



Alma Community Art Center 's front lawn on Woodworth Avenue was busy recently during Alma's Fall Festival October 24th, with 75 young people creating metallic artistry on fresh fallen maple leaves. The kids had a great time with two ACAC artists and a helpful college student to assist them.

Our "Farmers' Market Mural Contest" winner was also announced that night. Approximately 30 designs were submitted by Gratiot County youth ages 14-18 years old. From the many excellent designs, Andrea Frost's concept was chosen! Andrea is a 16 year old artist from St. Louis. Her design, "A Country Morning", colorfully displays four different types of farming shown in the morning light. Andrea will be involved with ACAC in helping turn her design concept into a large mural on the north side of the Bridge and Beacon gas station facing the new location of the Farmers' market in Alma. This is a joint project involving the Downtown Development Authority, Keep Alma Beautiful, and the Alma Community Art Center. Watch for changes to the wall beginning in early Spring.

With renovations continuing at our new ACAC location on Woodworth Avenue in downtown Alma, our artists are taking our classes out into the community. We have scheduled a number of them but are always looking for new locations, artists and creative ideas. We also love the idea of "Arty Parties" and have had several scheduled. Our classes generally cost \$10.00 per person per instructional hour and are open to any skill level, from beginning to experienced artist. Our ACAC instructors also enjoy scheduling one-to-one or small group lessons. Our art classes are a great opportunity to create a special present or to give a gift class to a special person. Gift certificates are available. Please contact our Art Center at (989) 463-8366 or our website www.alma-cac.org for more information, new class listings, or to sign-up for classes. Single-session community classes currently scheduled include:

"ACAC Kids Day" has been scheduled at the Alma Public Library. Open to our young artists' ages 8 years and up, the 3-hour programs held Saturdays mid-day will focus on the creativity of a famous artist. Monthly dates for our youth are November 23rd, December 14th, January 25th and February 22nd.

“Brushes and Brew” had its first “Coffee Class” at Cops and Doughnuts in downtown Alma October 28th. Unique sepia-toned paintings were created by laying different strengths of coffee. Classes continue on Monday evenings November 25th, December 23rd, January 27th and February 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

“Uncorked”, our popular adult painting opportunity, has moved to the Alma Elks location but continues monthly on Thursday evenings. Diane Clise will be doing a winter watercolor on Thursday, November 21st from 6:00-9:00 pm. Additional dates with different artists will include December 19th, January 16th and February 20th.

“Basic Pyrography” will be held at the Riverdale Hardware Friday evening, November 22nd from 6:00-9:00 pm and will be taught by Steve Hawkes, our amazing woodburning artist.

“Watercolor Batik on Rice Paper” is back on our schedule, being scheduled at our temporary ACAC classroom location at 312 Woodworth. Classes are Saturdays from 10:00-1:00 pm on November 23rd, December 14th and January 18th.

During this month of Thanksgiving, our artists and volunteers would like to thank the Gratiot County communities and its citizens for the support they have given us over our first two years. Bringing the Visual Arts out to the community is our mission and our programs continue to blossom for all to be involved with. As we all know, “Art Changes Everything.....”