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LAKES ART CENTER
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FALL 2025

SUMMER HOURS:

Memorial Day to Labor Day

MON-SAT: 10am-4pm

THURS: 10am-9pm

WINTER HOURS:

Labor Day to Memorial Day

TUES-SAT: 10am-4pm

THURS: 10am-9pm

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WELCOME

As the Executive Director, I'm thrilled and honored to welcome you to the Pearson Lakes Art Center and the Lauridsen Performing Arts Theatre. Whether you are a weekend visitor or a long time resident, we have an exciting summer planned just for you. We invite you to come discover, grow, learn and create, no matter your age or ability.

There is no end to where you'll find inspiration. The variety of opportunities we offer creates a place for you to explore, both indoors and outdoors, the world of art in all its forms. The Pearson Lakes Art Center is free to visit all year round. We encourage you to come enjoy live performances, explore world class art, take an art or culinary class, visit our children's interactive gallery, tour our sculpture trail, and much more. It is here waiting just for you. Be a part of your art center. BE INSPIRED. BE YOU.

If you are not a member of the Pearson Lakes Art Center, we invite you to become one. Receive discounts on classes, workshops, & performance tickets.

Sincerely,
Bob Kirschbaum



PERFORMING ARTS



Manhattan Short Film Festival

Thursday, September 25 | 6pm
\$15

Audiences in Over 500 Cities Spanning 6 Continents Unite for One Week for the 28th Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival.

Come to the Pearson Lakes Art Center to view this year's film finalists and be a judge for the work of the next generation of filmmakers from around the world. Join us after the screening for movie discussion, pizza, and a cash bar.



Scan for band descriptions & to purchase tickets online.
You may also call the box office at 712-332-7029.



Damon, Dave & Ryan Holiday Show

Thursday, December 11 | 7:30pm
Members \$30 | Non-Members \$40

Dave, Damon, and Ryan will present holiday music in their own special way. For many years these three gentlemen have serenaded us with holiday tunes and original songs to start our holiday season off. You will laugh out loud and sing along with them all night long.

Join us before the show for our Holiday Open House. Light hors d'oeuvres served in Pomerantz Hall from 5-7pm. Enjoy 10% off merchandise all day- Stop in for cider & cookies

** All ticket sales are final. No refunds or exchanges.
Refunds given only if the event is canceled by the Pearson Lakes Art Center.*



ART *After Hours*

Paper Moon
Thursday, August 28

6:30-8:30pm | FREE

Supported by Del's Garden Center

Browse our galleries, then head outside to the amphitheater (weather permitting) for live music and drinks. In the case of inclement weather, the performances will be held indoors. West O Beer is available at Art After Hours and Artist's Receptions.

HERCULES! - MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Monday, October 6: Open Auditions from 4-6pm

Followed by two hours of rehearsal for a small portion of the cast.

October 7-9: Rehearsals 4-6pm (all students) then 6:15-8:15pm (older students)

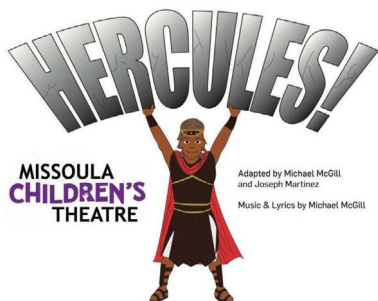
October 10: Dress Rehearsal (all students) 4pm -8:15pm

Saturday, October 11: The Performance(s)

HERCULES! is part of Missoula Children's Theatre's unique international touring project and is presented by The Pearson Lakes Art Center.

Open auditions are for 50-60 student roles, plus 4 assistant directors for 1st-8th graders. All students are encouraged to audition. Most students rehearse around 4.5 hours per day. **No advance preparation is necessary, but each student must pre-register.**

Registration cost is \$25. Before registering your child, please make sure your child is able to attend all required rehearsals and show performances. If more than 60 children audition, not all children auditioning will receive a part. If your child does not receive a role, the \$25 registration fee will be refunded.



VISUAL ARTS



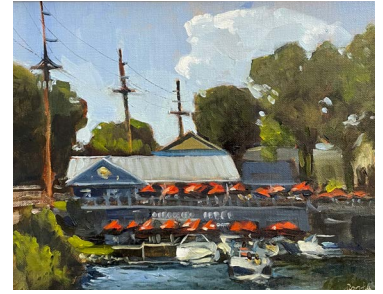
Mary Payton: Neuro Plasticity Through 9/6



Phil Scorza: Harkening into the Present for those who are not here.
Through 10/25



Elissa Cox Wenthe
8/28-11/22
Opening Reception: 8/28, 5-7pm
Art After Hours:
Music by Paper Moon, 6:30-8:30pm



Plein Air Okoboji:
Workshop and Exhibition with
Guest Artist, Stephen Randall
9/11-11/1
Opening Reception: 9/11, 5-7pm



What is Disability? Mural Project
11/6-2/28
Opening Reception: 11/6, 5-7pm



PLAC Biennial Exhibition
11/13-2/21
Opening Reception: 11/13, 5-7pm



New to the Collection: Featuring Paintings
Gifted by John & Karen Goodenow
12/11-5/2026
Opening Reception: 12/11, 5-7pm



Scan for exhibit
& event descriptions

Call for Art!

Call for Artists Forms for 2025!

Artisans Road Trip | Oct. 4 & 5

Biennial Exhibition | Nov. 13 - Feb. 21, 2026

visit lakesart.org/special-events for details

**LOCAL
TASTE**
FEATURING



Available at Artist Receptions



PLAC Sculpture Trail Loop

Discover twenty-two permanent and seven annually rotating sculptures along the Pearson Lakes Art Center grounds and Sculpture Trail Loop. Stroll through this unique outdoor gallery where art and nature intertwine.

Rotating sculptures will be on view through May of 2026 and are available for purchase.

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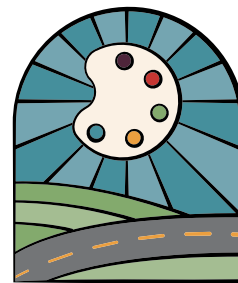
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Rotating Sculpture



Scan the QR code to learn more about the artists and their creations.



ARTISANS
Road Trip
2025

OCTOBER 4TH & 5TH, 2025

Artisans Road Trip aims to share the creativity of Northwest Iowa and promote a venue for established artisans to demonstrate their skills, exhibit and sell their original fine art via a self-guided studio tour in Northwest Iowa. A.R.T. is a weekend road-trip destination - travel beautiful byways and back roads looking for one-of-a-kind art treasures, education, and experiences. Artist roster and details will be released closer to the event.

DEMONSTRATION CLASSES & DINNERS

Wine Class

With Jennifer Tritle-Oitzman of Okoboji Wines

Thursdays | 6pm

Members: \$45 | Non-Members: \$55

Sept. 4: Wines of Germany and Austria

Oct. 2: Blends from Around the World

Nov. 6: Varietal Series, Pinot Noir

Dec. 4: Wines of Spain

Registration required 1 day before each class.

Greens & Grains - Garden Salad Bowls

With Sarah Page of So Good By Sarah Custom Catering

Thursday, Sept. 11 | 12pm

Members: \$50 | Non-Members: \$60

Eating well is easy to do when you begin with fresh seasonal garden vegetables! Even better, Sarah's salad bowls taste delicious! In this demonstration class, enjoy a generous tasting menu of several garden bowls combining a variety of plants, proteins, and healthy grains. A glass of wine included. Registration required by 9/9.

Mediterranean Dinner Series

With Chef Jay Norton of The Hen House

\$100/\$110 per dinner | 6pm

Must register two days prior to each class. Glass of wine served with each dinner.

Enjoy this small group dining experience at our expansive kitchen counter, allowing you up close and personal time with Chef Jay as he teaches and prepares a multi-course feast!

Tuesday, Sept. 30: Journey to Spain

Thursday, Oct. 30: Journey to The Middle East

Stirring up Fall Flavor with Soups!

With Sarah Page of So Good By Sarah Custom Catering

Tuesday, Nov. 4 | 12pm

Members: \$50 | Non-Members: \$60

Ahhhh, the alluring aroma of homemade soup simmering on the stove during a chilly day... it's that time of year! Sarah demonstrates and serves her very favorite scratch comfort soups for winter weather. A glass of wine included. Registration required by 10/30.

Autumn Gourmet Dinner

With Chef Seth Lintelman of Cup N' Saucer

Thursday, Nov. 20 | 6pm

Members: \$135 | Non-Members: \$145

Chef Seth has a gift for choosing flavor combinations - tantalizing taste buds and expanding our understanding of haute cuisine. Indulge in a beautiful four course tasting menu, curated using the freshest local produce and sustainably sourced ingredients. A glass of wine is included. Registration required by 11/13.

A Merry Little Holiday Brunch

With Sarah Page of So Good By Sarah Custom Catering

Tuesday, Dec. 9 | 11am

Members: \$60 | Non-Members: \$70

Make time for this lovely morning break in your busy holiday schedule. Let us serve you some delectable brunch foods while you slow down and savor the flavors of the season. Warm up in the company of others while sipping eggnog coffee or spiced wine, and receive a few delightful surprises! Registration required by 12/4.



SCAN FOR FULL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & TO REGISTER ONLINE OR CALL 712-332-7029

HANDS-ON CLASSES

French Crepes with Four de Marie Bakery

With Pastry Chef Jacques Bouli and Brigitte Bouli

Thursday, Oct. 16 | 4pm

Members: \$40 | Non-Members: \$50

Chef Jacques will reveal the secrets to making mouth-watering crepes, which are rolled or folded with a variety of fillings. This class is a blend of hands-on and demonstration with the tasty reward of a savory traditional crepe filled with ham, cheese, garlic, and onion. A glass of wine is included. Registration required by 10/15.

Feast without the Fuss!

Sisterhood Kitchen w/ Kris Walker & Kathy McGill

Tuesday, Oct. 21 | 11am

Members: \$55 | Non-Members: \$65

Simplify Holiday cooking! The dynamic twin sisters of Sisterhood Kitchen share short cuts, smart tips, and easy recipes. There will be some hands-on prep, then sampling of yummy sweet breads, veggies, and many more dishes - all served with a dash of humor and fun. Registration required by 10/16.

Halloween Cupcake Decorating

Janet Steinbach of Lakes Cakes, Boji Custom Cakery

Wednesday, Oct. 22 | 4-6pm

Members: \$45 | Non-Members: \$55

Ages 13+. Learn about decorating techniques, practice with fondant, get instructions on specific Halloween designs, then create your own decorated cupcake masterpieces! Class includes a pastry bag and decorating tip to bring home. Take away 4 - 6 cupcakes in a bakery box. Register by 10/17.

Sweet & Savory Small Party Bites

With Joleen Koch

Thursday, Nov. 13 | 3pm

Members: \$50 | Non-Members: \$60

This relaxed and enjoyable hands-on/ demonstration class, allows you to create easy but scrumptious appetizers and sweets you will want to serve at your next social gathering! Have fun assembling and sampling several small bites, while sipping a festive holiday cocktail. Cheers! Registration required by 11/11.

Kids Corn Festival Cooking | Ages 7 - 12

With Cathie Critchett of Lagniappe Tea Room

Thursday, Sept. 18 | 4-6pm

Members: \$30 | Non-Members: \$40

Learn, cook & create! Explore the history of community festivals and corn palaces, once commonplace celebrations of the planting, growth, and harvesting of corn in the Midwest. Cathie will teach kids to prepare tasty treats, all spotlighting corn as a versatile ingredient, and then lead in an art activity using the husks. Registration required by 9/16.

Halloween Cupcake Decorating

Janet Steinbach of Lakes Cakes, Boji Custom Cakery

Tuesday, Oct. 21 | 4-5:30pm

Members: \$40 | Non-Members: \$50 per Parent/Child

Parent & Child Cupcake Decorating. Designed for kids ages 7-12 and a parent to work together as a group. Learn about decorating techniques, practice with fondant, get instructions on specific Halloween designs, then create your own decorated cupcake masterpieces! Take away 4 - 6 cupcakes in a bakery box. Register by 10/17. Add an additional child to group for \$10.

YOUTH CLASSES

YOUTH ART CLASSES

* Participants must register by the Wednesday one week prior to the class, no exceptions.

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Thursdays: 4:00-4:45pm
Members \$36 | Non-Members \$48

***Sept. 18 & 25:** Clay Paint Palettes
Oct. 2, 9, 16: Illustrated Animal Burrows
Nov. 6, 13, 20: Leaf Pile Self Portrait
Dec. 4, 11, 18: Ornament Painting on Canvas

SatARTday CLASS

Holiday Tie-Dye T-shirts

Saturday, Dec. 6
10am-11am, 11am-12pm, or 1-2pm
\$16/\$18 Per Shirt

Celebrate the season with a splash of color! In this festive, fun-filled workshop, participants of all ages will create a custom holiday-themed tie-dye t-shirt to take home in a zippered bag with the washing instructions. Learn creative folding and tying techniques with a holiday twist! Select shirt size at the time of registration.

For Individuals, Groups, and Families of All Ages! All youth must be accompanied by an adult. All materials included. Register by December 3.

Art Club I 3-6 gr

Thursdays: 5:00-6:00pm
Members \$36 | Non-Members \$48

***Sept. 18 & 25:** Clay Dominos Set
Oct. 2, 9, 16: Buildings at Night
Nov. 6, 13, 20: Experimenting with India Ink
Dec. 4, 11, 18: Cloud Painting on Canvas

ArtSmart

Visitors in the ArtSmart Interactive Gallery will experience visual, theatrical, and musical art exhibits with direct links to the PLAC collections with a hands-on learning approach. Construct a castle, star in a play, or craft your very own masterpiece. Fun for all ages!!

Indoor Spaces:

Art Studio
Performance Art Space
Sculpture Studio
Color Stations

Outdoor Spaces:

Paint Wall
Nature Sculpture
Musical Instruments
Available in the warmer months, weather permitting

Teen Art I 7-12 gr

Tuesdays: 4:00-5:00pm
Members \$36 | Non-Members \$48

***Sept. 16 & 23:** Clay Cylinders & Scenes
Oct. 7, 14, 21: Drawings at Dusk
Nov. 4, 11, 18: Landscapes with India Ink
Dec. 2, 9, 16: Trees with Oil Paint

OPEN CLAY STUDIO

Come & Create

Open Clay Studio is open for use on Thursdays 5-9pm or all-day Saturdays 10am-4pm!

Clay available to purchase, \$35 per 25lb or \$20 per 12.5 lbs, glazing and firing included with purchase! Utilize the pottery wheels, slab roller, and other tools to create pottery, hand-building, and sculptures! Clay storage lockers are now available for rent, \$30 for 6 month rental. Adults must accompany all youth 15 and under. Contact education@lakesart.org for more information.



Scan for youth & adult class descriptions & to register online.

ADULT ART WORKSHOPS

Okoboji Plein Air Workshop & Exhibition With Stephen Randall

Monday, Sept. 8 - Wednesday, Sept. 10
10am-3pm | \$160/\$180
Opening Reception: 9/11 from 5-7pm
Level: 18 years+, All Levels

Whether you are a beginner or a professional artist, join us in this 3-day Okoboji Plein Air workshop painting the beauty of the Iowa Great Lakes! This event will introduce participants 18 years and older to the plein air experience of sketching and painting what they see outdoors on location in the open air. Register by 9/3.

Mindful Art 2.0: Mindful Tree With Karess Knudtson

Wednesday, Sept. 17th | 6-8pm | \$30/\$40
Level: Adult/All levels
Prerequisite: Mindful Art 1.0

Participants in the Mindful Tree class will be creating their own tree to uncover and address specific intentions in their lives.

ALL artistic abilities welcome, even if you don't necessarily consider yourself 'creative'. The finished product will be a work of art matted to 11x14. All necessary materials provided. Register by 9/16.

What is Disability? Exhibit Mural Workshops

Friday, Sept. 19th OR Sept. 26th
10am-11:30pm or 1pm-2:30pm | Free
Level: Adult/All levels

Join us for an interactive workshop that celebrates the creativity and expression of artists with disabilities. Create your own piece of the mural to be included in an exhibition in November 2025 at the Pearson Lakes Art Center. Ages 18yrs and up can create their own piece of the collaborative mural alongside the featured artists on 12x12 canvas. This inclusive and welcoming space encourages everyone, regardless of ability, to express themselves through art. Register by 9/10.

Just Make a Mark With Betty Haight & Paula Streeter

Thursday, Oct. 2 | 5:30-8pm | \$45/\$55
Optional Oct. 9th, 5:30-6:30pm
Level: Adult/All levels

Is your mind busy with ideas that need a place to land? Or, do you need a little push to get started making art? Join Betty Haight and Paula Streeter in "Just Make a Mark". This workshop will start you in the creation of a small book that serves as a place to create and play. We will provide the books, materials for painting and collage, examples of techniques we have used over the years in making our work, along with a lot of art talk and encouragement! Register by 9/26.

Modern Granny Square With Sandie Smith

Thursday, Oct. 23 & 30 | 6-8pm | \$35/\$45
Level: Ages 14+, All levels | Register by 10/15

Ready to learn the relaxing and creative art of crochet? This beginner workshop meets for two sessions. It is perfect for folks who have never picked up a crochet hook—or who want a refresher to get back into it.

In this hands-on workshop you will learn how to make high quality and beautiful granny squares. By using modern materials and design we will bring new life to the traditional granny square. All supplies included, take your supplies home at the completion of the class!

Holiday Painting Workshop With Kris Walker & Kathy McGill

Tuesday, Nov. 11 | 1-4pm | \$55/\$65
Level: Adult/All levels

Join us for a festive afternoon of creativity & cheer (and cookies) in this beginner-friendly watercolor workshop! Led by twin sisters Kathy & Kris, the class is fun, relaxed, and perfect for all skill levels. You'll go home with a framed piece of your own Holiday watercolor art- ready to hang, gift, or proudly display next to your cocoa station. All supplies included, just bring your holiday spirit! Register by 11/4.



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