Art changes the world. Art helps share experiences, change opinions, instill values, and interpret experiences. It expresses and records our memories. We want to inspire and engage the very best of each and every person who crosses our doorstep or participates in one of our programs. Art is what most expresses our humanity. We know that art can be a vehicle to bring our community together, enhance our connections with each other and help us to communicate our many points of view.

The Bonifas is dedicated to serving our community and making it the best it can be. To achieve that goal we need to know more. Please look for and participate in the short survey on page 15 & 16 of this Art-News. Your answers will help us plan classes, exhibits, and events that engage people and encourage and develop artists.

I invite you to join us for one of the Bonifas’ new 2019 classes, exhibits, or events. We’re adding several family-friendly events to the calendar—like Mother-Son Dino Date Night and Family Date Nights. We’re also celebrating Yooper culture with Flannel Fest on February 23. Please note the date change and location of the annual Benefit for the Bonifas which will be held on March 16 at the Arts Center.

Our classes, designed for people at all skill levels, include learning to alter clothes to fit you better, culinary skills for children, and yoga, which is taking on a new tone—try it out this year! Learn to shoot great natural light portraits (or selfies) with your smartphone or try scratchboard art. There are so many ways you can express yourself!

This winter use Bonifas art exhibits to relax and absorb new experiences. Be inspired by new and vibrant artwork from Northern Michigan University students. Be delighted by the art of hundreds of area children. Engage a new perspective from several professional U.P. artists in our April exhibit. We offer insights to adults and promise to have art scavenger hunts for all ages.

Check your calendars and be sure to include the Bonifas in your winter plans this year. Engage with art—let it enhance and inspire your life!

Be well, Sue
Emerging Artist: Scott Leipski’s business propelled forward by the Bonifas By Victoria LaFave

One artist who displays his works at the Bonifas Arts Center, Scott Leipski from Gladstone, is now a full-time ceramics artist, and says the Bonifas helped to spur his career forward.

He first entered the Bonifas annual Northern Exposure competition in 2014, winning a Featured Artist Award and giving him the experience of his first solo show at the Erickson Center in Curtis. At this solo show, Scott’s artwork drew Pasqua Warstler’s attention. Being impressed by his unique art, Pasqua asked him to do a solo show at the Bonifas in April 2016. The rest, as they say, is history.

Scott says these shows at the Bonifas and the Erickson Center propelled him forward, causing him to have to produce many works of art, and also helping him to refine his creative and production process.

Scott’s artwork can be described as creative ceramic sculptures, consisting of press molded shapes and figures, as well as slab and coil built forms.

Leipski often finds creative inspiration in unlikely places. For instance, Leipski’s artwork, Daytime Variation, which is now permanently displayed at the entrance of the Bay College Besse Center, is inspired by the woods where Scott grew up—in Tomahawk, Wisconsin. After living in Tomahawk for 16 years, he moved to Milwaukee, where he lived in a more urban setting. In 2013, Leipski returned to the north woods, moving to the U.P. to live in the more rural environment of Gladstone.

Leipski explained how his wooded environment inspired Daytime Variation: “The lines change, and the piece shows a parallel to the woods,” he described. “When you are in the forest, the same place can be dramatically different based on the time of day, the time of year, and the weather. It is never the same twice.”

He is grateful that his work is now part of Bay College's permanent collection. "I'm really thankful that it ended up here. I specifically made the piece for the large concave wall in the atrium of Bay College's Besse Center. I felt it offered me a unique opportunity to do something substantial related to my past and the area."

Primarily a self-taught artist, Leipski says he learns his craft as he goes, and says he has learned many hard lessons along the way. However, he says he views failure as part of what has led to his successes.

“I quickly learned that failures in the studio were my best instructors. The failures not only showed me how to improve, but also told me how to recreate those ‘errors’ when I specifically wanted that effect.”

Along with Bay College’s Besse Center Gallery, Leipski’s work is currently displayed at Cappaert Contemporary Gallery, Egg Harbor, Wisconsin; and Mixed Media Gallery in Douglas, Michigan. To view Leipski’s work online, visit: www.scottiepski.com Instagram: @scott_leipski Facebook page: facebook.com/scottiepskiceramics/

Dear Bonifas Members, Sponsors, and Collaborators,

After 26 years of inspiring fun, cherished relationships, and hard work, I will be retiring from the Bonifas Arts Center at the end of December. This community arts center has fluxed and morphed, just as I have over those years and as the center will continue to do so with every new leader’s unique vision.

What you can still expect: revitalized classes and events that welcome more and more of our local community members to participate and visit, and in doing so, continue to support the arts center. Your participation and input remain vital to the health of your Bonifas Arts Center. Don’t miss the survey, on page 15 & 16 of this ArtNews or online at www.bonifasarts.org. Your input is important in knowing how to serve you better.

We have an amazing 2019 gallery line-up so remember the gallery and the receptions are open to the public and our upcoming schedule includes something for everyone. (Check out the listing in this newsletter!)

The gallery has grown to have a valuable, regional impact that strengthens not only the Bonifas Arts Center, but the arts throughout the Upper Peninsula. It is cherished by many.

I plan to continue working on regional projects that help preserve U.P. arts and culture and I look forward to all of what the Bonifas will offer. The Bonifas has been a wonderful place to work; stimulating and steady.

Thank you,
PSQ
The Alice Powers Gallery

**NO BS or BFA YET!**
January 10 - February 20
Meet the Artists Reception:
Thursday, January 24, 7 - 9 pm

In collaboration with Northern Michigan University’s College of Art & Design, the Bonifas Arts Center addresses NMU’s senior students as early career artists and provides them valuable professional practice in this biennial, exhibit! This exciting exhibit offers a look at the out-of-the-box ideas being explored and developed by the art students at NMU.

**Sensoria Artists Collective: Recent Works**
April 4 - April 30
Opening Reception: Friday, April 5, 7 - 9 pm

Although artist collectives have been going strong throughout history, Sensoria, a Marquette-based collective is fairly newly-formed. Typical of the traditional collective, it is selective and its membership make-up is well-thought out with a mix of media, styles and skill sets. This careful combination strengthens the group and offers a diverse and thoughtful mixture of artwork, and that is what viewers will find in Sensoria Artists Collective: Recent Works.

**Youth In Art**
February 28 - March 28
Artist Receptions:
Grade K - 5th: Wednesday, March 13, 6 - 7 pm
Grade 6th-12th: Thursday, March 14, 6 - 7 pm

The Bonifas Art Center gallery and studio spaces honor the creative learning happening in Delta County area schools. As part of a nation-wide celebration of youth in art, we remind our community of the importance of creative learning options and of our commitment to the creative spirit. Nearly 1,000 pieces of children’s artwork enliven the galleries and the studio and herald the coming of spring with a flourish of color and a genuine voice. Come in and feel good!

**Bonifas Membership Show**
May 9 - June 6
Opening Reception: Thursday, May 9, 7 - 9 pm

A 40+ year tradition, the Bonifas Membership Show has encouraged members to share their creative explorations at every level of ability. It is a rich and varied exhibit where emerging artists show side-by-side with our experienced and professional artists. It is a community favorite and a walk worth taking through the galleries. Enjoy!
Class Registration Info:

- Register online at www.bonifasarts.org, or stop in to see us!
- Register early to ensure your space in the class and bring a friend.
- Classes have to meet a minimum of students for the class to be held.
- The class minimum must be met 1 week prior to start date of class.
- If you cannot make a class, please call us to cancel.
- In order to receive a refund, you MUST cancel no later than 1 week before the class is held.
- Classes may be rescheduled due to weather. Paid students will be notified.
- The Bonifas offers a 50% scholarship for qualifying participants. Inquire at front desk for details.
- Children age 9 or younger need to have an adult guardian present.
- All supplies are included unless noted on the registration form.
- Pricing listed as: $N, $NM (Member, Non-Member)

WHAT’S COOKIN’?
- COOKING DEMO & TASTING
  Tuesdays, 7 - 8 pm
  $12 M, $15 NM

The Bonifas will bring you tastes of different national cuisines. The series of cooking demonstrations are designed to bring out your artistry in the kitchen. Each session includes step-by-step demonstrations and delectable samples. Viewers leave with a list of tips and recipes in hand and a smile on their faces. These sessions fill up fast so sign up now to ensure your spot!

FEBRUARY 5: SUSHI with Dennis Dufek.
Martial arts guru, artist and chef, Dennis Dufek will show how to make this very healthy, light and delicious food, as well as advise on the best places to obtain the highest quality ingredients. A demonstration on how to use chopsticks is included.

MARCH 5: MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD with Rawan Alhabbal
A native of beautiful Damascus, Rawan is now a resident of Escanaba. She will demonstrate how to make two Middle Eastern foods that are crowd pleasers as well as nutritious and filling – Dolmas (stuffed grape leaves) and Falafel (chick pea balls).

APRIL 2: CHINESE FOOD with Brianna Ecklid
Brianna grew up in Gladstone, but spent two years, during high school, in ChengDu, China, the spice capital of China. She is back in the U.P., and will demonstrate how to make an authentic Chinese dish that will change your perception of Chinese food - for the better. Brianna will share the authentic recipes and tips as well as fun memories of her Chinese adventure.

Creative Corner
Available during Bonifas business hours
FREE to all ages
(age 12 & under should be accompanied by an adult).
The Creative Corner is a self-guided exploration of mixed media using all different kinds of supplies and materials. Visitors are encouraged to use their imagination. We can’t wait to see what you create!

Sponsored, in part, by: Ray & Peg Hirvonen Foundation & Meijer
VINYASA YOGA
with Heather Bruss
Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
January 14, 21, 28, $27 M, $34 NM
February 4, 11, 18, $27 M, $34 NM
March 4, 11, 18, 25, $36 M, $45 NM
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, $45 M, $57 NM
or $15 per day walk-in fee

Yoga creates calm and peace in the mind, as well as working the physical body. Strength, flexibility and balance are improved as yoga practice progresses. Students leave class feeling like they have gotten a great workout, while also feeling fully energized. All levels are welcome! The class does not build from week to week so students can begin at any time. Walk-ins are always welcome.

HANDS ON COOKING CLASS:
SUSHI with Dennis Dufek
Friday, February 15, 6 - 8 pm
$30 M, $35 NM, $50/couple

Learn how to make sushi in your own kitchen. Dennis Dufek will lead a hands-on session of preparing fresh and delicious sushi from scratch. Whether you observed Dennis during his blockbuster What’s Cookin’ class and want to try your hand at it or you want to do something special around Valentine’s Day with your partner – this class will help you hone your skills and have fun!

THE ART OF SEWING
ALTERATIONS with Lana Farley
Thursdays, February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
$28 M, $36 NM (series only)
Ages: 12 to Adult

Improve your presentation and style without breaking the bank. Ever wished that you could make your clothes fit like they were tailored for you? Learn how to make necessary alterations to ensure just the right fit. Lana will guide the class through the most commonly required alterations - the hem, the sleeve, the shoulder and the fit or pants (jeans), jacket and a dress. Beginners are welcome!

JI DO KWAN TAE KWON DO
SELF-DEFENSE CLASS
Wednesdays, March 20 - May 1, 6 - 7:30 pm (skips March 27)
$40 M, $50 NM
Ages: 12 to Adult

In today's anxiety inducing world the knowledge of self-defense is critical. Make yourself and family safer by learning the practical self-defense techniques. Students will gain a new sense of confidence in themselves, both mentally and physically in their ability to defend themselves in a critical situation.

Note: Sessions will be geared to each student’s physical abilities. Students should know and understand that learning self-defense is mentally and physically demanding, you will be pushed to your limits.

Neighborhood arts projects help to build community trust and cohesion and also make it more likely that residents will participate in the community in other ways. People feel safer in communities with art and have more community pride.

Info from website: americansforthearts.org/socialimpact
**TODDLER ART**

**Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:15 am**
January 10, 17, 24, 31
February 7, 14, 21, 28
March 7, 14, 21
April 4, 11, 18, 25
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
$5 per day
**Ages: Mobile - 3 & Caregiver**

Join us for creative play activities and music fun! Lead by professional teachers and musicians, 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.

Sponsored in part by Diane Bennett

**KIDS ABSTRACT PAINTING**

with April South Olson

**Saturdays, February 2, 9, & 16,**
**10 - 11:30 am**
$25 M, $30 NM (series only)
**Register by: January 25**
**Ages: 8 & up**

Abstract art is painting things we can’t see. It’s about experimenting and filled with accidents to build upon. Through drawing exercises you will learn the art elements that will give you confidence in shaping your painting work. We will discuss historical artists of the movement to provide an understanding of where abstract art started.

**4H SPIN: KID’S CULINARY classes at EUE**

**Tuesdays, January 22, 29,**
**February 5, 12, 19, & 26,**
**2:30 - 4 pm At EUE**
**Home Economics Kitchen**
**$30/series (series only)**
**Age group: 4th - 6th grade**

The Bonifas Arts Center is teaming up with 4-H SPIN Clubs to help you raise your kids as enthusiastic cooks and healthy eaters. Each class will include the tasting of the prepared meal while practicing table manners. Kids from all local schools are welcome – this is a great after school program with built in snack and fun learning!

**ART SCENE**

**Tuesdays, February 12 - March 26,**
**3:30 - 5:30 pm**
$35
**Age group: 5th & 6th grade**

Renowned local muralist artist James Finlan will once again lead students through the steps of developing a permanent art display. This time, the task is to paint a mural in the Escanaba Upper Elementary lunch room. Students will receive a hands-on art experience through a co-operative team work setting. Parent volunteers are welcome.

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**Arts Participation Increases Neighborhoods Safety**

Arts participation correlates with lower rates of juvenile delinquency and truancy. Disadvantaged neighborhoods that have the highest rates of arts participation are in the top 25 percent of area that consistently have among the lowest rates of juvenile delinquency incidents.

**Cultural Participants 50% More Likely to Be Involved in Other Community Activities**

Cultural participation leads to wider community participation. One study showed that participants most involved in cultural activities were 50 percent more likely to be involved in other (non-arts) community activities.

**Cultural Participants Are 2x As Likely to Volunteer**

Volunteerism within a community is a sure sign of civic pride and engagement, which are crucial to livability. Research shows that arts participants are more than twice as likely to volunteer as those who do not participate in the arts—a trend that holds across art forms and regardless of demographics.
HOMESCHOOLERS ART CLASS
Mondays, February 18 - April 29,
11 am - 12 pm
$45 (series only)
Age group: K - 8th grade
Art curriculum for homeschoolers. Kids learn about color, perspectives, art techniques and do variety of hands on art and craft projects in this engaging and lively weekly class.

CHILDREN’S MUSIC at the Bonifas
Tuesdays, February 26,
March 5, 12, 19,
April 2, 9, 16, & 23,
10 - 10:30 am
$80 for the series
Ages: 18 mo. - 4 with Adult
No walk-ins, pre-register only
Register by: February 25
Children’s Music curriculum is dedicated to using the power of music to help children learn and grow during the years most critical for brain development. Help your child build a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning and development!

DELTA COUNTY CREDIT UNION
FINANCIAL WORKSHOP
Saturday, April 20, 2 - 3:30 pm
FREE
Age group: K - 6th grade with Adult
Come learn about saving money and make a really cool craft. Delta County Credit Union sponsors the workshop.

4 OUT OF 5 MORE LIKELY TO VOTE
The arts make young adults more civically engaged. Seventy-eight percent of young adults who had arts-rich experiences were more likely to vote or participate in a political campaign.

5X LESS LIKELY TO DROP OUT
Students excited by school stay in school. Low-income students who participate in the arts, both in school and after school, have a dropout rate of just 4 percent—five times lower than their peers.

100 POINTS HIGHER ON THEIR SAT
Students who take four years of arts and music classes average almost 100 points better on their SAT scores than students with only a half-year or less.

2X AS LIABLE TO GRADUATE COLLEGE
The arts help people succeed. Low-income students who are highly engaged in the arts are more than twice as likely to graduate college than their peers with no arts education.

Info from website: americansforthearts.org/socialimpact

EDUCATION
ARTS + YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION
The rich and well-documented links between the arts and education, both formal and informal, create a robust case for supporting pro-arts education funding and pro-arts education policy in every community.
BROKEN CUP MOSAIC  
Wednesdays, January 30,  
February 6, & 13, 6 - 8 pm  
$45 M, $55 NM

Join us to create this whimsical piece of functional art. Artist Cathi Knauf leads you through the process of creating a unique mosaic. Do you have a broken dish that you just hate to throw out? -bring it in and learn how to construct wall-mounted mosaic planter.

INTRO TO SCRATCHBOARD ART  
WITH COLOR with Tracy Anderson  
Thursday, February 7, 6:30 - 9 pm  
$30 M, $35 NM

Scratchboard is a white clay board that has had black ink applied. The artwork happens by scratching away the black to reveal the white underneath. The technique is very detailed and this class will just scratch the surface by teaching the basic techniques for working on scratchboard and adding color to it.

NATURAL LIGHT PORTRAITS WITH SMART PHONE CAMERAS  
Saturday, February 9, 11 am - 1 pm  
$13 M, $17 NM

Learn how to make your portraits or selfies look the best without setting up professional lighting. Award-winning photographer Mike Hall will educate you on how to take pictures that make anyone look like the best version of themselves. Just in time for Valentine’s Day – do it together for a novel experience as a couple or give a loved one a special portrait as a gift. Bring your smartphone/camera.

ENCAUSTIC LANDSCAPE PAINTING  
with a shellac burn technique  
Tuesdays, February 12 & 19, 6 - 8 pm  
$35 M, $40 NM

Learn the unique art of encaustic medium. Encaustic artist, April South-Olson will show you how to apply colored hot wax and fuse them in layers to create a landscape. Then you will explore the shellac burn technique, by lighting our paintings on fire, to create a spontaneous dimension to your landscape painting!

PAINT NIGHT  
with Staci Berg  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
$25 M, $30 NM / class

Come for a fun evening of painting a seasonal scene with acrylics. Bring a few friends and a beverage of choice. Take home a unique piece of art and kick off the weekend in style!
PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY
NIGHT with Staci Berg
Thursday, February 14, Wednesday, March 6, Thursday, April 11, Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
$10 M, $12 NM / Night
Come for a fun evening of painting a piece of pottery of your choice with food safe glaze. Bring a few friends and a beverage of choice. Once glazed, the pieces will be fired and will be ready for pick up at a later date. ADDITIONALLY, purchase the bisque wear of your choice (prices range from $7 - $25) to paint from our pottery shop.

THE ART OF CALLIGRAPHY
with David Snook
Thursday, March 21, 5:30 - 7 pm
$25 M, $29 NM
Learn how to write beautifully and create personalized stationery or make signs. The practical benefits of learning calligraphy include weddings and big events (save the date, RSVP and thank you card envelopes, invitations, place cards and menus, signs, certificates) corporate events and private dinners. All these materials take time to create and hiring a calligrapher is costly. However, if you create them yourself, you’ll save money as well as feel even more of a personal connection to your materials and the event!

ABSTRACT PAINTING
with April South Olson
Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 6 - 7:30 pm
$34 M, $39 NM
Learn to listen to your intuition and understand the beauty of layering in this abstract painting class. We will use the versatile acrylic medium to apply paint with an instinctual approach. April South-Olson will show you how to use pattern, collage, mark making, and other art elements to move you forward with each layer in this contemporary art method.

RAKU POTTERY
with Al Hansen
Thursdays, April 18, 6 - 8 pm & May 2, 6 - 9 pm
$60 M, $70 NM
Join local potter and retired Bay College instructor, Al Hansen, in the pottery studio for a session of hand building and wheel throwing and a second session of glazing and firing raku pottery. Raku is a traditional form of Japanese pottery that has historically been used in the Japanese tea ceremony. This is a low-fire, reduction process that involves handling red-hot clay pieces and combustible material. The result is an exciting firing process and flashes of beautiful metallic glazeware. Hansen leads you in both the glazing and firing process. Note: Raku is not food or dishwasher safe. Also the second session is a pot luck, so bring a dish to pass.

CULTURE & HERITAGE
ARTS + ART
Info from website: americansforthearts.org/socialimpact

Considering art means considering our history, our heritage, our politics, the way we learn—in short, the arts are part of everything, and play a role in all aspects of the human experience.
STAMPED SERVING BOARDS
with Diane Kribs-Mays
Thursday, April 25, 6 - 8 pm
$30 M, $35 NM

Bonifas brings you another class where you will make functional art! Transform a simple cutting board into a functional serving platter for your crudités or cheeses by “food stamping” it. The technique uses fresh produce to create unique and very appropriate pattern on the wood. Take home your new completely food safe food serving board and a conversation starter for your parties! Cutting boards will be provided.

INTRO TO WET FELTING
with Marikah
Saturday, May 11, 11 am - 4 pm
$60 M, $70 NM

Ages: Children 8+ are welcome, but kids 12 & under need an adult present. FOR ALL LEVELS, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Master feltmaker Masha Kakhova leads a class in creating a light colorful cobweb felted scarf from fine wool, silk and other natural fibers. There will be an option to make a nuno felted scarf as well, using a piece of silk as a base for wool and other fibers. Make a beautiful one of a kind accessory for every season and occasion. Keep it for yourself or make your Mom a beautiful handmade gift for Mother’s Day. All the supplies and tools are provided. Snack is included. Check out Artist’s website: Marikah.com

The arts provide meaning in our lives. In a 2016 public opinion poll, 73 percent of Americans said that the arts provided meaning in their lives and were a positive experience in a troubled world.

Creativity makes businesses better. Companies that foster creativity among their workforce are 3.5 times more likely to outperform their peers on key indicators of success.

Engaging in both craft- and social based art forms has been shown to decrease your risk of developing cognitive impairment and decline as you get older.

Just looking at art improves your ability to think critically. Students from high-poverty schools, according to one study, experience an 18 percent effect-size improvement in critical thinking about art after a one hour tour of a museum.

The arts literally make your brain grow. Participating in the visual arts for as little as 10 weeks has been shown to increase the resiliency and neural connectivity of the brain, making for increased self-awareness and better memory processing.
Kraig Kenning Concert
Friday, January 18, 8 - 10 pm
$12 M, $15 NM

Call him contemporary folk, acoustic blues, roots rock, or American fingerstyle. The fact is, Kraig has managed to merge a bit of all the above, while maintaining a close and personal connection with his audience. Kraig has played up to 200 dates a year touring the US for the last 3 decades, showcasing songs from his eight CDs containing almost exclusively original material.

Mother-Son Dino Date Night
Friday, January 25, 6 - 8 pm
$20 per couple, $5 each additional son
Age group: K - 6th grade & Mother

Come enjoy a night of dinosaur fun with your favorite little man! You will create your own fossils, play dinosaur games, eat pizza and dinosaur inspired snacks. Sponsored in part by Delta County Credit Union

Mother-Son Toddler Dino Date Night
Saturday, January 26, 2 - 3:30 pm
$14 per couple, $3 each additional son
Ages: Mobile - Pre K & Mother

Come enjoy an afternoon of dinosaur fun with your favorite little guy! You will create your own fossils, play dinosaur games, and eat dinosaur inspired snacks. Sponsored in part by Delta County Credit Union

Family Date Nights
Fridays, February 8, March 22, April 12, 7 - 8:30 pm
$10 / Person, $35 / Family

Discover what you can see, make and do at the Bonifas by coming to our Family Date Nights. Enjoy a delicious dinner, make fun art projects, challenge yourself to a scavenger hunt in the gallery and enjoy a creative night out with your family!

Valentine Family Fun Day
Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 - 8 pm
Free
Must pre-register by February 8

Bring your kids to make Valentine’s Day cards and learn a lesson in community building. We will explore different fun techniques of card-making, participants will make more than one card. Take your card home and send one to a senior citizen at local assisted living facilities to warm their hearts!
Sponsored by Delta County Credit Union

Flannel Fest
Saturday, February 23, 7 - 11 pm
$25 in advance, $30 at the door

Join us for the 2nd Annual Flannel Fest! Enjoy music by Sit Down Francis, food by Mark Ammel, beer from Upper Hand Brewery and wine from Northern Sun Winery. This fun night celebrates all things Yooper! There will be a best dressed flannel competition, games, bucket raffles, 50/50 drawing and more! So put on your best flannel and enjoy a great night!

Spring Raffle
Friday, March 1

Tickets go on sale. Like and follow us on Facebook to find out what the raffle prizes will be!

Youth in Art Talent Show Auditions
Saturday, March 2, beginning at 10 am
Call 906-786-3833 to schedule a time
Age group: K - 12th grade


Youth in Art Talent Show
Friday, March 15, 6 pm
$5 / Person

All of these talents and many more will be showcased in our annual Youth in Art Talent Show. Support our youth as they entertain us for the evening.
**BENEFIT FOR THE BONIFAS**  
Saturday, March 16, 6 - 10 pm  
(Please note the date change)  
$35 advance $40 at the door  

Enjoy a night of great entertainment by the Phil Lynch Quartet, delicious food by Chef Matt Wiles and beautiful art while supporting the art center. The Benefit is coming back to the Bonifas this year. There will be a silent auction, games, door prizes and welcoming back the live auction run by renowned auctioneer Don Martin.

This is our year’s largest fundraiser to support our work for the community and is a great way to find unique art!

In addition to our wonderful art donations and raffle items from local businesses, local artists have donated their talents to our mosaic auction creating 8”x8” artwork. If you’re an artist wanting to donate artwork for this great fundraiser, please call us for details!

**NIGHT OF U.P. POETRY, PROSE & MUSIC**  
Saturday, March 23, starting at 8 pm  
$8 in advance, $10 at the door  

Join us for a night of wonderful music and poetry. Stephen Hooper "Under the Cold Dark Sky" will be performing his original Michigan inspired songs, along with B.G. Bradley reading some of his original poetry and prose about the U.P. An evening with these two is a beautiful journey through the U.P.

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!**  
Friday, April 19, starting at 8 pm  
$10 advance, $12 at the door  

Enjoy live entertainment right here in our Bonifas studio. This event makes a perfect date night for the special couple or come solo and make some new friends.

Event sponsored, in part, by: Meijer & Bink’s Coca-Cola Bottling

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**ON 7th & LUDINGTON**  
Friday, March 1, 5 - 10:30 pm  

Start out at Hereford & Hops for a tasty dinner, then be inspired by the talent in the Youth in Art exhibit here at the Bonifas and then take in the energy of Players de Noc’s opening night production of Gypsy.

**ON 7th & LUDINGTON**  
Friday, April 26, 5 - 10:30 pm  

Start out at Hereford & Hops for a tasty dinner, then see the Sensoria Exhibit. Meet the artists. Then take in live theater with Players de Noc’s production of Moon Over Buffalo.
The East Ludington Gallery introduces a lecture series that will be held the third Thursday of every month, 7 - 8 pm at 1007 Ludington St. The lectures are open to the public and free of charge. Scheduled artists and topics are:

January 17  
Rose Peltier  
Fabric Dying

February 21  
Glenna Arkens  
Acrylic Painting

March 21  
Ted Brainard  
Wood Furniture

April 18  
Diane Krib-Mays  
Creative Clothing

May 16  
Christine Groleau  
Russian Orthodox Iconography
The Bonifas is working hard to create a center that nurtures and fosters the arts for all people. We are currently looking for your opinions to help the Bonifas explore new options for programming and classes, to understand the needs of the community, and to better serve the area. Those who are interested can cut out the survey in this article, fill it in, and either mail it to the Bonifas Arts Center or drop it off. People can also find a link to the survey at www.bonifasarts.org. Surveys must be in by the end of January.

1. How important is it to you to be creative, artistic, or to express your culture in your everyday life?
   - [ ] very important
   - [ ] somewhat important
   - [ ] a little important
   - [ ] not important at all
   - [ ] not sure

2. How often do you get the chance to engage in, or experience, creative, artistic and/or cultural activities?
   - [ ] very often
   - [ ] somewhat often
   - [ ] rarely
   - [ ] never
   - [ ] not sure

3. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: *Growing up, I was encouraged to express myself creatively or use my imagination.*
   - [ ] strongly agree
   - [ ] somewhat agree
   - [ ] somewhat disagree
   - [ ] strongly disagree

4. Have you visited the Bonifas Arts Center?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

5. Which of the following statements come closest to describing what you valued most about your visit?
   (Select up to four.)
   - [ ] Spending quality time with family or friends
   - [ ] Meeting new people
   - [ ] Experiencing a culture other than my own
   - [ ] Learning something new
   - [ ] Being entertained and having fun
   - [ ] Showing support for the Bonifas Arts Center
   - [ ] I did not value anything about my experience
   - [ ] Engaging with or feeling connected to my community
   - [ ] Experiencing, observing, or honoring my cultural heritage
   - [ ] Experiencing something creative, artistic or cultural
   - [ ] Creating something of my own
   - [ ] Relaxing and de-stressing
   - [ ] Other: _________________________________
   - [ ] Seeing a specific performer/artwork/performance/exhibit

6. When engaging in or experiencing something creative, artistic or cultural, which statement below best describes the kind of experience you GENERALLY prefer? (select only one)
   - [ ] I prefer to quietly experience and absorb what I’m doing, seeing or hearing
   - [ ] I prefer to share the experience and interact with the people I came with
   - [ ] I prefer to actively engage in the experience (e.g., talking with the artists, being invited to participate in some way, etc.)

Artists

Opportunities

Call for Performers:
If you would like to be a part of our next Friday Night Live! Please give Staci a call at (906) 786-3833. The Next Friday Night Live is April 19.

Call for Artists:
Membership Show
Student: $20
Bonifas Member: $25
Non-Member: $30

Applications are available at the front desk or online to download. We are looking for our members to show us what they have been up too artistically. The Membership show is May 9 and deadline to get artwork here is May 4 by 3 pm.

Call for Vendors:
Waterfront Arts Festival
Booth Fee:
$75 M / $85 NM by March 1
$90 M / $100 NM by May 1
$125 after June 15

Applications are available at the front desk or online to download. We are looking for art vendors for our Waterfront Arts Festival that will be on August 3. Application deadline is July 20.
7. Thinking about your response to the previous question, how effective was the Bonifas Arts Center in providing the kind of experience you generally prefer?

☐ Very effective    ☐ Somewhat effective    ☐ Not very effective    ☐ Not effective at all    ☐ Not sure

8. To the extent that your visit or attendance did not deliver the experience you generally prefer, what would you have made your experience better?

________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

9. Based on your experience with the Bonifas Arts Center, how likely are you to want to experience something else creative, artistic or cultural in the future?

☐ Very likely    ☐ Somewhat likely    ☐ Not very likely    ☐ Not likely at all    ☐ Not sure

The following questions are for statistical purposes only.

10. What is the zip code of your home address?

11. What is your gender or gender expression?

☐ Male    ☐ Female    ☐ Prefer to self-describe ______________________    ☐ Prefer not to answer

12. What is your age range?

☐ < 18    ☐ 18-29    ☐ 30-39    ☐ 40-49    ☐ 50-59    ☐ 60-74    ☐ 75+    ☐ Prefer not to answer

13. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

☐ 1st – 11th grade    ☐ High school graduate    ☐ Non-college, post high school    ☐ Some college

☐ College graduate    ☐ Post-graduate school    ☐ Prefer not to answer

14. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home with you?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

Please cut out and drop off or mail to:
Bonifas Arts Center
700 1st Ave. S.
Escanaba, MI 49829

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. We appreciate your input!

The Bonifas, like everyone else, has a wish list of what we want but cannot find or afford. Perhaps you know of someone with these skills willing to help us out or with these items that they are willing to donate to us. Contact Sue or Kate at 786-3833!

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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 or send an email to check availability - we offer great rates.
Contact: 906-786-3833 or email jodi@bonifasarts.org

“Take-a-Seat!”
Surprise someone you care about with a theater seat dedication plaque! Plaques are matte-finished brass with engraving.
$100 donation to the Bonifas per seat.
Call for more info: 786-3833

AmazonSmile is a new way that you can help the Bonifas. It’s as easy as clicking a button. Every time you shop on Amazon.com they will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the Bonifas.
Go to smile.amazon.com; select a charity (Bonifas Arts Center) and you are all set. Just another way to help your community art center!

PAINTING PARTIES AT THE BONIFAS!
$150 for up to 10 people and 2-3 hours of Studio time.
Celebrating a birthday? Bachelorette party? Family reunion? Plan your next party, hullabaloo, bash or wingding at the Bonifas Arts Center! We can add hands-on activities that will make it special. You and your guests can enjoy a creative time painting your own original art work. Choose from a menu of paintings or let us help you customize one to match your theme. Our price includes all materials and supplies needed for your masterpiece! You and guests will have use of the Studio, complete with kitchen facilities. This is a fun and creative way to celebrate your special day! Parties are for children and adults of all ages and occasions. If you are interested in booking a party, please call us at 786-3833.

KID’S BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE BONIFAS!
$150 for a 2 Hour Party for up to 10 kids.
Bring your own food and decorations – we provide art/project/activity. Adult presence required.
Call 786-3833 to schedule today.

Choice Dollars and Action Teams
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 Dollars 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!

ELMER’S REWARD POINTS
When shopping at Elmer’s County Market, present the Bonifas Donation Card to the cashier and let them know how many Elmer’s Reward Points (in 500 point increments) you would like to transfer to the arts center. If you do not have an Elmer’s Reward Card, be sure to stop by their service desk and pick one up. 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! You can pick up a Bonifas donation card at the Bonifas front desk.

KASOTA GIFT SHOP
For an entirely unexpected shopping experience, explore the Kasota Gift Gallery at the Bonifas. The gift gallery features artists from the East Ludington Gallery.
The Bonifas staff would like to take a moment to say thank you to all of our volunteers and the hard work you put in here at the Bonifas! Without you, we wouldn’t be able to offer all that we do for the community.

A special thank you to our volunteer of the year, Bonnie Phalen, for all of your help with Toddler Art, Facility work, Gallery Crew time, and your wonderful baked goods that you bring us for events and just because. –Kate & Staff

Thank you to all the contributors to the Dorothy Vogt Fund. The funds will support the Powers Gallery, per the request of the Vogt family.

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**Membership**

YES! I want to be a Bonifas Member!

**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 $________

☐ Membership  ☐ Donation only

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

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

Name: ______________________________
Business: ______________________________
Address: ______________________________
City, St. Zip: ____________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Email: _________________________________

Enclosed is my check for $______

Bill my charge card: Amount $________
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover
Card # _____/_____/_____/_____ Exp. _____/_____

Signature ______________________________

All payment arrangements are private and secure
Players de Noc  Tickets for the Players De Noc Musical production of Gypsy will be available February 10th. Please call 906-786-8760 or visit our website at PlayerDeNoc.org to reserve yours today. Show dates are March 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 at 8 pm with a Sunday matinee on March 3 at 2 pm.

The Remnants Barbershop Chorus will start off the new year with an appearance at the January 4th Eskymo Hockey game at the Wells Sports Park, where we’ll again sing the National Anthem. Later in the spring we’ll be part of the next U.P. Honor Flight. The chorus members will sing to the Veterans after their dinner meeting the night before their flight. The Remnants rehearse each Monday evening at 7pm 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 Buddhist Sangha is a Soto Zen Buddhist Community that practices zazen (sitting meditation), kinhin (walking meditation) and Dharma discussion at The Bonifas Arts Center in downtown Escanaba. We meet every Tuesday night at 6:30pm at the Bonifas Arts Center in the Upper Gallery, all year round!

The Friends of the Escanaba Public Library
We sponsor a standing order for best selling fiction, ensuring that the library receives the newest and most popular books automatically. Our group established and maintains the Memorial Garden on the north side of the library. We sponsor the Summer Reading Club and other special children’s activities. We also operate a used book sale room in the library. Please consider joining us or donating. Learn more at: uproc.lib.mi.us/eplwp/friends-of-the-library or email us at: friendsofescanabalibrary@gmail.com.

Bay De Noc Choral Society will begin rehearsals for its annual Spring Concert on Tuesday, January 15, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba. The church is located at 1st Ave So. and 11th Street. Rehearsals run each Tuesday from 7 - 9 pm. Singers are not required to attend all rehearsals. We are always seeking new members. We sing primarily sacred music of all styles, contemporary, gospel, spirituals, classical, etc. We sing four-parts and there are no auditions. The concert is Palm Sunday, April 14 at 1:30 pm at Bethany Lutheran. Newcomers are encouraged to contact Mike at (906) 241-7731 in advance of our first rehearsal.

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Closed Sunday & Monday
Tues/Wed/Fri: 10 am - 5:30 pm
Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 3 pm

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             Al Hansen
             Jenny Heller
Saturday, February 23, 7 - 11 pm
Join us for the 2nd Annual Flannel Fest!
Celebrate all things Yooper!
Enjoy music, food, beer, and fun Yooper games!
$25 in advance | $30 at the door

Saturday, March 16, 6 - 10 pm
Live Auction | Bucket Raffles | 50/50
Food & Music
Back at the Bonifas this year!
$35 in advance | $40 at the door