Mission Statement:
Founded in 1974, the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center is a comprehensive arts organization. With a commitment to excellence in its exhibits, education, performances, facilities, events, and other activities, the Center exists to enhance and inspire the cultural and creative lives of the people in the Central Upper Peninsula.

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From the Director

2016 is a year linking the arts to all community members. Art center staff and newly elected board members look forward to a year of more people enjoying art here at the Bonifas in all types of new & exciting ways. We want to exhibit more of your art, offer classes and workshops that you will enjoy and provide wonderful art experiences for you, your family and friends -- our collective community.

You can plan an exciting summer this year at Ludington Park as we present free concerts with Music Mondays and as we develop a more dynamic Waterfront Arts Festival weekend led by the combined efforts with the city of Escanaba, the Delta County Chamber of Commerce, and the Delta County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Our commitment to the schools stays strong as we support our youth with programs both here at the art center and in the schools. This spring we will celebrate student work with our Youth in Art Exhibit and Talent Show. We'll also prepare for our fall fourth grade field trips that will reinforce the science curriculum with creative and hands-on learning methods. Keep your eye out for more after school and family programs as we partner with 4H.

You deserve more great community theatre and so we will be upgrading the fly system here in the Bonifas theater. As home of Players de Noc, it will be a busy year as we work with them to raise funds to match a state grant and complete the project. (see pg. 18 for more information)

Our programs and events reflect an ever-widening community that includes you, so each of us can say
“We are the Bonifas.”

New Faces: Staff

Alicia Holmes is our copy writer. Alicia is a published author with journalistic experience. She has been working to document the stories of the many Bonifas community members, from artists at all levels to leaders and teachers.

April South-Olson is our new front desk administrative assistant. She assists with gallery exhibits, coordinates volunteers and handles a myriad of front desk activities. April is an accomplished artist and has volunteered at the Bonifas for many years.

Corinne Powers has been promoted to Education Coordinator! After eight years of supporting Bonifas classes (and members and gallery exhibits), Corinne now will be working with local and regional artists to design and deliver inspiring, enriching, and fun classes for our community.

New Faces: Board of Directors

Marnie Anderson: As an Account Manager with Engineered Machined Products, Marnie will share her experience in logistics and finance. Her love of the arts springs from her experiences as a classical pianist and involvement in local productions at the Arts Center.

Jason Davidson: We welcome Jason back after 10 years in Milwaukee. Jason is currently employed at UPCAP Services as the IT Manager.

Tom Knoll: Retired from Wells Fargo, Tom brings years of banking experience to the board. As a mainstay at the Players de Noc, he has supported the arts with years of involvement in musical productions.
Meet the Artists Opening Reception: January 14, at 7 PM

Artists have long painted outdoors, and these members of the Plein Air Painters of the Upper Peninsula group out of the Iron Mt area, have been taking it out of the studio, as a group, for the past three years.

A collection of nearly 100 paintings share how these artists have captured the wildlife, fauna and natural light of locations throughout the U.P. and northern WI.

Featured artists include Melisse Carr, Darlene Strand, Jane Landwehr, Gail Stanek, and Kathy Kuczek.

The Powers Gallery

Plein Air Painters of the Upper Peninsula
Meet the Artists Opening Reception: January 14, at 7 PM

Very Special Arts: January 7 - February 18

Youth In Art: February 25 - March 24
The Youth in Art Exhibit extends through the Powers gallery and the studio gallery featuring artwork from our area’s youth. Students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade will have their work on display.

Munising Bay Area Arts: March 31 - April 29

Borderlands: May 18 - June 17
Youth In Art
February 25 - March 24

Each year the Arts Center dedicates the galleries to highlight the good work of Delta County students grades K - 12. Come in and get a blast of fresh, uninhibited artwork that will wake you up and make you smile!

Opening Receptions:
February 25, 6 - 7 PM: K - 4
February 26, 6 - 7 PM: 5 - 12

Award sponsors
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DSISD
Escanaba Noon Kiwanis
The Michigan Education Association

Student Talent Show: February 27 at 7 PM
Tickets: $10 adult; $5 students and seniors
Come support the wealth of young talent in Delta County!

Auditions: Saturday, January 31, from 10 to 3 PM
Can you sing? Dance? Act? Play an instrument? Do you write and perform poetry? Perform magic? If you have a talent, we want to see it! Open to ages 5-18. Contact events@bonifasarts.org for more details.

Congeries, Amassment & Heaps (upper gallery)
Lake Superior, Rocks, My Soul (lower gallery)
March 31 - April 28

Congeries, Amassment & Heaps
Both mold-maker and storyteller, Scott Leipski’s most recent claywork provides an array of figurines, seemingly similar and others unrelated, into stacks and heaps. His exhibit presents “the enduring theme about too much stuff in our lives and the trappings that we carry with us year after year after year.”

Clay Sculpture Workshop: intermediate to artist level
Tuesdays, April 14, 21, from 6 to 9 PM May 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM
(see class listing for details)

Lake Superior, Rocks, My Soul
With Lake Superior as her muse, Peg Sandin delivers the changing color and moods found at its shoreline, and evokes her message of wonderment for the Great Lake.

Watercolor Workshop: Unifying With Color
Saturday, April 30 from 10 to 3 PM
(see class listing for details)
Auction Preview Week
Tuesday, May 10 through Saturday, May 14

Bonifas Membership Show
May 19 - June 23

A local favorite, the annual Members’ Show features our member artists and provides an opportunity for new and emerging artists to show alongside our more seasoned members. This all media show is a must see and offers something for everyone!

Artists may deliver artwork May 7 - 12 during regular business hours.

Artist Demonstrations to be announced.
ART PARTIES!
Join a pre-scheduled pARTy or book your own!

People across America love Art pARTies and the Bonifas Arts Center has them for you!
We provide artist, materials, food and music - everything you need to create your own artwork and throw a great party. Our menu offers painting, glass, jewelry, ceramics and fiber arts. Something for everyone!
For more information and menu details call the Bonifas at 906.786.3833 or stop in to see us at 700 First Avenue South, Escanaba.

Essential Oils with Missy Kaukola
Tuesday, February 16; from 6 to 8 PM
Learn what Essential Oils are, where they come from and how they support health and wellness to the body (physically, spiritually, mentally and emotionally.) Each student will not only be able to experience the oils aromatically, but will also be making a Lavender & Lemon Sugar Scrub and a Happy Camper Rollerball. Snacks made with the essential oils will be provided, along with the recipes so everyone can make their own at home!
$30 per participant

Chalkboard Wine Glasses with Julie Roll-Phillips
Wednesday, March 9; from 6 to 8 PM
Join host, Julie Roll Phillips, as she shows participants how to make these fun chalk board wine glasses. Participants will leave the Bonifas with a set of four, ready to pour.
$20 per participant

Jewelry: Ribbon Necklace and Bracelet with Diane Kribs-Mays
Saturday, April 15; from 6 to 8 PM
Lots of fun and friendship awaits when you learn to make a fabric and metal necklace and bracelet set, customized to your wardrobe! Weave hand dyed fabric and ribbons through large linked chains to make an 18" necklace and matching bracelet. Using simple jewelry pliers you will learn to attach closure findings, and add a focal bead to the creation. This project will make someone a great gift if not making it for yourself.
$25 per participant

Other Art Parties available upon request.
Guest minimum 6, Maximum 20

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Classes & Workshops

**Ceramic Glazing with Vicki Shirley**  
*Thursday, January 28; from 6 to 8 PM*  
Choose from a large serving platter, a set of 2 bowls or 2 large mugs. We have many other options available. And if time permits, you are welcome to purchase additional pieces. Vicki will talk you through the different ways to dip, stamp and paint on your favorite glazes to create your own design and color palette. All clay work will be final fired and ready for pickup within 10 - 14 business days. Finished pieces are all food and dishwasher safe.  
*$30 members, $36 non-members*

**Mosaic Cylinders with Jan Dillon**  
*Mondays, February 1, 8, 15; from 6 to 8:30 PM*  
Students will create a glass mosaic project using either a clay flower pot or a glass vase. This is a fun mosaic endeavor resulting in a beautiful and useful finished piece. The first two sessions will be spent gluing the glass to their selection and during the third session the piece will be grouted.  
*$32 members, $38 non-members*

**Mask Making with Sue Roll & Julie Roll-Phillips**  
*Wednesday, February 2; from 6 to 8 PM*  
Join Sue and Julie for a fun night in the studio creating your own personalized mask just in time for our Mardi Gras Masquerade Party. We will have a buffet of sequins, glitter, fabrics, feathers, and much more for you to choose from.  
*$10 members, $12 non-members*

**Copper Hearts with Sue Benesch**  
*Wednesdays, February 3 & 10; from 6 to 8 PM*  
Join artist Sue Benesch as she guides you through the process of creating a small copper sculpture for your loved one this valentine’s day. Students will learn the intricacies of handling the materials as well as the tools needed to cut, shape, and even paint on this non-porous surface.  
*$28 members, $32 non-members*

**Drawing Wildlife with Amanda Whitens**  
*Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25; from 6 to 8 PM*  
Students will learn how to effectively use drawing tools and techniques through the concepts of proportion, basic shapes, observation via still life and photo reference to create an accurate wildlife drawing. Students will also learn how to apply fine detail work through various techniques.  
*$32 members, $38 non-members*
Designing and Creating Floral and Feather Accessories with Jaqueline Beach
Wednesday, February 17; from 6 to 9 PM
We will focus on the basic design and construction of small custom accessories that are composed of silk flowers, feathers, leather, fur, felt, beads, buttons and all manner of old vintage accessories (pins, broken broches and necklaces). We will learn how to prepare items and construct new designs that can hold up to regular use. Accessories can be used as hair pieces, pins, lapel clips or hat clips. Most of this class will be hands on and you will leave with your own personally designed accessory.
$30 members, $36 non-members

Copper Tooling with Valarie Rose
Thursday, March 10; from 6 to 9 PM
Copper Tooling is a fun and sophisticated project that requires relatively few materials. Valerie will guide you through the process of creating designs in sheet metal by emboss drawing, stamping, denting, piercing, rub-transferring, folding, hammering and the final step of coloring and assembling your very own personalized wall hanging triptic.
$20 members, $24 non-members

Watercolors Session 2 with Clara Mosenfelder
Thursdays, March 17, 24, & April 7, 14; from 6 to 7:30 PM
This is a continuation of the November class, building upon the lessons from Beginning Watercolor 1. This class is open to those who attended session 1, or have had some experience. Students will work on subject matter of their own choosing, including landscape, still life, or figurative paintings. Ways of designing and composing a painting will be emphasized, and new techniques explored. Students are encouraged to bring their own brushes and pallets, all other materials will be supplied.
$30 members, $36 non-members

Peyote Stitch: Bead Ring with Diane Kribs-Mays
Saturday, March 19; from Noon to 3 PM
Learn the unique style of peyote stitching in this three hour class for beginners. Students will make a wide band beaded ring in peyote stitch. No experience necessary.
$25 for members, $30 for non-members

Steampunk Jewelry with Kate Oman
Monday, March 21; from 6 to 9 PM
Victorian elegance meets modern technology to create a small, intimate piece representative of the style and the artistic world known as steampunk. Steampunk is an eclectic style that blends old-world charm with science fiction sophistication to create new objects from reclaimed objects that speak to you and your personal style.
$20 members, $24 non-members
### Classes & Workshops

#### The Art of Henna with Jacqueline Beach
**Wednesday, March 23; from 6 to 9 PM**

This class will touch on the history and preparation of traditional henna art, but will focus on practical application. First we will look at and break down simple henna designs and demystify the complex artwork that you see in traditional application. We will learn tips and tricks to drawing free hand henna designs, then we will spend most of the class learning how to apply henna properly, and creating unique designs on ourselves and each other.

**$20 members, $24 non-members**

#### Crafting Copper Flowers with Sue Benesch
**Wednesday, April 6, 13; from 6 to 8 PM**

Create your own personal “garden” of color and design. Mixing industry with art, Sue Benesch uses copper and wire to craft beautiful delicate flowers. Students will learn the intricacies of handling the materials as well as the tools needed to cut, shape, and even paint on this non-porous surface. This time around you will be making trilliums to add to your collection.

**$28 members, $32 non-members**

#### Steampunk Shadow Box with Kate Oman
**Monday, April 11; from 6 to 9 PM**

Bring in some of your own photos or trinkets and Kate will show you how to create your own personalized steampunk shadow box. This is a fun new way to display some of your favorite things. Decorate the inside to make a shadow box or just the outside and use as a gift box. Your choice.

**$16 for members, $20 for non-members**

#### Watercolor Workshop: Unifying With Color with Peg Sandin
**Saturday, April 30; from 10 to 3 PM**

No matter what your subject matter, you can unify a painting with color. Sandin will guide you through exercises that will use color to establish a foundation for your painting. Whether you are a shape maker, a pattern maker, or a mark maker, your use of color will help unify your work. Sandin will lead students on an exploration of applied color theory by trying out different color combinations that best personalizes their palette and sets a tone.

**$45 members, $55 non-members**

### Artist Level

#### Clay Sculpture Workshop with Scott Leipski
**Thursdays, April 14, 21; from 6 to 9 PM and May 5; from 6:30 to 8:30 PM**

Borrow from Leipski’s surrealistic style to create a small - footed bowl and learn some great techniques in hand-building. Check out his exhibit, Congeries, Amassment and Heaps, to see some of the possibilities of combining functional components with small, mold-produced figurines to create one-of-a-kind clay sculptures. This 3-part series covers mold making, assembling and glazing. All pieces are food safe and ready for pick up after the final firing.

Some clay experience required.

**$32 members, $40 non-members**
**Lifestyle Classes**

**Ashtanga Yoga with Heather Budkis**

Yoga provides a great way to strengthen and tone muscles, and increase flexibility. Studies by the National Institute of Health have proven the effectiveness of yoga for mental alertness, stress relief and increased immune system function. Students will learn how to synchronize breath with standing postures and increase the benefits of their workout. Using the same sequence each time, improvements are easy to see. With this repetition, the Ashtanga practice itself becomes meditative. Students should bring own mat and block.

**Mondays from 6 to 7 PM**

January 4, 11, 18, 25  
February 1, 8, 15, 22  
March 7, 14, 21, 28  
April 4, 11, 18, 25  
May 2, 9, 16, 23

$36 Members, $45 Non-members, or $15 per day walk-in fee

On **Wednesday, January 6; at 5:30** Heather will be here for a free Introductory Yoga session to help you de-stress after the holidays.

**Culinary Arts: What’s Cookin’?**

The first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 PM

Bonifas presents “What’s Cooking”, a series of cooking demonstrations designed to bring out your artistry in the kitchen. Each session includes step-by-step demonstrations in the kitchen and delectable samples in the gallery. Viewers leave with a list of tips and recipes in hand and a smile on their faces. A questions & answers period will follow demonstrations. These sessions fill up fast so sign up now to ensure your spot!

February 2: Mardi Gras: Gumbo & Bread Pudding  
with Mitzi & Maryanne Brayak

March 1: Adding Flavor To Your Plate: Relishes, Salsas, and Vinaigrettes  
with Robin Holmes from Pacino’s Restaurant

April 5: Hearty Healthy Chicken Soup  
with Laurie MacIntosh from the Nahma Inn.

$12 members per session, $15 non-members per session

**Intro to Insight Meditation with Gene Schlueter**

Sundays, February 7 & 14; from 12:30 to 1:30 PM

The course is an introduction to Insight Meditation as taught within the tradition of Theravada Buddhism. The term "Insight Meditation" refers to practices for the mind that develop calm through sustained attention, and insight through reflection. A fundamental technique for sustaining attention is focusing awareness on the body, traditionally, this is practiced while sitting or walking. Students should bring a meditation pad and meditation pillow (or pillow & blanket)

Free to the public, donations appreciated
Bonifas Boxes
Looking for something fun and creative to do after school? Stop by the Bonifas Center for our Bonifas Boxes weekly arts activities. The projects are self-guided and all materials are included. New projects every week! Activities are available for Pre-K - 6th grade students, accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Every Tuesday through Friday from 3 to 5 PM

Comedy Club with Lois Corcoran
Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23; from 10 to 11:30 AM
Comedy club returns to Jones School this Winter. Helping children develop a sense of humor and gain confidence onstage and beyond. Each self-contained session will see students in grades 3 through 5 reading, rehearsing, and performing a short skit, with improv commercials thrown in for good measure. Skits will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube for participants to share with family and friends who cannot attend. Parents can also receive cast photos via email.

$20 per student

Art Scene with Eddie Moritz and Phyllis Fleury
Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9; from 2:30 to 4 PM
Local artists Eddie Moritz and Phyllis Fleury will guide students through the steps of a mosaic display for OSF Saint Francis Hospital. From research to implementation, Art Scene is a hands-on, outcome-based program that creates powerful and exciting learning experiences by involving students in all aspects of the public art production. Meet in the art room at the “U”.

$20 per participant

Class Sponsors
City of Escanaba,
EMP,
General Federation of Escanaba Women’s Club,
Plum Creek
The Bonifas Arts Center is teaming up with 4-H with SPIN Club Workshops. SPIN Clubs are special interest clubs with hands on learning projects. SPIN clubs are led by volunteers who have a passion to share their expertise and knowledge with participants. Participants in SPIN Clubs are considered 4-H members and are encouraged to enter their final projects in the 2016 U.P. State Fair Youth Exhibits. Parent welcome!

**Wood Working**  
*Wednesdays, January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24; from 3:30 to 5:30 PM*  
If you like wood, enjoying using tools, and like to build things, this project is for you. In this club you will practice measuring, squaring a board, cutting, drilling, using clamps, driving nails and sanding as you create handmade projects including a tool box, birdfeeder, bird house, and roosting box.  
$30 per participant

**Discover China**  
*Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23; from 3:30 to 5:30 PM*  
Learn about China through artwork created by Chinese children in the People’s Republic of China. In this club you will explore the culture of China through art, music, and ribbon dancing! You will experiment with creating two dimensional pieces of art in several mediums by creating “visual letters”. Visual letters are pieces of artwork using images to tell stories and share important ideas and feelings about something important in your life. Artwork created will be submitted for possible selection to be a part of the 2016 Michigan 4-H Art Exchange with China program. Learn more at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs/arts/china_project](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs/arts/china_project)  
$20 per participant

**Fun with Paper Mache**  
*Wednesdays & Fridays, April 6 & 8, 13 & 15, 20 & 22; from 3:30 to 5:30 PM*  
Looking for some messy fun with some great final projects? Learn to make figures out of newspaper, tape, cardboard, balloons and wire. We'll start simple and advance to more elaborate projects. Your imagination is the limit.  
$20 per participant

For more information or to register, visit our website at [www.bonifasarts.org](http://www.bonifasarts.org), or stop in to see us!  
To ensure classes, a minimum number of students must be enrolled one week prior to scheduled class. Register early to ensure your space in class - and bring a friend.  
The Bonifas class cancellation policy requires participants to cancel before the registration deadline (one week before the class - unless otherwise noted) in order to receive a refund.  
Classes may be rescheduled due to weather.  
The Bonifas offers a 50% scholarship for qualifying participants. Inquire at front desk for details.
Classes listing

January
1/4  - Ashtanga Yoga; 6 - 7 PM
1/6  - Ashtanga Yoga: Free Intro Session; 5:30 PM
1/20 - Youth: Wood Working; 3:30 - 5:30 PM
1/28 - Ceramic Glazing; 6 - 8 PM

February
2/1  - Ashtanga Yoga; 6 - 7 PM
2/1  - Mosaic Cylinders; 6 - 8:30 PM
2/2  - Culinary Arts: Gumbo & Rice Pudding; 7 - 8 PM
2/2  - Mask Making; 6 - 8 PM
2/3  - Copper Hearts; 6 - 8 PM
2/4  - Drawing Wildlife; 6 - 8 PM
2/7  - Free Intro to Insight Meditation; 12:30 - 1:30 PM
2/16 - Essential Oils Art Party; 6 - 8 PM
2/17 - Designing & Creating Floral & Feather Accessories; 6 - 9 PM

March
3/1  - Culinary Arts: Relishes, Salsas, and Vinaigrettes
3/2  - Youth: Discover China; 3:30 - 5:30 PM
3/7  - Ashtanga Yoga; 6 - 7 PM
3/9  - Chalkboard Wine Glass Art Party; 6 - 8 PM
3/10 - Copper Tooling Tryptic; 6 - 9 PM
3/17 - Watercolors; 6 - 7:30 PM
3/19 - Peyote Stitch: Bead Ring; Noon - 3 PM
3/21 - Steampunk Jewelry; 6 - 9 PM
3/23 - The Art of Henna; 6 - 9 PM

April
4/2  - Youth: Comedy Club; 10 - 11:30 AM
4/4  - Youth: Art Scene; 2:30 - 4 PM
4/4  - Ashtanga Yoga; 6 - 7 PM
4/5  - Culinary Arts: Hearty Chicken Soup
4/6  - Fun with Paper Mache; 3:30 - 5:30 PM
4/6  - Crafting Copper Flowers; 6 - 8 PM
4/11 - Steampunk Shadow Box; 6 - 9 PM
4/14 - Artist Level: Clay Sculpture Workshop; 6 - 9 PM
4/15 - Jewelry Art Party: Necklace & Bracelet; 6 - 8 PM
4/30 - Artist Level: Watercolor Workshop: Unifying With Color; 10 - 3 PM

May
5/2  - Ashtanga Yoga; 6 - 7 PM
$12 members, $15 non-members - Save money! Become a member!

Elden Kelly in Concert
March 18; 8 PM
A Concert to benefit the Jaycees of Delta County in partnership with the Bonifas Arts Center.

With a voice likened to Jeff Buckley and technique that is the guitarist’s envy, Elden Kelly has captivated audiences across the country with his virtuosic songwriting. Influenced by such diverse genres as jazz, neoclassicism, American Roots, Hindustani and Turkish music, Kelly proves impossible to pigeonhole. From bluegrass to ballads to fretless guitar, Kelly keeps it in the pocket—and he does it alone.

Stefano Barone in Concert
Saturday, April 9; 7 PM
Stefano was born in Naples, Italy, in 1978, and started playing when he was very young, studying piano at first but choosing guitar at last. From blues to pop to rock, in Naples he cut through different musical experiences, until he moved to Rome in 2001 and decided to dedicate himself fully to solo acoustic guitar."

A perfect balance between acoustic and electronic, he performs live an uninterrupted program in which all the songs played are woven together in the most brilliant methods.

He has performed in Italy, United States of America, Canada, Germany, Portugal, Panama, Turkey, Switzerland and the UK.

“An Italian guitarist who has an incredible finger style technique that conjures some amazing harmonic and melodic sounds we didn’t even know an acoustic guitar could do on it’s own”
- Fret Base

Your Town on Stage: Bottle Rocket Cabaret
May 15; 6 PM
Bottle Rocket Cabaret with John Latini and Jamie-Sue Seal.
This community Outreach program involves the people from the place where you live! One of the most enjoyable parts is having kids from your local elementary school join Bottle Rocket Cabaret on stage singing a few songs with them. Equally entertaining is a song that John and Jamie-Sue write about your corner of the world paired with a photo slideshow of the people, history and landmarks of your town. Be a star in your hometown!
**Paint United**

**Saturday, January 16; from 6 to 9 PM**

A painting party to benefit United Way of Delta County in partnership with the Bonifas Arts Center.

Visit www.uwdelta.org/paint to register

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**MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE**

**Friday, February 5th; 7PM**

Come celebrate the spirit and cuisine of Mardi Gras AND support the Bonifas Arts Center! Masks available at the BAC beginning January 29th or make/buy your own! Costumes encouraged with a costume contest for best dressed. But don’t let that deter you. Sneakers or stilettos, feathers or flannel: COME AS YOU ARE! The only rule is that you come ready to have FUN!

- Dance to music by Ziggie Zeitler!
- Cash bar!
- Authentic Cajun food by Bobaloons!
- Can you say Beignets and King Cake???
- We promise to make the Big Easy proud!

Sponsored by Delta County Credit Union.

- **Members:** $35 per ticket, $60 per couple
- **Non-members:** $40 per ticket; $70 per couple

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**April is National Poetry Month!**

The Bonifas Arts Center in partnership with Bay College proudly present

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**FOOLS FOR POETRY**

**Friday, April 22; 7 PM**

Free and open to the public

Join us as area poets deliver some of their own work and work of poets they admire in celebration of National Poetry Month!
Rent the Bonifas

Need a venue for your baby or bridal shower? How about a birthday party, or a recital? Our Studio has wood floors and high ceilings, a small stage, and a full kitchen for your party needs. Host your next event in our historic building located in downtown Escanaba. Give us a call or an email to check availability in the evenings or on the weekend - we offer great rates.

Contact: 906-786-3833 or Jodi@bonifasarts.org.

Cabarets

Enjoy live entertainment in our romantic studio atmosphere. Light snacks will be provided, and guests are welcome to bring their beverage of choice.

$12 members, $15 non-members

Friday, February 12; 8 PM

Some of your favorite local performers and new faces will take the stage as Studio Cabaret presents Love is in the Air, just in time for Valentine’s Day. Bring your sweetie or come solo and enjoy songs about all aspects of love: the good, the bad, and the Adele!

Friday, April 15; 8 PM

Join us for an evening of music that SWINGS featuring songs from the Big Band era, Texas Swing, and modern day Swingers like Michael Buble and Amy Winehouse. Some of your favorite local performers sprinkled with some new faces will close out the Studio Cabaret series with a bang!

Support the Bonifas

WE NEED YOU!


By donating your time and talent to the Bonifas Arts center, you are shaping the kind of community you want to live in. Volunteering creates a healthy community BUT it can benefit YOUR health as well. Did you know that current research has established a strong relationship between volunteering and health? Those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer. (Corporation for National and Community Service.)

Are you a young adult entering the workforce? Volunteer experience looks great on your resume! According to Jane Finkle, a career consultant and founder of Career Visions, “Volunteer experience demonstrates your interest in building community and the likelihood that you will be a good citizen in the workplace.”

As you decide upon your New Year’s Resolutions, consider a pledge to volunteer more in 2016. We would be delighted to help you fulfil that resolution!
Kasota Gift Shop
For an entirely unexpected shopping experience, explore the Kasota Gift Gallery at the Bonifas. The gift gallery features the Best in Class winners from the 2015 Waterfront Art Festival.

Giving Opportunities
The Bonifas Arts Center has been the recipient of charitable grant programs from Thrivent Financial. We would like to remind all of who are Thrivent members of the giving opportunities available through the Choice Dollar and the Action Team programs. Please consult your Thrivent financial advisor or visit www.thrivent.com to direct your monies and keep your investment local!

Upgrades to the Bonifas Stage
The Bonifas Arts Center is requesting donations for upgrading the Theater with a new fly system. The building, originally a gymnasium and auditorium for St. Joseph’s school, was not designed to meet current theater demands. This new system will enable Players de Noc, our resident, all-volunteer theater group (also a non-profit organization) greater flexibility in arranging lights, backdrops, scenery and other stage effects.

The upgraded fly system will be “hung” on a new steel structure (installed by Ness Construction) and include ropes, weights, pulleys, and newly cleaned and fire-proofed curtains. It will be installed during this coming summer, between Players’ seasons.

The new system will cost approximately $85,000. The Bonifas has applied for and been awarded a $27,594 grant that must be matched. Players de Noc and the Bonifas are working together to plan a variety of fund raising events. Already Players de Noc has raised funds for the fly system through the raffling of a prop (Randy’s Christmas present, the zeppelin!) at each performance of their recent play, A Christmas Story.

Community theatre both reflects and develops our community spirit, creativity and artistic sensibilities. Your support of this new fly system with a donation, large or small, helps to promote our community, develop our youth, entertain our citizens and support creativity and the artistic talents of our friends and neighbors. Please consider giving.
Bay Choral Society: New members are welcome! Rehearsals are starting for the Spring Concert on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba. Save the Date! The Spring Concert is scheduled for Sunday, April 10 at 1:30 PM at Bethany Lutheran Church. For more information, contact Patty at 789-1590.

Players de Noc

Lucky Stiff: Book & Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and Music by Stephen Flaherty. Directed by Ed Dwyer; Music Direction by Tom Knoll. March 4 & 5 @8pm, March 6 @ 2pm, March 9, 10, 11, &12 @ 8pm

God of Carnage by Yasmina Reza; Translated by Christopher Hampton. Directed by Steve O’Driscoll. April 29 & 30 @ 8pm; May 1 @ 2pm; May 5, 6, & 7 @ 8pm.

The Remnants Barbershop Chorus will start off the new year with an appearance at the January 8th Escanaba Eskymo Hockey game at the Wells Sports Park, where we’ve been asked to sing the National Anthem.

In April we’ve been invited to sing in Ishpeming as part of the Upper Yoopers Barbershop Chorus’ Spring Show. The Chorus, our gospel group the Gracenotes and the Next Generation Quartet will be singing in that event.

The Remnants meet each Monday evening in the old City Council Chambers at the Escanaba Civic Center. Stop in and check us out… we always welcome new voices!

Little Bay Zen Buddhist Sangha

The Little Bay Zen Sangha would like to invite you to meditate and discuss the Buddha’s teachings on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the Bonifas Arts Center. For more information, contact Joseph Roshin Mold at josephmold@gmail.com, or call 419-913-6914.

YES! I want to be a Bonifas Members!

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Saturday, May 14th; 6:30 PM

TICKETS: ADVANCE $20 / DOOR $25

The Bonifas Art Center’s Annual Fundraiser includes live and silent auction, raffle and door prizes, food and live music.

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