



The new year has arrived and January has brought with it frosty temperatures, snow and ice. Michiganders are a hale and hearty lot and January's cold and snow can be tempered by signing up for some "pure" enjoyment by experiencing classes offered by the ACAC. Even though we are still in our temporary home at 312 Woodworth, classes continue at various locations throughout the community. Our classes generally cost \$10 per person per instructional hour and are open to any skill level, from beginning to experienced artist. Please contact our Art Center at 989-463-8366 or our website [www.alma-cac.org](http://www.alma-cac.org) for more information or to sign up for classes. Single-session community classes currently scheduled include:

"Uncorked", our popular adult painting opportunity, takes place at the Alma Elks on Warwick Drive. January 16th is the next scheduled date and Jody Schnetzler, a talented local artist, will be conducting the class. This month's focus will be on winter birch trees. Each participant will create and take home their individualized piece of art. The next scheduled date is February 20th.

"Watercolor Batik on Rice Paper" is being scheduled at our temporary ACAC classroom location at 312 Woodworth on Saturday, January 18 from 10:00 – 1:00 pm. Again, participants will take home a truly beautiful and unique piece of art that they have created.

"ACAC Kids Day" A Seurat Saturday, with Jody Schnetzler, has been scheduled at the Alma Public Library for January 25, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and is open to young artists' ages 8 years and up. With all of this cold and snowy weather of January, it is the perfect event to warm up that creative side and gain new knowledge and ideas. The next months Kids Day is scheduled for February 22nd.

"Brushes and Brew" with Diane Clise, has proven to be a fun and creative couple of hours. The class is held at Cops and Doughnuts in downtown Alma and students will be creating unique sepia-toned paintings by layering different strengths of coffee. January 27<sup>th</sup> is the date to mark for the next class from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Check with your friends, co-workers or family to make it an "event" that will truly be one to remember.

The “Arty Party” is a fun and creative way to spend time with family and friends. It can be scheduled at your home, church, or business. Not only will you create a work of art but lasting memories.

Corin Miller, eight years old, of St. Louis is our featured artist this month. She began taking lessons in the fall with Steve Hawkes and her first project was a Holiday Card contest sponsored by Chemical Bank. Corin came up with the ideas and then Steve helped her organize and submit her top winning design. When asked when she became interested in art, she replied, “I have always been interested in art, as far back as I can remember.” Then asked who had influenced her the most, she replied, “My mom. Mom always encouraged me to create new things by providing us arts and crafts materials. My favorite mediums are painting, drawing and sculpting but my favorite is drawing with pencils so I can erase my mistakes. I would like to pursue art as a career someday as an architect or designer.” When Corin was asked how she thought art changes everything, she replied “Art can give an object character and definition.” We salute you Corin Miller as our artist of the month.