suite 147  
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A professional association of arts and culture nonprofits in seven counties of southeastern Michigan. CultureSource connects audiences to culture, and helps nonprofit organizations to thrive!

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DANCING DOG GALLERY  
(734) 531-6565 • dancingdoggallery.biz  
302 E. Liberty Street  
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A fine art gallery in downtown Ann Arbor showing work mainly by local artists including fine art, jewelry, glass, prints and cards. Close to restaurants, theaters and ample parking.

DANIEL J. BARRY  
(734) 277-9293 • davisgalleries.com  
Steve Davis is an Ann Arbor Artist who paints primarily plein air paintings. He is a member of the Michigan Plein Air Painters.

LYN DAVIDGE, STORYTELLER  
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Storytelling programs for grown ups featuring original, real-life stories to entertain, inspire and surprise. Available to service and social organizations, senior center, church groups and private events. Learn more about Lyn on page 6.

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Dexter Community Band is on all volunteer community concert band.

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MARK DUCKER  
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Ducker is an independent media producer, arts event developer, video storyteller, and director of YPSI 24-Hour Film Shootout.

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Ecker creates with water color, inks and other mixed media concentrating on a central theme of motion within.

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Fedel is a songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, improv and graphic artist that is especially interested in public outreach and education around themes of adult ADHD, relationships and sexuality.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT  
DENIS LEE  
“Spice Collector” Oil Painting by Denis Lee. See more at DenisCLee.com  
“Membership with the Arts Alliance helps give me further exposure outside of Dexter.” (Page 15)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT  
DANIEL J. BARRY  
“Vintage Main Street” painting by Daniel J. Barry. For examples of more work visit daniejbarry.com  
“Arts Alliance is an important cultural vector in the Ann Arbor area. Through this organization artists find opportunities to connect with the public, and the sense of place here is enriched. The culture of our community is buttressed by the presence of The Arts Alliance by its consistent support for creativity and art in everyday life.” (Page 13)
NANCY FELDKAMP
Manchester, MI
Feldkamp’s watercolor paintings are distinctively modern with abstract effects showing sheep forms in colorful compositions.

FLY CHILDREN’S ART CENTER
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40 N. Huron Street
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FLY is a non-profit that provides meaningful art experiences to youth in Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

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Glander creates paintings, drawings, fiber art and mosaic art.

BARBARA A. GOODSITT
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Goodsitt is president of Ann Arbor Women Artists. She teaches colored pencil techniques at Washtenaw Community College and with Ann Arbor Community Education & Recreation. Exhibits with and member of the Colored Pencil Society of America.

MIKE GOULD - LASER ARTIST
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Mike Gould is an Ann Arbor area laser artist. He creates kinetic light sculptures, hand-building them from laser diodes, surplus aluminum, plumbing parts and tuna cans.

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Saline, MI
Hanna interprets bird songs in paintings by using a visual language that represents the color of the birds and the notes of their songs.

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Ann Arbor, MI
Headings is an avid art explorer who experiments with a variety of media and techniques.

KRISTIN HERMANSON BRIEGEL
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Ann Arbor, MI
Hermanson works in a semi surrealistic style inspired by current happenings in life and/or in society, creating paintings based on Tängers, MC and Detroit, MI.

MS HILL DESIGN
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Martha Hill is an artist, gardener, researcher, business-owner, water color painter, creator of flower gardens and functional sculptures.

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KERRYTOWN CONCERT HOUSE
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BILL KNUDSTRUP
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A member of Ann Arbor’s new Dancing Dog Gallery, Knudstrup creates colorful oil paintings focusing on the relationship of one person to another.

LINDA KORTESOJA KLENCZAR
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Saline, MI
Klenzar uses pure pigment pastels, flowing watercolors and acrylics, painting plein air landscapes and cityscapes. These are a few of her favorite things!

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annarborwomenartists.com
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all artists welcome
Ann Arbor Women Artists is one of Washtenaw County’s largest and most vital organizations for visual artists.

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Kujala creates acrylic paintings, digital art and linoleum prints. The primary theme of her work is mostly peace and love.

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Through innovative science-based educational programs for individuals and groups, Leslie Science & Nature Center educates and inspires children & adults to discover, understand and respect their natural environment.

FELICIA MACHESKE
Ann Arbor, MI
Macheske is an artist working in pastel, oil, acrylic and mosaic. Her art comes from her desire to explore and understand the natural world.

GREGORY MAZURE
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Mazure is a member of IAATE 395 and a lighting designer.

SUSAN E. MCDOWELL
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McDowell is a commission-based fused and engraved glass artist.

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Artist from Chelsea, MI

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Mélange, centrally located in downtown Ann Arbor, offers a menu with an American metropolitan interpretation of European and Asian cuisines and an extensive wine list. Mélange is also available for catering.

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LINDA KORTESOJA KLENCZAR

“Art is in everything; auto design, interior design, architecture, product design, theater, music, visual arts, etc. All is created.” (Page 77)

THE PENNY SEATS THEATRE COMPANY
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The Penny Seats Theatre Company performs outside at Ann Arbor’s West Park every summer and, in partnership with local Ann Arbor businesses, creates a variety of theatrical experiences year-round.

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ANGELA PIERRO
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Dexter, MI
Pierro’s work is inspired by a memory or response to an experience, reflected through the exploration of colour and abstraction. Her work is in private collections in Canada and the U.S.

THE ENCORE MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY

“The Encore strives to enhance the support of the arts through out Washtenaw County and beyond, and with the wonderful efforts of the Arts Alliance, musical theatre as well as all forms of art will continue to grow and thrive. The Encore is proud to be a member of the Arts Alliance.” (Page 15)
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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“Etcetera is delighted to be part of the Arts Alliance! The exposure we receive in the Annual Arts and Cultural Guide is the best marketing we could ask for, and we are happy to support an organization that is the hub of arts and culture in the local area.” (Page 15)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

TRUSTART STUDIOS

trustArt studios is a versatile work and exhibition space for artists.

“The Arts Alliance has provided excellent networking, support and exposure which has greatly contributed to launching the studio. At a time when it is difficult for artists and art venues to survive, it is immensely helpful, and they have a really caring, hardworking staff.” (Page 22)

PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Pittsfield Townships Master Plan incorporates an arts and culture component into the overall community vision—recognizing the importance of arts and culture to the community’s character.

MARcia POLEnBERG

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Figurative ceramic sculptor and painter, Polenberg creates animal, portraits and abstract works at Studio 524, her home on the Old West Side of Ann Arbor.

THE POTTERS GUILD, ANN ARBOR

(734) 663-4970 • pottersguild.net
201 Hill Street • Ann Arbor, MI 48104

The Potters Guild is a cooperative non-profit organization comprising over fifty members. The Guild holds two sales per year at the studio and participates in the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair.

MARIlyn M. PRUCKA

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marilynprucka.sharepoint.com
Monroe, MI

Prucka is a visual artist working in fibers, printmaking and mixed media.

TED RAmSAY

(734) 327-1084 • tedramsay.com
Ann Arbor, MI

Ramsey is a figurative painter and handmade paper artist maintaining a studio in Scio Township.

KIM RHoney

(734) 255-0731 • www.kimrhoney.com
18415 Mead Road • Milan, MI 48160

Rhoney works in oil paint using both painting knives and brushes to create contemporary impressionist works. Rhoney’s studio is located on her family’s rural homestead where she paints what she grows from flowers to chickens to farm fields.

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(734) 480-2787 • riversidearts.org
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Riverside Arts Center is a multipurpose cultural arts venue providing performance, exhibit, studio and reception space for artists and arts and cultural organizations.

DR. THOMAS ROSEnBauM

(734) 395-3305 • trosenbaum.com
1952 S. Industrial, Suite C & D
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Rosenbaum is an artist and clinical psychologist who loves to paint and draw. Rosenbaum’s work is exhibited at local venues including the Dexter Library.

JOAN ROSEnBauM

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joanrosenblum.com
Ann Arbor, MI

Rosenblum is an abstract artist creating colorfield paintings in pastels and oils.

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Scherf is an international award-winning visual explorer of contemplative imagery.

DAVE SHARP

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davesharpmusic.com
Ann Arbor, MI

Sharp is a bassist, composer, and band leader for Dave Sharp’s Secret 7 and Dave Sharp Worlds Trio. Sharp is also the music educator and director of the Jazz and Blues program at Ann Arbor Music Center.

JAMES SIMPSON

Ann Arbor, MI

Simpson is a glassblower and art enthusiast!

PATTI SMITH

teacherpatti.com
Ann Arbor, MI

Smith is a writer who writes about history, beer, Ann Arbor and its people. Check out Smith’s article on page 6.

LESLeR SOBEL

(734) 497-3018 • lesliesobel.com
Ann Arbor, MI

Visual artist doing abstracted landscapes and environmentally-focused art.

M. ZOE STARKWEATHER

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Starkweather is a writer of grants, short stories, poems and plays, and one of the founding members of the American Tolkien Society.

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Saline, MI

Wagner is a professional watercolor, pastel and oil artist fascinated with light, shadow, form and color, creating landscapes, seascapes, portraits and commissions.

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THE STUDIO
TheStudioA2.com
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
The Studio is a retail location with 2400 sq. ft. of gallery, workshop and studio space for artists and budding artists in the community.

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Ann Arbor, MI
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TRUSTART STUDIOS
(734) 253-2551
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twotwelvarts.org
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White is an independent writer and an AEA stage manager with experience organizing non-profit volunteers, events, fundraising, theatre production and advertising sales.

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Dexter, MI
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what we do

- advocates for and supports the Creative Sector in Washtenaw County – arts and cultural organizations, creative individuals and businesses – to ensure that our region remains a great place to create, live, work, learn, play and visit.

- explore issues, conduct research, foster and administer creative initiatives
- facilitate vocalize the creative sector’s impact on quality of life and place
- advocate promote creative sector programs and collaborative initiatives
- communicate encourage life-long creative learning programs
- celebrate trumpet the triumphs of the creative sector

how to become a member

You have an opportunity to partner with many creative organizations and individuals in Washtenaw County to express and support the importance of arts and culture in our community by becoming a member of The Arts Alliance. A strong community of members like you keep this vital sector alive and thriving!

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

CREATIVE SECTOR MEMBERSHIPS – As a creative individual, organization and/or business member you will receive these great incentives:

- Supporting advocacy, facilitation and guidance for Washtenaw’s Creative Sector.
- Basic listing and discount on advertising in The Annual Arts & Cultural Guide.
- Opportunity to host Creative Connections at your venue.
- Additional discounts and promotional opportunities at Arts Alliance events and conferences.

Creative Individuals – Individuals who work within the creative sector producing art & cultural works.

- $35 (First time member/students)
- $50 (Continuing member)

Arts & Cultural Organizations/Businesses – Organizations/businesses in the creative sector.

- $50 (Revenue $49,999 or less)
- $100 (Revenue $50,000 - $249,999)
- $175 (Revenue $250,000 - $749,999)

- $250 (Revenue $750,000 - $1,499,999)
- $350 (Revenue $1,500,000+)

- $2,500: Indigo
- $5,000: Violet
- $10,000: Purple

ALLY MEMBERSHIPS – Ally members are individuals or businesses who understand the significance of arts & culture to our community and support the cause to advocate for and promote arts, culture and creativity in Washtenaw County! Ally members are listed in The Annual Arts & Cultural Guide and receive the same incentives available to Creative Sector Members.

- $50: Red
- $100: Orange
- $250: Yellow
- $500: Green
- $1,000: Blue
- $2,500: Indigo
- $5,000: Violet
- $10,000: Purple

For more information or to become a member contact:
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