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# SUMMER 2025

**SUMMER HOURS:**

Memorial Day to Labor Day

**MON-SAT:** 10am-4pm

**THURS:** 10am-9pm

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# W E L C O M E

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



## CULINARY CLASSES

*Generously Sponsored by Joleen & Gary Koch & Walker Ins. Agency*

### 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.



Chef Jay is offering three separate multi-course dinners inspired by the unique foods of Greece, Morocco, and Italy! You will learn how these countries developed their own ways of food preparation and use of spices and seasonings. This is primarily a demonstration class with an opportunity for a light hands on activity.

**June 12: Journey to Greece**

**July 17: Journey to Morocco**

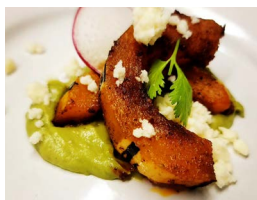
**August 21: Journey to Italy**

### Spring Garden Dinner

With Chef Seth Lintelman of Cup N' Saucer

**June 25 | 6pm | \$150/\$160**

Deadline to Register: June 20



Rooted in Chef Seth's family garden and crafted in their kitchen, enjoy an elegant 4-course menu celebrating the freshest harvest from Chef's plentiful garden to your plate! Dinner includes a glass of wine selected to complement the dining experience. Cup N' Saucer, located in Sherburn, MN, focuses on creating modern American cuisine using the best locally sourced products the Midwest offers.

### French Pastry Demonstration

With Chef Jacques Bouli of Four de Marie

**July 23 | 4pm | \$35/\$45**

Deadline to Register: July 22



Chef Jacques will demonstrate how to create a classic tarte tatin - an inverted caramelized apple tart, from start to finish, and explain the art of presentation and decoration. Participants will learn about the differences between American pastries and authentic French patisserie. Jacques will share his journey in launching his own pastry business and how his art has developed ever since he began baking, notably as a monk in France. Scrumptious pastry samples and a glass of sparkling wine included.



**Scan the QR code to register online.**

or call 712-332-7029

### Sunshine in a Glass - Summer Wines

With Jennifer Tritle-Oitzman of Okoboji Wines

**June 19 | 6pm | \$45/\$55**

Deadline to Register: June 18



Jennifer of Okoboji Wines will lead guests through tastings of a variety of bright and beautiful wines - perfect for entertaining all summer long! Small bites included.

### Life's A Beach, Time for Wine Cocktails

With Jennifer Tritle-Oitzman of Okoboji Wines

**July 10 | 6pm | \$55/\$65**

Deadline to Register: July 9



Join us for an enjoyable and festive class delving into wine cocktails. Jennifer will share the history of wine-based mixers and guide us in crafting delightful cocktails sure to impress your summer guests! Beachy picnic snacks included.

### A Taste of New Orleans

With Chef Brandon Muetzel

**August 28 | 6pm | \$125/\$135**

Deadline to Register: August 19



Native Iowan Brandon Muetzel has spent nearly 25 years building a thriving career in the culinary arts in New Orleans and beyond. His expertise and dedication earned him the honor of representing the Palace Café at the prestigious James Beard House in New York City for the "Legends of the French Quarter" dinner. Guests will be treated to a multi-course dinner of traditional New Orleans fare, with a few thoughtful twists to make it a uniquely Iowa experience. This will be a true celebration of food, friendship and flavor!

## VISUAL ARTS



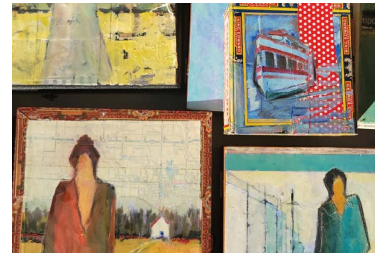
**Celebrate the Arts!**  
Juried Exhibition & Art Auction  
Through 6/6



**Featured Collection:**  
**The Works of Gary Ernest Smith**  
Through 6/14



**Thinking Inside the Box:**  
**Art Books by Betty Haight**  
5/22 - 8/16  
Opening Reception: 5/22, 5-7pm



**Outside the Box: Betty Haight, Stephanie Cunningham, Danielle Clouse Gast**  
5/22 - 8/16  
Opening Reception: 5/22, 5-7pm



**Carl Wesley: Mixed Media Melodies**  
6/12 - 8/2  
Opening Reception: 6/12, 5-7pm



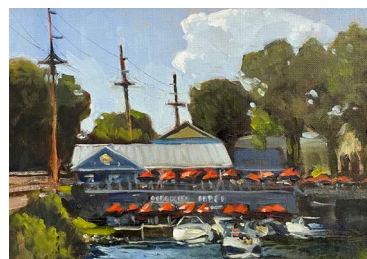
**Mary Payton: Neuro Plasticity**  
6/19 - 9/6  
Opening Reception: 6/19, 5-7pm



**Phil Scorza: Harkening into the Present**  
**for those who are not here.**  
8/14 - 10/25  
Opening Reception: 8/14, 5-7pm



**Elissa Cox Wenthe**  
8/28 - 11/22  
Opening Reception: 8/28, 5-7pm



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

### Call for Art! Call for Artists Forms for 2025!

**Artisans Road Trip | Oct. 4 & 5 | Available June 1st**  
**Biennial Exhibition | Nov. 13 - Feb. 21, 2026 | Available August 1st**  
visit [lakesart.org/special-events](https://lakesart.org/special-events) for details



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**Saturday, August 2nd | 9am-3pm**  
Preservation Plaza | Arnolds Park, IA

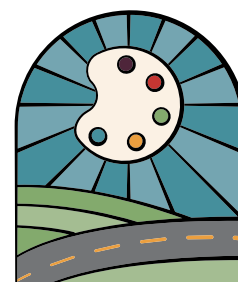
Overlooking beautiful West Lake Okoboji, this event features handcrafted works of art from artists throughout the Midwest. Categories include sculpture, pottery, glass, drawing, painting, photography, print making, folk art, mixed media & more. There are also hands-on art activities for the kids.



### PLAC Sculpture Trail Loop Grand Opening: August 7 | 5-7pm

Join us as we introduce and unveil the new loop trail and seven new sculptures! We are so excited to share this new section of the recreational trail with the Okoboji area. Come and meet some of the sculpture artists that will be on hand to talk about their creations. Refreshments will be served.

Stay up to date with all the new developments on this event and project by scanning the QR Code.



**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.



## PERFORMING ARTS



**Dick Bauman Big Band** In Pomerantz Hall  
Every Monday Night 7-9pm | Memorial-Labor Day  
\$10 at the door  
*Supported by Joleen and Gary Koch*



**Parrothead Paradise - ~~SOLD OUT~~**  
**A Jimmy Buffet Show**  
Tuesday, June 10 | 7:30pm  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**Hotel California**  
**A Salute to the Eagles**  
Tuesday, June 17 and Wednesday, June 18 | 7:30pm  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**The Brothers Doobie - ~~SOLD OUT~~**  
**A Doobie Brothers Concert Experience**  
Tuesday, June 24 | 7:30pm  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**Commotion**  
**A Tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival**  
Tuesday, July 1 | 7:30pm  
Members \$35 | Non-Members \$45



**Frontiers**  
**The World's Number One Tribute To Journey**  
Tuesday, July 8 | 7:30pm  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**The Texas Tenors**  
**Country & Classical**  
Tuesday, July 15 and Wednesday, July 16 | 7:30pm  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



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



**John Ford Coley**  
**Acoustic Soft Rock**  
Tuesday, July 22 | 7:30pm  
Members \$35 | Non-Members \$45



**The Drifters**  
**Rock & Roll**  
Tuesday, August 5 | 7:30pm  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**Love Story**  
**A Taylor Swift Tribute**  
Tuesday, August 12 | 7:30pm  
Members \$35 | Non-Members \$45



**Marilyn Maye**  
**Jazz/Cabaret**  
Tuesday, August 19 and Wednesday, August 20 | 7:30pm  
Members \$65 | Non-Members \$75



**Winter Dance Party**  
**Tribute to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, & the Big Bopper**  
Tuesday, August 26 | 7:30pm  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**Manhattan Short**  
**Film Festival**  
Thursday, September 25 | 6pm  
\$15



**Damon, Dave & Ryan**  
**Holiday Show**  
Thursday, December 11 | 7:30pm  
Members \$30 | Non-Members \$40

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

## YOUTH PERFORMANCES

**SUMMER LIBRARY SHOWS** Lauridsen Performing Arts Theatre  
Free Admission | Registration is not required  
Brought to you by the Spirit Lake, Okoboji and Milford Public Libraries

**RAD Zoo**  
June 4 | 10:30am & 1pm

**Stomp, Chomp, Roar**  
June 19 | 10:30am & 2:30pm

**Magician Jonathan May**  
June 11 | 10:30am & 7pm

**Game Show Party**  
June 30 | 10:30am & 6pm

**MUSIC & STORIES:** Presented By Wild Prairie Winds & Overall Buddies  
June 5 | 9am & 11 am | Free Admission

## SPEAKER SERIES

**Lauridsen Performing Arts Theatre**  
**7:30pm | Free Admission**

Join us for Speaker Series presented by Okoboji Magazine for programs designed to educate and entertain. Topics range from local businesses, events, local history, photographers and authors. Dates and topics for 2025 are TBD. Watch our social media and newsletter for details as they are available.

# ART *After Hours*

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.



**Scottie Miller**  
June 12



**Paper Moon**  
August 28

## YOUTH ART CLASSES

\* Registration is based on what grade your child is going into in the '25-'26 school year.  
\* Participants must register by the Wednesday one week prior to the class, no exceptions.

### Preschool Picassos | 3-6 yr

Wednesdays 10-11am  
Members \$10 | Non-Members \$12

**June 11:** Sgraffito Clay Fish  
**June 18:** Watercolor Bubbles  
**June 25:** Collaged Faces  
*\*July 1st or 2nd: Family 4th of July Tie-Dye*  
**July 9:** Clay Dog Faces  
**July 16:** Abstract Layers with Multimedia  
**July 23:** Texture Sailboats  
**July 30:** Overlapping Layers with Fruit

### Summer Cezannes 1-3 gr

Mondays & Tuesdays | 10-11:30am  
Members \$20 | Non-Members \$25

**June 9 & 10:** Sgraffito Clay Cup & Saucer  
**June 16 & 17:** Shape & Pattern Treetops  
**June 23 & 24:** Drawing Faces  
*\*July 1st or 2nd: Family 4th of July Tie-Dye*  
**July 7 & 8:** Clay Coil Fruit Bowls  
**July 14 & 15:** Copic Marker Illustrations  
**July 21 & 22:** Junk Journals  
**July 28 & 29:** Donut Still Life

### Summer Suerats | 4-6 gr

Thursdays & Fridays 10-11:30am  
Members \$20 | Non-Members \$25

**June 12 & 13** Sgraffito Handbuilt Clay Jars  
**June 19 & 20:** Watercolor Forest  
**June 26 & 27:** People with Charcoal  
*\*July 1st or 2nd: Family 4th of July Tie-Dye*  
**July 10 & 11:** Beginner Wheel  
**July 17 & 18:** Characters with Copic Markers  
**July 24 & 25:** Bookmaking  
**July 31 & August 1:** Still Life Studies

### Teen Art | 7-12 gr

Mondays & Tuesdays | 1-2:30pm  
Members \$20 | Non-Members \$25

**June 9 & 10:** Sgraffito Clay Jars  
**June 16 & 17:** Watercolor Treetops  
**June 23 & 24:** Charcoal Powder Drawing  
*\*July 1st or 2nd: Family 4th of July Tie-Dye*  
**July 7 & 8:** Wheel & Handbuilding  
**July 14 & 15:** Illustrated Characters  
**July 21 & 22:** Book Binding  
**July 28 & 29:** Shadow Studies

### 4th of July Tie-Dye T-shirts

**July 1 or 2 | ALL AGES**  
Members \$15 | Non-Members \$18 | Per shirt  
**Register for a time slot:**  
10:30am-11:30am, 1-2pm, 2-3pm  
**Deadline to Register:** June 23

Join us for a PLAC tie-dye tradition! White t-shirts provided for youth to adult, along with gloves and paint shirts for the messy tie-dye process. Take the t-shirts home in a Ziploc bag with washing instructions! All ages, families, groups, or individuals welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## 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*

## ADULT ART WORKSHOPS

### Clay Lace Serving Platters Holly Zinn Hample

**June 3 | 10:30am-12pm | \$30/\$40**  
Level: 18+, All levels  
Create beautiful, functional clay platters adorned with intricate lace patterns. In this guided session, you will explore basic handbuilding techniques, including slab construction with slab roller and texture application.

### Mindful Art 1.0 - Drawing With Karess Knudtson

**June 9, July 23, or August 13  
6-7:30pm | \$35/\$45**  
Level: Adult/All levels | Register by 12pm day of class  
This mindful drawing activity merges neuroscience and drawing. This class will benefit anyone who comes with an open mind through simple drawing techniques that can be used for personal reflection and the processing of everyday life through art.

### Let's Paint a Landscape! With Diane O'Hern

**June 13, 10am-12pm OR June 30, 5:30-7:30pm  
\$35/\$45 | Level: 16+, Beginner | Register 2 days prior**  
Beginning Acrylic Painting. Participants may choose a lake, pond, country road, park, or trail as their subject. "Step by Step" directions will be provided to set up a sky, sunset, middle ground and foreground on the canvas.

### Kintsugi- The Art of Broken Pottery With Adam Nielsen

**June 14 | 12-5pm | \$65/\$75**  
Level: 18+, All levels  
Discover the art and philosophy of kintsugi—the Japanese practice of repairing broken pottery with gold, transforming flaws into features. Bring one broken piece of pottery, approximately a coffee mug/cereal bowl size or PLAC will provide one. Register by 6/6.

### Mindful Art 2.0 - Drawing With Karess Knudtson

**6-7:30pm | \$30/\$40**  
Prerequisite Mindful Art 1.0  
Register by 12pm day of each class

**June 25:** Mindful Tree  
**July 9:** Using Watercolors  
**August 27:** Exploring Oil Pastels

### Anna Youngers Demo & Artist Talk

**July 24 | 4:30pm | \$Free/\$10**  
Reserve a seat requested, Walk-ins Welcome  
Join Anna as she shares her artistic journey while demonstrating her process of oil painting. approximately 2 hours of demo/Q&A.

### Paint, Sip, Savor With Kris Walker & Kathy McGill

**August 14 | 12-4pm | \$70/\$80 | Level: 21+, Beginner**  
Entertaining (and low stress) art instruction in painting your choice acrylic or watercolor artwork, with step by step instruction. Start with a light artisan lunch and a glass of wine, then break out to your choice of acrylic or watercolor session. Register by August 13.



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

### Okoboji Plein Air Workshop & Exhibition With Stephen Randall

**September 8-10 | 10am-3pm | \$160/\$180**  
**Opening Reception: 9/11 from 5-7pm**  
Level: 16 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! Register by 9/3.



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