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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

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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 schedule 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, Sept. 24 | 6pm
\$15

Audiences in Over 500 Cities Spanning 6 Continents Unite for One Week for the 29th 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, Dec. 10 | 7:30pm
\$35/\$45

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

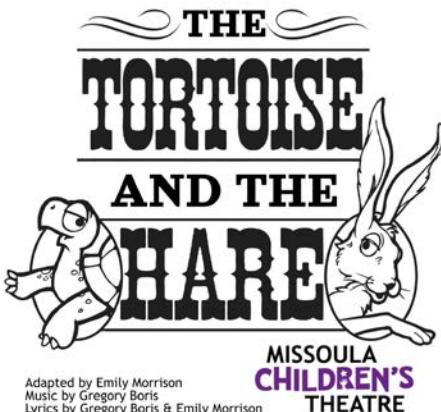
** All ticket sales are final. No refunds or exchanges.
Refunds given only if the event is canceled by the Pearson Lakes Art Center.*



Iowa: and the Broken Circle Documentary

Saturday, Oct. 3 | 5pm
Freewill Donation

Iowa: and the Broken Circle is a documentary film made by Iowa City local, Charlie Morris. It's a part of The Iowa Prairie Documentary Project. This movie explores the story of the land we call Iowa. It tackles tough questions like why most of us don't swim in the water any longer and why so many of us are getting cancer. It's also a spotlight on the beauty of Iowa, land restoration and how easily we could be doing the right thing.



THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE | MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Monday, October 5: Open Auditions from 4-6pm

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

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

Saturday, October 10: The Performance(s)

The Tortoise and the Hare 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 K-8th graders. All students are encouraged to audition. Most students rehearse around 4 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.



Scan for
information
and to register

VISUAL ARTS



Elusive Balance:
Iowa Artist/Mother group
Through 9/5



Sarah Grant: Land, Sky, Stem:
A Retrospective in Line and Color
Through 9/16



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



Of Many Parts:
The Work of John Pigg
9/24-12/12
Opening Reception: 9/24, 5-7pm



Twin Perspectives:
Kathy McGill and Kris Walker
11/12-2/27
Opening Reception: 11/12, 5-7pm



PLAC Sculpture Trail Loop

Discover twenty-three 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 2027 and are available for purchase.



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

ArtSmart

The ArtSmart Interactive Gallery serves as an incubator and engine for art making and creative exploration within PLAC and the community. Visitors 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. A new hands-on activity is featured each month, offering fresh opportunities to create and explore.

Indoor Spaces:

Art Studio
Performance Art Space
Sculpture Studio
Color Stations

Outdoor Spaces:

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

PEARSON LAKES ART CENTER TREEHOUSE STUDIO

The proposed Treehouse Studio will expand the mission of the Pearson Lakes Art Center by creating a unique outdoor space for art education, creativity, and community connection. Designed to serve all ages and be fully ADA accessible, the studio will host both new and existing programs while offering opportunities for collaboration with local organizations.

Surrounded by nature, the space will encourage children, families, artists, and visitors to slow down, create, explore, and connect with the creativity and well-being that nature and art inspires.



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO LEARN MORE



Wine Class

Jennifer Tritle-Oitzman of Okoboji Wines

Thursdays | 6pm | \$45/\$55

Must register two days prior to each class.

Sept. 3: Sauvignon Blanc Uncorked

Oct. 1: Hidden Gems of Southern Italy

Nov. 12: Wine Comparisons:

Oak vs Stainless Steel vs Cement

***Tuesday, Dec. 8:** Celebrate Holiday Wines

Kids Cooking - Fresh Apple Crisp

Natasha Erickson of Rise Sourdough Company

Monday, Sept. 21 | 2-3:30pm | \$33/\$43

Ages 9-13 years | Register by Sept. 17



Fun in the kitchen for kids on an inservice school day! Kids will learn safe dicing and paring techniques while making a delicious apple crisp with instructor Natasha. Enjoy a fresh sample, then bake a single-serving crisp to take home in a disposable dish, along with the recipe to make again with the family. Space is limited.

Homemade Bagel Making

Natasha Erickson of Rise Sourdough Company

Thursday, Sept. 24 | 10am | \$60/\$70

Register by Sept. 17

Back by popular demand! Learn the art of making homemade bagels. This small group hands-on class will teach you how to properly mix, knead, 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 bake or freeze! Class is about 2 - 2 ½ hours.

Pretty, Pretty Pumpkin

Sarah Page of So Good By Sarah Custom Catering

Wednesday, Oct. 7 | 1pm | \$45/\$55

Register by Oct. 1

Education, tasting, and a little crafting—all centered around the world's most popular gourd! Explore the history and many uses of pumpkins, from recipes and composting to skincare, natural dyes, wildlife, and décor. Enjoy sweet and savory samples, then create a decorative pumpkin craft to take home.

Chinese Dumpling Making

Helen Alexander

Wednesday, Oct. 14 | 1-3pm | \$50/\$60

Register by Oct. 8

In this fun & festive primarily hands-on class, guests will learn to make delicious traditional Chinese dumplings using fresh ingredients and unique spices! Helen will provide delicious samples while she teaches about various fillings, and demonstrates several folding techniques for creating dumpling masterpieces! Participants will practice folding dough, then stuff their own 10 - 12 dumplings to take home to cook or freeze. This class is 1 ½ - 2 hours.

Back to Our Roots

Joleen Koch & Karen Wood

Thursday, Oct. 22 | 3pm | \$55/\$65

Register by Oct. 20

With a dad as an avid gardener and a mom who ran Le's Creative Cakery out of their home, it's natural these sisters like to play in the kitchen! Sisters Joleen and Karen serve up creative root vegetable dishes from appetizers to desserts—with plenty in between. Discover how humble roots become unforgettable flavors with warm spices, fresh ingredients, and a delicious finishing touch. And yes—there will be meat! Includes a glass of wine.

Semi-Homemade | Fully Delicious

Sisterhood Kitchen w/ Kris Walker & Kathy McGill

Tuesday, Oct. 27 | 12pm | \$55/\$65

Register by Oct. 22

Want meals to look like you've spent all day in the kitchen...but didn't!? Join sisters Kris & Kathy for a fun hands-on cooking class creating delicious semi-homemade entrées and an irresistible dessert, using clever shortcuts that never sacrifice flavor. Participants will leave with recipes and all the tricks the sisters demonstrate. Great food doesn't need to be complicated - it just needs to be smart! Glass of wine included.

Autumn Harvest with Cup N' Saucer

Chef Seth Lintelman & Elizabeth Lintelman

Thursday, Oct. 29 | 6pm | \$135/\$145

Register by Oct. 22

Chef Seth will do his magic highlighting favorite seasonal flavors in every dish of this four course tasting menu. As always, he will use the freshest local produce and sustainably sourced ingredients to create unique pairings of flavors you'll find nowhere else. A glass of wine is included. Cup N' Saucer is located in Sherburn, MN, and focuses on creating modern American cuisine.

A Frenchy Good Time!

Pastry Chef Jacques Bouli and Brigitte Bouli

Thursday, Nov. 19 | 6pm | \$50/\$60

Register by Nov. 17

Chef Jacques of Four de Marie Bakery will demonstrate how to prepare and bake Bouchées à la Reine, an elegant classic in French cuisine. It features a crisp, hollow puff pastry shell filled with a rich creamy salpicon, usually made with chicken, mushrooms, and a savory sauce. A refreshing light side salad, decadent dessert, and glass of wine will complete a lovely dining experience!

French Macaron Making

Heather Baumgard of Playful Cupcakes

Friday, Nov. 20 | 1-3pm | \$45/\$55

Register by Nov. 17

Explore the art of making French-style macarons in this immersive hands-on workshop! You will learn essential techniques for piping, assembling, and filling these delicate cookies. Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to refine your skills, this class will help you take your macaron game to the next level! Each participant will enjoy scrumptious samples during class, and take away 6 freshly baked macarons to share at home!



SCAN TO REGISTER ONLINE
OR CALL 712-332-7029

A Bright White Snowflake Brunch

Sarah Page of So Good By Sarah Custom Catering

Thursday, Dec. 3 | 11am | \$60/\$70

Register by Dec. 1

It's Holiday Brunch time again! Come out of the cold, and join us for a delightful meal served in celebration of the joyful season! Warm up in the company of friends, while sipping eggnog coffee and spiced wine. And of course, as always, there will be a few sweet gifts to take home and enjoy!

YOUTH ART CLASSES

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

Mini Michelangelos | K-2nd gr

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

***Sept. 17 & 24:** Tie-Dye Exploration
Two week course: \$24/\$32

Oct. 8, 15, 22: Clay Beads & Pendants

Nov. 5, 12, 19: Photo Transfer Collage

Dec. 3, 10, 17: Hand-built Clay Ornaments

SatARTday CLASS

Clay Gingerbread Houses

Saturday, Dec. 5 | \$25/\$35 per group/house

For Individuals, Groups, & Families of All Ages!

**Time Slots: 10:00am-11:45am or 1pm-2:45pm,
Indicate group size at registration.**

Participants will build their own handmade clay gingerbread house with terra-cotta clay from beginning to end using slab rolled clay. The instructor will demonstrate using a cookie cutter to build your 3D house out of slab construction and joining with slip and score. Details of windows and doors will also be added followed by underglaze painting in festive colors! This class offers a chance to work together and build a one-of-a-kind holiday decoration that can be enjoyed for years to come. Register by Nov. 25.

Cigar Box Collage

Betty Haight & Danielle Clouse Gast

**Oct. 6 & 8 | 5-7pm | \$50/\$60 | Any level, 16+
Register by Sept. 30**

Transform an ordinary cigar box into a one-of-a-kind mixed-media piece. Using collage, paint, decorative and antique papers, students will personalize a wooden cigar box while learning techniques for creating durable, layered designs. Instructors will demonstrate effective methods for adhering papers and layers, discuss composition and storytelling, and offer creative inspiration to help you develop a meaningful theme.

Clay Kickstart

Holly Zinn Hample

Friday, Nov. 6 | 1-3pm | \$45/\$55

Register by Oct. 28

Perfect for beginners! Learn the basics of wheel throwing as you create a cylinder-style pottery piece with step-by-step instruction. Choose a blue, green, or white glaze. All materials and firings included. Finished pieces will be ready for pickup at PLAC in approximately 3 weeks. Ages 18+

Art Club | 3-6 gr

Thursdays: 5-6pm | \$36/\$48

***Sept. 17 & 24:** Designing with Tie-Dye
Two week course: \$24/\$32

Oct. 8, 15, 22: Wearable Art: Clay Jewelry

Nov. 5, 12, 19: Mixed Media Photo Transfer

Dec. 3, 10, 17: Hand-built Clay Ornaments

Teen Art | 7-12 gr

Wednesdays: 4-5pm | \$36/\$48

***Sept. 16 & 23:** Techniques in Tie-Dye & Shibori
Two week course: \$24/\$32

Oct. 7, 14, 21: Water-etched Pottery

Nov. 4, 11, 18: Image Transfer Art

Dec. 2, 9, 16: Wheel Thrown Ornaments

ADULT ART WORKSHOPS

Plein Air - Demo & Artist Talk

Plein Air Artists

September 3-9 | Freewill Donation

Join Plein Air invitational artists as they paint on location and share their painting process. Q & A encouraged.

Locations, exact dates and times will be released closer the the event.

Plein Air

Invitation to Create & Exhibit

September 3-9 | \$30

Artists are invited to participate in the Plein Air Invitational alongside our invited artists.

The participation fee includes the opportunity to submit up to five paintings for exhibition.

Paintings featuring the Iowa Great Lakes region may be completed between September 3-9 and should be delivered prior to the exhibition opening.

The exhibition opens with a reception on Thursday, September 10, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



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

Brushstrokes of Autumn

Kris Walker and Kathy McGill

Thursday, Oct. 1 | 1-4pm | \$55/\$65

Register by Sept. 23

Paint a seasonal masterpiece with twin sisters Kris and Kathy while growing your artistic skills. Choose the medium that best fits your style - acrylic or watercolor - and receive personalized instruction throughout the session. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced painter, you'll explore color, composition, and brush techniques as you capture the rich colors and charm of the fall season. Leave with new skills, creative confidence, and a finished painting ready to display.

Still Life Thursdays- Florals

Open Studio, Self Led

Thursdays | 10am-9pm, Come & Go | \$10/\$15

Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

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.

Open Clay Studio

Come & Create

Thursdays: 10am-9pm

Saturdays: 10am-4pm

The studio is open all year and is a self-led studio, you are responsible for your work and clean up of studio space. The studio only does close occasionally for classes or maintenance- this schedule is subject to change without notice. Clay available to purchase, \$35 per 25lb or \$20 per 12.5 lbs, glazing and firing included with purchase! Studios are open to ages 13+..

Questions? Call 712-332-7013 or email education@lakesart.org.



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