



June has arrived and with it many children are looking forward to a break from school and to do something fun, different, and creative. The Alma Community Art Center has just the thing to kick off the summer for children ages 8 to 16. Art Camp is scheduled from June 17 – 20 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Each day offers a variety of different instructors and mediums such as painting, working with clay, drawing, tie dye, weaving, and mask making, that will enrich their creativity and expand their knowledge of the arts. It is an exciting way to kick off summer for your child or grandchild and may be just that spark that could ignite a lifetime passion for the arts. The camp is limited to 20 students so do not wait to register your child for this opportunity. For detailed information visit our website at [www.alma-cac.org](http://www.alma-cac.org) or call 989-463-8366 or stop by in person as we are still located at 107 E. Superior Street and we are open Wednesday through Saturday at 11:00 am.

In addition to the Art Camp the new adult classes available for the month of June are Water Color Techniques, Batik on Rice Paper and Selling Your Items on Etsy. Children's classes include Youth Acrylic and Watercolor. You may arrange by appointment both watercolor lessons with Diane Clise or Woodburning with Steven Hawkes. This will enable you or a group of family and friends to enjoy a creative and fun filled time and get in touch with your creative side. For further information contact the Art Center by stopping by, visiting our website, or giving us a call.

The current art exhibit in the Wassenaar Gallery are the works of 8 Creative Arts Guild members. Some of these original pieces of art are for sale so you have the opportunity to purchase a piece for yourself or as a gift. The Creative Arts Guild of Mid-Michigan is a working group of approximately 30 area artists from Gratiot, Isabella and Montcalm counties. The group was founded 55 years ago with its mission of promoting the appreciation and growth of the visual arts in our Mid-Michigan area. Many local artists have participated in the Guild over fifty-plus years, enjoying the programs and contributing to the visual arts of our area. The Guild helps to stimulate the creative efforts and promote the growth of its members in the central Michigan area through original artwork, including painting, drawing, photography, jewelry, textiles and sculpture.

The Creative Arts Guild is a founding and active partner in the Alma Community Art Center, is active in Art Reach of Mid-Michigan, Pine River Arts Council, and Gratiot County Fair for Youth. Members are actively involved in community service in various arts-related areas such as “Day with the Artists” in local schools, individual mentoring, and donations of art-related books to local libraries. Our mentoring program is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year and can involve anyone from young children to senior citizens. The goal of this program is to bring out the inner creativeness and individual talents within each student. The Annual Spring Show, held in April this year, always features new, fresh and unique, work from our active member artists. This upcoming year the Guild is very proud to announce that our group has been invited to also exhibit in March and April, 2014 at the Flint Institute of the Arts.

Guild meetings are always open to the public and visitors are welcome. Contact the Alma Community Art Center for more information.