Are you a Member yet? See inside for details

Make My Day
By Gail Stanek
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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Tuesday 10 - 5:30 pm
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Saturday: 10 - 3 pm
Closed Sunday & Monday

Holiday Closures
Thanksgiving: Nov. 23-27
Christmas: Dec. 23-25

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“Is creativity depreciated or simply misunderstood?”

This was a question posed by John Dragoon, a senior vice president, chief marketing officer and channel chief at Novell (a leading software and services company) and one that prompts speculation for those of us here at the Bonifas Arts Center and here in our community.

Dragoon observed that many business leaders today agree that creativity is a key attribute, one that is most needed to address business challenges in our 21st century. He agreed with many CEO’s in industry who identified creativity as “the single most important leadership competency for enterprises seeking a path through complexity.”

Here at the Bonifas we know the value creativity. Creativity drives our job function and it motivates us. The richness of our success is the cumulative result of the many: staff, board members, and the oh-so-wondrous-volunteers who are willing to share their creativity. We believe that we are all wired for creativity. With open-minded and inventive dialogue we can engage community members to face the challenges ahead, to look outside the box and work out new, inventive solutions. We believe that this community has everything it needs to plan for a vibrant future and we need your input, your creativity.

As Dragoon suggests, creativity is a tool for leadership. Now as we welcome new leadership at the Visitors & Convention Bureau and the City of Escanaba, we embrace the opportunities to work with their creative direction. We invite you all to embrace the opportunities to recreate the community you hold dear.

**New Faces at the Bonifas**

Amanda Krok: Events Planner

Amanda, a recent graduate of Bay de Noc Community College, steps into the role of event planner. She was a student intern at the Bonifas and “learned the ropes.” She enjoys the close relationships and teamwork she found at the Bonifas. Amanda has two daughters and enjoys being very active with them outdoors.

**Taking Care of Business**

**Annual Meeting**

Join us on Thursday, October 19, 7 - 8 pm for the Bonifas Annual Meeting. See page 14 for more information.

**Register for classes at least one week before the class.**

To register, you can call 786-3833, go online at bonifasarts.org, or stop in at the Bonifas.

- If you signed up but cannot attend, call us
- If you cancel a week or more in advance you will get a refund
- 50% scholarships are available for applicants - call or stop by to learn more
- Classes may be rescheduled if the weather is bad. We will call registered students if there is a schedule change.
- All supplies are included unless noted in the class description or registration.
- \( M = \) Member \( NM = \) Non Member
- If “Register by” date has past, please call for availability of the class as the class may be still accepting late registrations.
The Powers Gallery

Poetry Meets Art
Sept. 14 - Oct. 26
Poetry Reading: Oct. 5; 7 pm

Paintings by Joann Biallis Leffel and poetry by Elinor Benedict and Larry Leffel: A look at the merging of attitude, world view, and aesthetics.

Red Out of the Box
Nov. 7 - Dec. 19

Featuring the handiwork of Bay de Noc Quilters. Their challenge was to use the color red and a new quilting technique.

The Studio Gallery

Behind the Bonifas Collection
Sept. 14 - Oct. 31
Gallery Walk: Oct. 26; 7:30 pm

Behind the Bonifas re-introduces the community to their permanent collection, original artwork by area artists who were and are part of building the Bonifas Arts Center. You will see your community, its members, sites, and events reflected in this exhibit. We commemorate the artist members past and present, who are the creative energy ‘behind the Bonifas’. A special Gallery Walk with guest curator, Scott Leipski, welcomes the public to reacquaint themselves to this community treasure. There is no charge for this special evening.

Northern Exposure
Nov. 9 - Dec. 21
Opening Reception: Nov. 9; 7 - 9 pm
Submission Deadline: Oct. 7 by 3 pm

Northern Exposure, Bonifas' annual regional competition, showcases a comprehensive look at the contemporary artwork being created in the Upper Peninsula. This competition offers over $3,000 worth of prizes.

Thank you to our Northern Exposure major exhibit sponsors:

Gallery Partners:
Escanaba Veterinary Clinic;
Bay Bank of Gladstone;
Thrivent Financial - Brian Pahnke Escanaba Branch

Purchase Prize Awards:
Bay College; Delta Area Chamber of Commerce; Schneider, Larche, Haapala & Co.; Darolyn & Robert Spannuth; Thrivent Financial - Brain Pahnke Escanaba Branch

Placement Awards:
Crawford Funeral Home;
Michigamme Moonshine Art Gallery; Frame Crafters; East Ludington Gallery; Manistique Art Club Carol Stoll Award

"Rabbit and Forest Fire"
Joyce Koshenmaki 2016 1st place winner
Artisan Level Classes

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Feather Carving with Jim Rutledge
Dec. 5 & 12, 6 - 8 pm
Learn to raise and burn feathers using two methods: using the wood burner to create the illusion of layered rows of feathers and then using small hand held rotary grinders to create feather edges.
Student Fee: $17 M, $20 NM
Register by: Nov. 28

Found Object Dilemma: Breaking the Rut
with Liese Pfeifer
Nov. 10, 10 - 12:30 pm
This is a technical workshop about connecting objects using adhesives, binding, joining and fastening. It will be useful to anyone creating mixed media art from 2D to 3D. Do you create mixed media sculpture using a personal collectable as focal point? Or do you upcycle found objects providing new meaning? Bring a special object or partially complete constructions if smaller than a bread box. I will have materials to share and all methods of joining.
Workshop Fee: $38 M, $48 NM
Register by: Nov. 3

How Artists See with Liese Pfeifer
Nov. 10, 1:30 - 4 pm
Explore the visual cues in nature and our lives; ask how we give them meaning. Expand your visual literacy; the ability to interpret and make meaning with images. Brush up on design basics that inform our capability to create compelling compositions. This is for all levels of artists to challenge and enhance our ability to see. There will be time to start your own piece or continue on piece from the morning workshop. Bring your favorite sketchbook/paper and preferred drawing tools.
Workshop Fee: $38 M, $48 NM
Register by: Nov. 3

***NOTE: There is a discount for signing up for both workshops: $72 M, $90 NM
Both workshop prices includes materials but bring your specialty items.
**Toddler Art**  
with Lorne Watson  
*Thursdays, 10 - 10:45 am*  
Session 1- Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19  
Session 2- Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7, 14  
Join us for creative play activities and music fun! Toddlers will be combining fun and learning to help nurture imagination, problem solving and developing motor skills. Art stations and music provide hands on fun.  
**Ages: Mobile - 3 & their caregivers**  
$5 a day or $32 per session  
Register by: Sept. 1 for Session 1 discount  
Register by: Oct. 19 for Session 2 discount

**SPIN CLUB/ Kids Culinary Club**  
at Jones Elementary Kitchen in Gladstone  
*Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16; 3:05 - 5:30 pm*  
The Bonifas is teaming up with 4-H SPIN Clubs this fall to teach kids how to cook locally grown food, and become healthy, happy cooks and eaters for life! The program will include a shopping trip to the farmer's market, basic kitchen tools and techniques, and hands on food preparation. Kids from all local schools are welcome. This is a great after school program with built in snack and fun learning! Don't miss this unique opportunity to have your children learn to cook and eat healthy!  
**Age group: 4th – 8th graders**  
**Student Fee:** $45/series  
Register by: Sept. 9 at the Bonifas Arts Center

**Win The Social Media Game:** Social Media Photography & Application with Michael Hall  
*Saturday, Oct. 7; 11 - 1 pm*  
*Friday, Oct. 20; 6 - 8 pm*  
We live in the digital world where many of the family members create and curate their image on social media. From selfies taken by 7 year olds, through snapchat of 4th graders, to Instagram and mimes that teenagers are reading, all the way into Facebook for mom and dad – learn how to take the best pictures, use the most interesting filters and build your brand on social media the way media marketing professionals do. This class will benefit the whole family. For any level of photographic expertise, this unique offering at the Bonifas will help you feel at home in the digital world around us!  
**Ages: 6 & Up** (10 & under must come with an adult)  
**Student Fee:** $15  
Register by: Sept. 30
Youth & Family Classes

Gingerbread House Holiday Workshop with Eddie Moritz

Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 - 11:30 am

Join the experts at the Bonifas for our traditional family holiday workshop by creating your own gingerbread house. A great way to enhance your holidays, this wonderful workshop will warm the hearts of your entire family as you create lasting memories for many years to come. All ages are invited to attend. This class fills up fast so pre-registration is required to ensure a space.

Ages: all are welcomed (10 & under must come with an adult)
Student Fees: $12.00 per kit
Register by: Dec. 2

Fun with Poured Paint with Bill Oman

Class 1: Saturday, Nov. 11; 10 am - 1 pm
Class 2: Saturday, Dec. 2; 10 am - 1 pm

Learn the 'poured paint' technique. This non-representational painting is fun to do and the results are often filled with amazing colors and patterns. Play with the paint to see what happens when you swipe the surface with a pallet knife, use a spray bottle of water to move the paint around or use the handle of a paint brush to make designs-among other things. Students will make a painting of their own to take home (once the paint is dry).

Ages: 10 & Up (children 10 must come with an adult)
Student Fee: $10 M, $12 NM
Class 1: Register by: Nov. 4
Class 2: Register by: Nov. 22

Draw A Pet

with Michele Earle in collaboration with

Delta Animal Shelter

Friday, Nov. 10; 4 - 6 pm

The Delta Animal Shelter is coming to the Bonifas! Come meet adorable pets—available for adoption—and learn from a renowned book illustrator, Michele Earle, how to draw animals in pencil/watercolor. This beginning workshop is great for kids and adults alike, and a possibility to create a unique picture for the upcoming holidays and maybe draw portraits of your own pets!

Ages: 7 & Up (10 & under must come with an adult)
Student Fee: $15
Register by: Nov. 3

Please consider bringing a ‘supply’ donation for the Delta Animal Shelter—the Bonifas website has a list of needed supplies.

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Youth and Family Classes are sponsored in part by EMP and Bark River Lions Club
Alcohol Ink Pendants
with Kate Oman
Sept. 12; 6 - 8 pm

Come have fun working with Alcohol ink and walk away with two necklace pendants. No previous experience needed. You will learn how alcohol ink works on the surface of a domino and learn basic stamping techniques to complete your mini piece of wearable art!

Student Fee: $12 M, $15 NM
Register by: Sept. 3

Mystery Abstract Painting
with Diane Kribs-Mays
Sept. 20; 6 - 8 pm

Come for fun and paint with mediums you’ve never thought of using for art. It will be an enjoyable surprise. Students will come away with 4 to 5 art pieces.

Student Fee: $14 M, $16 NM
Register by: Sept. 13

Build Your Personal Brand for Success on Social Media:
Social Media Photography & Application with Michael Hall
Saturday, Oct. 7; 11 - 1 pm
Friday, Oct. 20; 6 - 8 pm

This two-session class will help entrepreneurs and small business owners to promote their businesses on social media in the most effective way! With an intro on how to use phone cameras, along with basic principles of composition and lighting, learn how to use these to enhance your brand online as well as social media application.

Ages: 6 & Up (10 & under must come with an adult)
Student Fee: $15
Register by: Sept. 30

See & Draw Like an Artist:
Beginner to Intermediate with Brady Nelson
Mondays, Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; 6 - 7:30 pm

Students will develop important skills while exploring pencils, charcoal, and graphite. Learn the how-to’s of using light, shadow and value while drawing from still lifes and models. Individual care will be given so that students can advance at their own rate.

Student Fee: $30 M, $38 NM
Register by: Oct. 2

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For all ages! The Creative Corner is a self-guided exploration of mixed media using all different kinds of supplies and materials. New items added weekly! Samples will be available but visitors are encouraged to use their imagination. We can’t wait to see what you create!

Creative Corner is free to the public and available during business hours. Kids 10 and under should be accompanied by an adult.

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**Pottery** with Al Hansen  
*Tuesdays, Oct. 10 and 24; 6 - 8 pm*

Build a unique piece of pottery from scratch with artist Al Hansen! Learn some great techniques in hand-building and glazing and create your own artistic platter. All pieces are food safe and ready for pick up after the final firing. No clay experience required.

**Student Fee:** $45 M, $48 NM  
**Register by:** Oct. 3

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**Clay Ruffled Bowl** with April South Olson  
*Saturdays, Nov. 18; 10:30 - Noon  
Dec. 2; 10:30 - 11:30 am*

Come play in the mud and learn to make a beautiful handmade ceramic bowl. This class is a great start in your exploration with clay. You will learn the basics of clay through the process of slab. Adding surface decoration and glaze will give the bowl your personal style. Let’s get muddy!

**Student Fee:** $45 M, $48 NM  
**Register by:** Nov. 11

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**~ New this Fall ~**  
**Art On Demand**

Have an art project or a craft you always wanted to try? Get your group together (min of 5) and call or email Irina at irina@bonifasarts.org to choose your date, project to make, and budget, and then come and enjoy your custom arts or craft lesson!

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Lifestyle Classes

Culinary Arts: What’s Cookin?  
*Tuesdays, 7 - 8 pm  
*Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5

“What’s Cooking?” is BACK! These cooking demonstrations are designed to bring out your artistry in the kitchen. This fall we are focusing on healthy, local, budget-conscious cooking. Local cooks and chefs will use in-season, locally-sourced produce, grass-fed or organic meats, eggs and dairy. Each session includes step-by-step demonstrations in the kitchen and delectable samples. Viewers leave with a list of tips, recipes in hand, and a smile on their faces. These sessions fill up fast so sign up now to ensure your spot!

Oct. 3: Freshly baked bread with local butter, cheeses & apples – Mike Berg  
Nov. 7: Thanksgiving feast with local produce and meats – Chef Robin Holmes (NOTE Photo Class Below)  
Dec. 5: Winter vegetable stew with local beef – Mary Malnor

*Student Fee: $12 M, $15 NM per Session

*Sponsored in part by Elmer’s County Market, produce supplied by Wilson Creek Gardens

Food Photography with Mike Hall  
*Nov. 7, 7 - 8:30 pm  
*(during the Thanksgiving culinary class)

Participants will have beautiful food to work with. A chef to guide you through the simple preparation and Michael will instruct how to document the results. Afterwards, you are encouraged to post to social media sites and share with Bonifas or maybe even turn your pictures into wall art.

*Ages: Adult  
*Student Fee: $8 (in addition to culinary class fee)  
*Register by: Oct. 31

Ashtanga Yoga with Heather Bruss  
*Mondays, 6 - 7 pm

Yoga provides a great way to strengthen and tone muscles along with increasing flexibility. Learn how to synchronize breath with standing postures to increase the benefits of your workout. Students should bring own mat and block.

*$15 /day walk-in fee for any Monday class

*OR

*Sept. $36 M, $45 NM  
*Oct. $45 M, $57 NM  
*Nov. $36 M, $45 NM  
*Dec. $36 M, $45 NM

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Belly Dancing – Beginner level
with Jenna Harmon
Wednesdays, 6 - 7 pm
Session 1: Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
Session 2: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6

Come have fun, and experience the benefits of learning basic belly dance moves. Jenna Harmon will have you in fluid motion and putting together a routine by the end of six weeks. What is referred to in the West as “belly dancing” is actually *raqs sharqi* or Dance of the East. Based on movements that come naturally to the female form, it provides a wealth of healthful benefits, improving balance and reducing stress to the back by improving overall toning.

Ages 9 & Up (10 & under must come with an adult)
Student Fee Per Session: $30 M, $38 NM
Register by: Sept. 13 for Session 1
Register by: Oct. 24 for Session 2

The Art of the Bouquet with Dr. Dave Gafner
*Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm*
Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 7

Learn to create harmonious, stylish and unique floral arrangements that are in tune with the season and look professional. Dr. David Gafner, professional horticulturist and florist with national level experience and a familiar face in the garden section in Menards, will guide you through selecting local in-season flowers or plants, arranging them with contemporary style and flare and help make sure they last through the holidays or simply make your house more beautiful for days!

Class 1: Oct. 12: Foraging Arrangements
Class 2: Nov. 9: Thanksgiving Table Centerpiece
Class 3: Dec. 7: Christmas Floral Arrangement

Ages: Adult
Student Fee: $12 M/Class or $35/Series $15 NM/Class or $42/Series
Register by: Oct. 3 for Class 1
Register by: Nov. 2 for Class 2
Register by: Dec. 1 for Class 3

Insight Meditation with Gene Schlueter
*Thursdays, Oct. 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7; 6:30 – 8 pm*

Insight Meditation is a guided introspective that is a technique of the Buddhist Theravada Tradition. It helps enhance mental discipline, slows down racing thoughts, helps alleviate sleep disorders, reduces stress, and promotes inner peace and harmony.

Student Fee: $5/session or $25/series
Register by: Oct. 19

For more information visit [www.bonifasarts.org](http://www.bonifasarts.org) - Like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) - Call us at 906-786-3833
We Need You!

Do you like to Organize? Decorate? Cook or bake? Work with tools? Talk on the phone? Sing? By donating your time and talent to the Bonifas, you are shaping the kind of community you want to live in. Stop by the Arts Center, or call to find out how you can put your talents to good use!

“You never know what you will be doing at the Bonifas, one day you'll be folding flyers and the next you’re making Playdough. It's a lot of fun and I love it!”
- JoAnn Holland, Front Desk Volunteer

A big THANK YOU goes out to all of our volunteers! We greatly appreciate all our volunteers and all that they do for us! We wouldn't be here if it weren't for all their hard work and dedication! Below is a total number of Volunteers and the number of hours they collectively put in at the Bonifas:

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All in all we had 182 unique volunteers, many of which have volunteered in different areas at the Bonifas. If you are interested in Volunteering, please contact Kate at the front desk.

for everything you do

The Bonifas Arts Center would like to thank you for another wonderful year by inviting you to our

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

Wednesday, November 29, 2017
11 - 1:30 pm

Please RSVP by November 22
Call Kate at (906) 786-3833 or email kate@bonifasarts.org
Support the Bonifas

Bonifas Fall Raffle

Keep your eyes out for our Fall Raffle. Information will be available on our website and Facebook page once tickets go on sale. Remember that your purchase of raffle tickets not only puts you in the running for awesome prizes but also helps us continue our mission through out the year by bringing in gallery exhibits, youth programs, unique classes, and concerts you shouldn’t miss! Thank you for your continued support! The drawing will be Dec. 13 at the Business After Hours.

Special Events

The Button Project
~ Sport a button ~
Support a great cause.
Proceeds go directly to youth art education.

Only $3 each

These one of a kind collectables will be available at the Bonifas Front Desk.

The artwork was created at the 2016 Youth In Art Reception

Supporting the Button Project will help the Bonifas continue its mission to reach out and inspire area youth.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

SEPT. 29
7:30-9:30PM
$10 M / $12 NM

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HOLIDAY ARTS FAIR

Saturday, Nov 4; 10 - 4 pm

Join us for a Bonifas Arts Center tradition and take care of your holiday shopping while supporting local artists. There will be Art for sale, bake sale items, and even a visit by Santa. Be sure to stop on by and bring the kids too!

Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 19; 7 pm

You're invited to the Bonifas Annual Meeting. You'll see what we've accomplished in the year behind us and look forward to what we hope to achieve in the coming year. You'll meet Board members and hear who was elected to new terms as trustees. We'll honor several people who are or have been important in promoting the arts in our community. Afterwards, enjoy the gallery, refreshments, and conversation.

Chamber’s Business After Hours
Hosted at the Bonifas Arts Center & WLUC TV6
December 13; 5 - 7 pm

Business After Hours is a social event held each month from 5 - 7 pm and provides an opportunity to make valuable business contacts, as well as gain information important to your business. New and renewing Chamber Members will be recognized at this event. Open to the Public. This Delta County Area Chamber of Commerce event is co-sponsored by the Bonifas Arts Center and WLUC TV6.
Children benefit from arts participation
By Alicia Holmes

For children, art may simply be fun—playful creating, looking, singing, and performing—but kids benefit in many ways when they participate in the arts in early childhood.

The Association for Childhood Education International found that if early childhood lacks opportunities for visual arts participation, kids miss important chances to develop “fine and gross motor skills,” according to Lois McFadyen Christensen and Lynn Doty Kirkland.

At an ongoing class at the Bonifas, toddlers can try a variety of hands-on art stations designed to nurture fine motor skills, imagination, and problem solving.

According to an Americans for the Arts report, cognitive neuroscientists have found that arts education fosters children’s cognitive development—“thinking, problem solving, concept understanding, information processing and overall intelligence.”

They report, too, that early childhood arts education improves vocabulary, communication, and memory.

Since the BAC wants all children to benefit from participation in the arts, free activities always are available.

Christensen and Kirkland, also, emphasized that viewing art helps kids develop their imaginations as they work to understand others, and they encouraged adults to ask kids questions like “What story can you tell from the work of art?” and “What do you think the artist is trying to tell us?” to develop kids’ critical thinking skills and start conversations.

Highlights from the last 4 months
By Kate Oman

We’ve had a very busy summer!

Missoula Children’s Theater brought the Bonifas to Space with Gulliver’s Travels and brought smiles to over 300 audience members.

Music Mondays went really well and the weather held off for all but one concert this summer. We didn’t let that dampen our spirits as the music played on through the raindrops! Thanks for your support in our free community music brought to you by the City of Escanaba and the Bonifas.

Wooden Boats Afloat exhibit has taken off with many visitors from all over with the help from the airstream show that was in town. Our Brown Bags have been well attended, also.

Park Art was unveiled at the Ludington Park Tennis Court Pavilion which will be on display for the year, showcasing the local young talent in the area. Be sure to check it out!

Waterfront Arts Festival was a great success for many of our local artists and the Bonifas. The Young Artists Market was the fullest it has ever been. We might even do two tents next year. Thank you to all those that come out to support Waterfront.

We Rocked Delta County with over 60 folks turning out to our rock painting party.

We were able to purge some overstock of supplies at our first Bonifas Craft Rummage Sale. Make sure to follow our facebook page for any future sales that might spring up.

Escanaba Music Camp was a rocking time. The kids learned new instruments and the camp finished with a concert at Bobaloon’s Cafe.
4th Grade Afield
A Bonifas Program Supporting Local Schools

The 4th Grade Afield program is a school field trip that will be held in September and October for students at the Escanaba Upper Elementary and Holy Name Catholic School.

What is 4th Grade Afield? It’s not just another field trip. Students learn how to journal what they see in nature and learn the science behind what they are journaling. The science portion, led by Joe Kaplan, is the foundation and main curricular component.

The program will be held at Aronson Island in Escanaba’s Ludington Park. The day begins with an introduction to the program and activity designed to meet the program’s overall goals. Students then break into smaller groups and rotate through three separate pods: journaling, drawing and science. Each session is about 45 minutes long and includes a 30 minute lunch.

The program allows further development of ideas beyond the field trip and allow teachers to pursue additional instruction in the classroom.

This program would not be able to work with out the wonderful help from our volunteer docents. If you are interested in helping with this program or any other class, please contact us.

4th Grade Afield is sponsored in part by: Bark River Lions Club, EMP Inc., First Bank, Great Lakes Sports & Rec Club, Hiawatha Interpretive Assoc., and Joan King & Jonathon Vigi.

U.P. Artists @ ArtPrize 9!

On the road again! U.P. artwork bound for ArtPrize will be featured in a special sneak peek exhibit at The Center for the Arts at Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island from August 20 – September 9.

U.P. Art: Crossing the Straits, gives tourists and Northern Michigan residents a chance to preview artwork by U.P. artists and encourage them to seek out those works at ArtPrize in Grand Rapids later in September.

“This is great visibility for our U.P. artists,” says Mackinac Arts Council Program Director, Philip Rice. “Mackinac Island is a top tourism destination and boasts a thriving community of artists and artisans. In peak summer months, Mackinac Island sees as many as 15,000 visitors per day.”

The ArtPrize-bound artwork will continue downstate to the largest arts competition in the world and give over 300,000 ArtPrize viewers the message that the U.P. is a unique arts and culture destination. “Our U.P. artists will be featured in a number of venues throughout Grand Rapids, with our home base being at the Acton Institute, in downtown Grand Rapids,” says Pasqua Warstler, Bonifas Arts Center. “We encourage folks to follow the artists by checking updates on our website and social media sites.” A listing of the U.P. artists and where to find their work at ArtPrize will be posted on our website for the duration of ArtPrize and the Pre-Prize exhibit.

To follow U.P. artists at ArtPrize 9, check out the following websites: bonifasarts.org; Bonifas Facebook Page; artprize.org; mackinacarts council.org; missionpoint.com

The following sponsors made both exhibits, Crossing the Straits and ArtPrize, possible: Northern Michigan University, School of Art & Design; Mackinac Arts Council; Mackinac Island Tourism; Star Line Ferry, Bays de Noc CVB; Bonifas Arts Center; Mission Point Resort.
**Little Bay Zen Buddhist Sangha**

The Little Bay Zen Sangha Celebrates its 6th year of sitting Zen meditation at the Bonifas Arts Center. We are a Soto Zen group lead by Joseph Fudo Mold, a student of Tesshin Paul Lehmberg’s and member of the Lake Superior Zendo. Please join us for Zazen, Dharma discussion and Kinhin walking meditation Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm in the upper gallery.

**Friends of the Library**

The Friends of the Library are hosting an Open House at the Library on Sept. 9 from 11 am to 1 pm. It’s National Library Card Sign Up month in September. Join us on the 9th and learn more about Mango Language Programs, see a demonstration about preparing healthy snacks and school lunches, enjoy a music presentation, and hear a story or two. A Chromebook and gift certificates are some of the prizes that will be drawn for at the open house.

**Players de Noc**

Join us for our New Season!

Oct. 6-14 “Wall”

Dec. 8-16 “Winter Wonderettes”

Mar. 2-10 “Curtains”

Apr. 27 - May 5 “Dinner with Friends”.

July 2018 “Glengarry Glen Ross”

Follow Players on facebook to learn when auditions are scheduled. Tickets available online at playersdenoc.org and at the Bonifas Front Desk three weeks before each show.

**The Remnants Barbershop Chorus**

The men of the Remnants Barbershop Chorus will continue to be very busy through the end of the year, and into 2018! Preparations are well underway for the Annual Harvest of Harmony performance, scheduled for October 7th in the old Escanaba Junior High Auditorium. There will be two headliner quartets this year... International Silver Medalists “Signature” and a unique four-some of high school kids, quadruplets, who call themselves “Vintage Mix.”

In December the chorus will again take part in the Community Christmas Concert – A Festival of Choirs. Each Christmas-time area church choirs, the Bay de Noc Choral Society and the Remnants Chorus have presented a special evening of songs of the season. This will be the Fifteenth Annual performance of the very special event.

The Remnants rehearse every Monday evening at the Escanaba Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street. Men of all ages are welcome to join the fun, and to join us in song. Call 786-4798 for more information

**Bay Choral Society**

The Bay de Noc Choral Society begins rehearsals for its annual Christmas concert, December 3rd, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba. The Society sings primarily religious music. All voice parts are needed and there are no auditions. We meet each Tuesday starting September 12, 7 - 9 PM at Bethany. For more information, contact Mike at 241-7731. Come join us!
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 with a baby grand piano, and a full kitchen for your party needs. Host your next event in our historic building located in downtown Escanaba. Call 786-3833 or send an email to Jodi@bonifasarts.org to check on availability. We offer great rates!

Rent the Pottery Shop

Did you know we have a pottery shop? Pottery artists Al Hanson, Vicki Shirley, Tim Fix and Eric Berg have been very busy lately. For only $25 monthly rental fee, you can join them too! For more information, call us at 786-3833 or drop in. We'd love to show you the "pot shop"!

Kasota Gift Shop

East Ludington Gallery has expanded their gallery space to fill our gift shop with wonderful artwork from local artists. Stop in to see the talent!

Support the Bonifas

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 thrivent.com to direct your monies and keep your investment local! If you have done this in the past, please renew your contributions annually. Your choice dollars help us help the community.

If you are out and about in the U.P. this fall for color tours or going on a winter getaway, be sure to check out the local art scene. Scan the code above or visit upartandculture.com for a map of different arts and culture centers around the U.P.

Help the Bonifas with your Elmer’s Rewards points

When shopping at Elmer’s County Market, present the Bonifas Donation Card to the cashier and let them know how Elmer’s Reward Card points you would like to transfer to the arts center. You can transfer points in 500 point increments. If you do not have an Elmer’s Reward Card, be sure to stop by their service desk and pick one up. For every dollar you spend at Elmer’s, you accumulate 10 reward points. The points you donate to the arts center help us to earn FREE money. Please help support us and donate your Elmer’s Reward Card points to the Bonifas Arts Center! Thank You!

Pick up a Bonifas donation card at the Bonifas front desk or cut this card out.
Cut this list out, put it on your fridge and never forget what's coming up next at the Bonifas!
Please note these dates only cover the beginning dates of classes, please refer to the ArtNews for complete listing of dates and times for classes

9/4 Ashtanga Yoga - Mondays 6 - 7 pm
9/7 Toddler Art: Session 1: 10 - 10:45 am
9/12 Alcohol Ink Pendants 6 - 8 pm
9/18 SPIN CLUB/Kids Culinary Club 3 - 5:30 pm
9/20 Belly Dancing: Session 1: 6 - 7 pm
9/20 Mystery Abstract Painting 6 - 8 pm
9/29 Friday Night Live 7:30 - 9:30 pm
10/2 Ashtanga Yoga - Mondays 6 - 7 pm
10/3 What's Cookin? 7 - 8 pm
10/5 Poetry Reading 7 pm
10/7 Win The Social Media Game / Build Your Personal Brand 11 - 1 pm
10/9 See & Draw Like an Artist: 6 - 7:30 pm
10/10 Pottery 6 - 8 pm
10/12 The Art of the Bouquet 6:30 - 7:30 pm
10/19 Annual Meeting 7 - 8 pm
10/26 Toddler Art: Session 2: 10 - 10:45 am
10/26 Insight Meditation 6:30 - 8 pm
10/26 Gallery Walk 7:30 - 8:30 pm
11/1 Belly Dancing Session 2: 6 - 7 pm
11/4 Holiday Arts Fair 10 - 4 pm
11/6 Ashtanga Yoga - Mondays 6 - 7 pm
11/7 What's Cookin? 7 - 8 pm
11/7 Food Photography 7 - 8:30 pm
11/9 The Art of the Bouquet 6:30 - 7:30 pm
11/9 Northern Exposure Reception 7 pm
11/10 Found Object Dilemma 10 - 12:30 pm
11/10 How Artists See 1:30 - 4 pm
11/10 Draw A Pet 4 - 6 pm
11/11 Fun with Poured Paint 10 - 1 pm
11/18 Clay Ruffled Bowl 10:30 - Noon
11/29 Volunteer Brunch 11 - 1:30 pm
12/4 Ashtanga Yoga - Mondays 6 - 7 pm
12/5 Feather Carving 6 - 8 pm
12/5 What's Cookin? 7 - 8 pm
12/7 The Art of the Bouquet 6:30 - 7:30 pm
12/9 Gingerbread House 10 - 11:30 am
12/13 Business After Hours 5 - 7 pm
12/13 Fall Raffle Drawing at Bonifas 5 - 7 pm

YES! I want to be a Bonifas Members!

Membership Benefits Include:
Class and event discounts, Discounts on artist entry fees, Annual meeting voting privileges, Free ArtNews and flyer delivery

Membership Levels
__ $20 Student Membership
__ $35 Individual Membership
__ $50 Family Membership
__ $100 Day Sponsor
__ $300 Arts Partner
__ $500 Benefactor
__ $1,000+ Tower Society
__ Additional Contribution $________

I am an artist:  Yes  /  No
I want to volunteer:  Yes  /  No  If Yes: please circle the area(s) you would like to help in:

Work with Computers  Answer Phones
Gallery Crew  Docent Helpers
Work at Events  Event Committees
Prep for Classes  In-class helpers
Facility Maintenance  Organize Supplies

Name: ___________________________________
Business: ___________________________________
Address: ___________________________________
City, St. Zip: _________________________________
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Email: ____________________________________
Enclosed is my check for $_____
Bill my charge card:  Amount $________
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Card # _____/_____/_____/_____ Exp. ____/____
Signature ___________________________________
All payment arrangements are private and secure

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

SEPT. 29
7:30-9:30PM
$12 M / $15 NM