



PEARSON  
LAKES ART CENTER



**SUMMER HOURS:**  
Memorial Day to Labor Day  
**MON-SAT:** 10am-4pm  
**THURS:** 10am-9pm



[lakesart.org](http://lakesart.org)  
**712.332.7029**

2201 Hwy 71 N  
Okoboji, IA 51355

**S U M M E R 2 0 2 6**

# 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

### A Vegetarian Voyage

Sarah Page w/ So Good By Sarah Custom Catering

Monday, June 8 | 12pm | \$50/\$60

Register by June 4

Struggling to incorporate more healthy vegetables into your daily diet or tired of delegating vegetables as just side dishes? Sarah is eager to demonstrate flavorful vegetarian main dishes to build your confidence in exploring the wide world of plant-based cuisine! Enjoy several generous samplings and a glass of wine.

### Wines of Summer

Jennifer Tittle-Oitzman of Okoboji Wines

Thursdays | 6pm | \$50/\$60

Registration required 2 days before each class.

#### June 11 | Boat, Beach, and Backyard Wines

Discover a variety of new summer wines, paired with charcuterie snacks.

#### July 9 | Barbeque Friendly Wines

Learn the best wines for BBQ, with a selection of barbeque-inspired small bites included.

#### Aug. 6 | Wines for Good Ol' Fashioned Fair Foods

Tips for balancing salt, acid, sweet, and fat, fair-inspired snacks included.

### America's 250th Anniversary Bash!

Chef Brandon Muetzel

Thursday, July 2 | 6pm | \$115/\$125

Register by June 25

Come celebrate our nation's milestone anniversary! Chef Brandon takes beloved midwest traditional cuisine to another level, incorporating subtle influences from the many different countries represented in this land of abundance. A true melting pot of flavors! A celebratory glass of bubbly or wine included.

### Homemade Bagel Making

Natasha Erikson of Rise Sourdough Company

Thursday, July 16 | 10am | \$60/\$70

Register by July 9

Learn the art of making homemade bagels! This hands-on class will teach you how to properly mix, roll, boil, and bake these perfect vehicles for your favorite cream cheese schmears. Enjoy freshly baked tastings during class and take home a bagel recipe, dough scraper, and eight bagels to enjoy! Class is 2 - 2 ½ hours.

### The Brazilian Table

Chef Jay Norton of The Hen House

Thursday, July 16 | 6pm | \$90/\$100

Register by July 14

Taste iconic Brazilian dishes such as Pão de Queijo (cheese bread), Coxinha (a savory croquette), Feijoada (Brazil's national dish of rich stew), and more! Chef Jay's menu offers a sensory-rich experience through a diversity of flavors, blending indigenous, African, Portuguese and many other European influences. This intimate countertop demonstration dinner includes a glass of wine.

### Sourdough Bread Making

Natasha Erikson of Rise Sourdough Company

Thursday, August 13 | 6pm | \$60/\$70

Register by August 6

In this 101 beginner class, Natasha will lead you in a small group setting as you learn the basics of making sourdough bread. Class includes instruction, a sourdough starter, taste samples, and hands-on experience mixing and kneading a mini loaf you will take home to bake and enjoy! Class is 2 - 2 ½ hrs.

### A Taste of Iowa Dinner

Chef Brandon Muetzel

Thursday, August 27 | 6pm | \$125/\$135

Register by August 20

Close out the summer savoring elevated cuisine with a clever twist on Heartland favorites. Chef Brandon educates and entertains as he creates masterful dishes in this multi-course dinner, drawing upon the agricultural wealth of the region and showcasing the very best flavors Iowans have grown to love. A complimentary glass of wine included.



### Chef Spotlight Brandon Muetzel

Native Iowan and accomplished chef Brandon Muetzel, is returning to the PLAC kitchen! Brandon has spent 25 years building a thriving career in the culinary arts in New Orleans and beyond. His expertise and dedication earned him numerous accolades, including representing the Palace Café at the prestigious James Beard House in New York City. Brandon is pleased to be back in the Lakes Area this summer and has designed two very unique culinary events. In his typical laid-back style he invites guests to come, relax, learn, laugh, and enjoy! Guests can expect a fun and interactive dinner experience with Q&A welcomed.

## VISUAL ARTS

# CELEBRATE the ARTS

JURIED EXHIBITION & ART AUCTION 2026  
PLATINUM SPONSOR: DENNY & DIANA WALKER

### Celebrate the Arts!

Juried Exhibition & Art Auction  
Through 6/5



**From the Collections**  
Through 6/5



**Elusive Balance:**  
**Iowa Artist/Mother group**  
6/11 - 9/5  
Opening Reception: 6/11, 5-7pm



**Sarah Grant: Land, Sky, Stem:**  
**A Retrospective in Line and Color**  
6/25 - 9/16  
Opening Reception: 6/25, 5-7pm



**Impressionist Collection Grand Re-Opening | Featuring new works donated by John and Karen Goodenow**  
Opening Reception: 7/16, 5-7pm



**Okoboji Plein Air Invitational**  
9/10-11/7  
Opening Reception: 9/10, 5-7pm

**LOCAL TASTE** | **west**  
FEATURING

Available at Artist Receptions



Scan for exhibit  
& event descriptions



### PLAC Sculpture Trail Loop

Opening Reception: June 18 | 5-7pm

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.

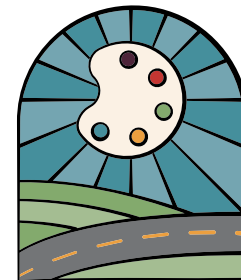
Join us for the unveiling of the seven new rotating sculptures on Thursday, June 18.



### Saturday, August 1 | 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.



### ARTISANS Road Trip 2026

OCTOBER 3RD & 4TH, 2026

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.

## ART AFTER HOURS

6:30-8:30pm | Free Admission

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. Sponsored by Margy Wood.

**June 18:** Paper Moon

## YOUTH PERFORMANCES

### SUMMER LIBRARY SHOWS

Free Admission | Registration is not required  
Brought to you by the Spirit Lake, Okoboji and Milford Public Libraries

**Mesozoic Adventure**  
Thursday, June 11 | 10:30am

**Rad Zoo**  
Wednesday, June 17 | 10:30am & 2:00pm

**The Juggler with the Yellow Shoes**  
Friday, June 19 | 10:30am

## SPEAKER SERIES

### Lauridsen Performing Arts Theatre

7pm | Free Admission

Join us for Speaker Series presented by Okoboji Magazine for programs designed to educate and entertain.

**June 25:** #BojiKites

**July 16:** Chad Elliott

**August 13:** Sarah Grant

## 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*



**Hotel California**  
**A Salute to the Eagles**  
Tuesday, June 9 & Wednesday, June 10 | 7:30 PM  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**The Texas Tenors** **SOLD OUT**  
**Country/Classical**  
Tuesday, June 16 & Wednesday, June 17 | 7:30 PM  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**The Papa's And Mama's**  
**Mamas and Papas Tribute**  
Tuesday, June 23 & Wednesday, June 24 | 7:30 PM  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**Linda Ronstadt Experience**  
**Linda Ronstadt Tribute**  
Tuesday, June 30 | 7:30 PM  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**Commotion**  
**America's #1 Tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival**  
Tuesday, July 7 & Wednesday, July 8 | 7:30 PM  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**A Brothers Revival**  
**Allman Brothers Tribute**  
Tuesday, July 14 | 7:30 PM  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



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

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



**The Electric Light Orchestra Experience**  
**Featuring...Evil Woman – The American ELO**  
Tuesday, July 21 | 7:30 PM  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50 **SOLD OUT**



**Heart By Heart**  
**with Steve Fossen & Michael Derosier of Heart**  
Tuesday, July 28 | 7:30 PM  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**ABBA-MANIA**  
**An ABBA Tribute**  
Tuesday, August 4 | 7:30 PM  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**The Players**  
**Former members of Chicago**  
Tuesday, August 11 | 7:30 PM  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**Marilyn Maye**  
**Jazz/Cabaret**  
Tuesday, August 18 & Wednesday, August 19 | 7:30 PM  
Members \$65 | Non-Members \$75



**Ruthie Foster**  
**Gospel, Blues and Jazz**  
Tuesday, August 25 | 7:30pm  
Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50



**Manhattan Short**  
**Film Festival**  
Thursday, September 24 | 6pm  
\$15



**Damon, Dave & Ryan**  
**Holiday Show**  
Thursday, December 10 | 7:30pm  
Members \$35 | Non-Members \$45

## ART EDUCATION CLASSES

### OPEN STUDIO

#### Still Life Thursdays- Florals

Thursdays | 10am-9pm, Come & Go | \$10/\$15  
June 4, June 25, July 9, July 23, Aug. 6 & Aug. 27  
Level: All Levels, 18+

Each month, florist April Junge of Hometown Florals will curate a unique arrangement featuring distinctive blooms and unusual vases—perfect for artists of all styles. Bring your own supplies and work in any medium you choose. Registration available, drop-ins Welcome.

### ADULT WORKSHOP

#### Stars, Stripes, and Brushstrokes

Thursday, June 4 | 1-4pm | \$55/\$65  
Instructors: Kris Walker and Kathy McGill  
Level: All Levels, 18+

Join us in celebrating America's 250th anniversary with creativity and painting! You will receive guided instruction in red, white, and blue. Choose from acrylic or watercolor paints. Glass of wine included. Register by May 27.

### ADULT WORKSHOP

#### Clay Kickstart

Thursdays | 10am-12pm | \$45/\$55 per session  
June 2, June 30, & August 4  
Instructor: Holly Zinn Hample  
Level: All Levels, 18+

Beginner-friendly workshops introduce you to the pottery wheel with step-by-step guidance as you create a cylinder-style piece. In each session you will complete one piece, finished in your choice of blue, green, or white glaze, and ready for pickup in about 3 weeks. Register 1 week prior to each class.

### ARTIST TALK

#### Anna Youngers- Demo & Artist Talk

Sunday, June 21 | 2pm-4pm | \$0/\$10

Join Anna as she shares her artistic journey while demonstrating her process of oil painting. Q & A encouraged. Walk-ins welcome, registration encouraged.



SCAN FOR FULL  
CLASS DESCRIPTIONS &  
TO REGISTER ONLINE

## ADULT WORKSHOP

### Introduction to Portrait in Oil

June 22-24 | 10am-4pm, lunch: 12-1:30pm  
\$375/\$395

Instructor: Anna Youngers  
Level: All Levels, 18+

This 3-day workshop will introduce students to a step-by-step approach for simplifying a complex subject. Working from a live model, instruction will touch on all aspects of the process—from initial model setup, to the composition & block-in, and final rendering stages. Register by June 15.

## ADULT WORKSHOP

### Creativity Enhancement Workshop

Wednesday, July 22 | 1-3pm | \$45/\$55

Instructor: Kimble Bromley  
Level: All Levels, 18+

Creativity Enhancement Workshop is an engaging, hands-on experience designed to help participants unlock their full creative potential through the power of hypnosis. In this session, attendees learn practical techniques to boost creativity, overcome mental blocks, and practice self-hypnosis. Register by July 29.

## ADULT WORKSHOP

### Introduction to Gouache Painting

Aug. 3-5 | 9am-12pm | \$200/\$225

Instructor: Telagio Baptista  
Level: Beginner, 18+

Participants will learn foundational techniques such as color mixing, brushwork, and layering while creating their own artwork, from landscapes to florals. Led by internationally award-winning signature artist Telagio Baptista. It's a great introduction to painting with this versatile medium. Register by July 22.

## SatARTday CLASS

### Youth Sculpture Walk & Workshop

Thursday, Aug. 6 | 10am-11:30 am | \$10/\$15  
1st - 5th grade | Register by July 29

Students will join on a walking tour of the PLAC outdoor sculpture trail and grounds- where we will view sculptures in a variety of media. Participants will get a peek into what it takes to assemble a sculpture back in the studio- where a large assortment of found objects will be available to create their very own sculpture to take home that day! Students are encouraged to dress for the weather, wear tennis shoes, and bring a water bottle.

## ADULT WORKSHOP

### Sculpture Walk

Friday, Aug. 7 | 10am | Freewill Donation  
Level: All Levels, 18+

Join PLAC Docents for a guided walking tour of the outdoor sculpture trail, with a special focus on works installed in 2026 and the surrounding landscape. Explore sculptures created in a range of media, while discussing each piece's materials, artistic context, and the creative practices of the featured artists. This engaging tour offers a rich look at both the artwork and the stories behind it. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather, wear tennis shoes, and bring a water bottle.

## ADULT WORKSHOP

### Exploring Encaustics

Wednesday, Aug. 12 | 9:30am-12pm | \$90/\$100  
Instructor: Karess Knudtson

Level: All Levels, 18+  
This workshop will explore Encaustic painting to create layered, textured surfaces with molten beeswax on a wooden substrate. A brief history and description of encaustic painting will be discussed as well as basic supplies, tools, safety and application techniques. All levels welcome and all supplies provided including encaustic medium, boards, and brushes. Participants will leave with a small finished work of art. Register by July 29.

## YOUTH ART CLASSES

\* Registration is based on what grade your child is going into in the '26-'27 school year.  
\* Participants must register by the Wednesday one week prior to the class, no exceptions.

### Create with Me | Ages 2-3yrs & Adult

Wednesdays | 10:00-10:45am  
Members \$10 | Non-Members \$12

New Class!

For children ages 2-3yrs and their adult. Perfect for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles!

June 3: Textured Clay Flower Bowl  
August 5: Family Tree Painting

### Preschool Picassos | 3-5 yr

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

June 10: Painting Donuts!  
June 17: Oil Pastel Vegetable Garden  
June 24: Clay Bugs  
\*July 1st or 2nd: Family 4th of July Tie-Dye  
July 8: Fabric Collage  
July 15: Clay Coil Vase  
July 22: Antique Collage  
July 29: Large Paint Scraper Paintings!

### Summer Cézannes 1-3 gr

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

June 8 & 9: Painting With Handmade Stencils  
June 15 & 16: Weaving with Reeds  
June 22 & 23: Clay Lanterns  
\*July 1st or 2nd: Family 4th of July Tie-Dye  
July 6 & 7: Clay Creature Bowls  
July 13 & 14: Abstract Coil Sculpture  
July 20 & 21: Drawing Insects!  
July 27 & 28: Mosaic Magic with Beads

### Summer Suerats | 4-6 gr

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

June 11 & 12: Landscape with Spray Paint!  
June 18 & 19: Basket Weaving  
June 25 & 26: Clay Lights  
\*July 1st or 2nd: Family 4th of July Tie-Dye  
July 9 & 10: Felted Illustrations  
July 16 & 17: Beginning Wheel Throwing  
July 23 & 24: Drawing Realistic Faces  
July 30 & 31: Scraper Paintings with Metallic

### Teen Art | 7-12 gr

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

June 8 & 9: Landscapes with Oil Paint  
June 15 & 16: Coiled Baskets  
June 22 & 23: Clay Pendant Lights  
\*July 1st or 2nd: Family 4th of July Tie-Dye  
July 6 & 7: Wool Felted Textile Collage  
July 13 & 14: Wheel Throwing  
July 20 & 21: Drawing Faces with an Eraser  
July 27 & 28: Abstract Paintings on Canvas with Gold Leaf!

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

Wed, July 1 or Thurs, July 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 24

Join us for a PLAC tie-dye tradition! White t-shirts are provided (youth through adult sizes), along with gloves and paint shirts for the messy tie-dye fun. Instructors will demonstrate a variety of tie-dye techniques done with rubber bands. All youth 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



PEARSON

# LAKES ART CENTER

2201 Hwy 71 N  
PO Box 255  
Okoboji, IA 51355

Address Service Requested

## GOLD CORPORATE SPONSORS



**Goodenow  
Foundation**

*SIGNE KIM  
LAURIDSEN-JONES*



## SILVER CORPORATE SPONSORS

