

Leelanau Community Cultural Center

Old Art Building

Newsletter ~ November 2018



Letter from Dan & Becky

Seems like every newsletter we each start our report with something like, "what a year it's been". Well, since our last newsletter, here we are again - wow. Just WOW. We started in May with a Kentucky Derby Party: decorated hats, bowties and the excitement of seeing the horses race live on our big screen. Mint juleps flowed and a costumed Leelanau community partied. Two weeks later we brought in hot jazz from the Motor City - the Brandon Williams Experiment. Last year during their visit we had recorded their fantastic show and this year released it as a CD. (Like jazz? We've still got a few for sale). Leland Air, our plein air painting event brought artists from all over the region to capture the Leelanau land, water and light on canvas. In June, Moxie Strings gave us a unique musical presentation of their genre-blurring sounds. The Great Chair Project with its free-style attack on chair decoration became a successful fundraiser for our children's programs, headed by Sally Meese, later to be named, with Garth Goodenow, one of our volunteers of the year. Megan Hildebrant, this year's Ann Hall Artist in Residence, showed us how art can help reflect and recover from personal hardship. Megan fell in love with the Old Art Building - she noted, "it's such a specific place. I loved the knotholes in the walls". Artist Richard Kooyman pointed out that her installation was the "first art work to incorporate aspects of the building as art." Then there was Artists' Market, Art Leelanau, the "Art of the Garden" exhibit, Kid Creator Camp, the dedication of Charlie Hall's sculpture "Infinite Disc", concerts on the lawn, art classes, dance classes, open acoustic jam sessions, classic cars on the lawn, etc., etc., PLUS a wind octet concert produced by local virtuoso Mezraq Ramli (a CD of this stunning evening is currently in production). Holy Smokes!!! And we just signed Josh Davis for a concert in December... Whew.. We're breathless just considering all the above...



(From Dan: Here I have to give immense credit to our brilliant and indefatigable staff, Becky Ross, executive Director, and Linda Sprout, Assistant Director. Their energy and ability to tap the talents and interests of the Leelanau community and develop a program schedule that enlightens, entertains and educates our citizenry truly amazes me. These two are deservedly becoming legend. Thank you Becky and Linda!)

Now, sadly, we have to say good-bye to one of the stalwarts on our board of directors, Logan Hardie. Logan has been on the board serving as our treasurer since early 2013. In his five and a half years of service he has been a major force in restructuring and strengthening our endowment, ensuring a more stable future for the LCCC. A man of many talents, Logan has acted on our stage, MC'd events, researched and installed our picture hanging system, built a moveable tree stand for our 12' tall Christmas tree. But perhaps his most noteworthy effort was designing and directing the building of the Old Art Building float in last year's Leland 4th of July parade, in which we took first prize! Logan, with his wife Sherrie, are moving out west. We trust that he will find ample opportunity to express his multifaceted personality out there. We wish you well, Logan. Thank you for all you have done for us.

Thanks to all of you who attend our events and support us through volunteering or contributing in other important ways,

Dan and Becky

PS: Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find an avenue to support this magical institution. An average of 55 people walk through our door every day, upwards of 18,000 people each year. We need your continued support. to keep serving this unique community. Please give generously.

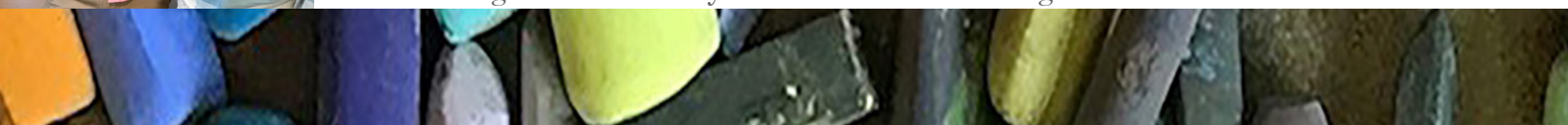
Volunteer Recognition

At our annual membership appreciation event late this summer we recognized two volunteers who have continually gone above and beyond to help out at the Old Art Building. A year ago



Sally Meese came to me and said "I've got this wild idea I want to talk to you about".... A year later The Great Chair Project brought us countless new friends, a wonderfully different and very creative exhibit and funds to help support our Children's programs here at the Old Art Building. Sally's amazing leadership and organizational skills are second to none. We are thrilled she loves the Old Art Building as much as we love her.

Garth Goodenow is one of those people who only needs one name ~ which puts him on par with Beyonce, Cher, Sting, Madonna, Bono... need I say more. This town loves Garth, and we really appreciate his enthusiasm for the Old Art Building. Having Garth help at an event always makes it more fun, be it tending bar, running the ring toss, or striking a pose in front of a Christmas tree! Look forward to seeing him in Lederhosen and dressed as our favorite Elf in coming events. He really does make our colors sing!



Old Art Building Endowment approaches \$1,000,000

The Leelanau Community Cultural Center serves over 18,000 visitors a year, embracing a demographic ranging from 3 to 103 years. We offer over 680 classes, programs and events throughout the year, with artists' income totaling close to \$100,000.

As with all cultural nonprofits, a stable and predictable revenue stream is paramount to planning our creative calendar. We currently rely on income from memberships, our endowment fund, annual gifts to operations, grants from family foundations, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and National Endowment for the Arts.

In 2018 the LCCC Board initiated an endowment campaign to take our Endowment to \$1,000,000. Income on the interest from this amount would ensure our programs will be of a quality that continues to enrich and serve our community by securing a reliable income stream. Thanks to early support to the Endowment we're now approaching \$700,000 towards our preliminary goal of \$1,000,000. Every gift matters. Your gift helps curate a broad range of programs that generations enjoy and remember.

Leland Musical Arts Celebration is made possible in part from a gift to the LCCC Endowment.

(To support the Endowment, please use the enclosed envelop, or call Becky @213-256-2131)



Artists performing at the Leland Musical Arts Celebration in September, under the leadership of Mezraq Ramli.

"The OAB embodies the essence of Leland as a small, northern Michigan community dedicated to providing a high quality of life for its residents and preserving its historic look and feel. It is the anchor of our "cultural complex." It effectively accommodates a wide variety of events and activities, presenting a different persona depending on the use to which it is being put. From concert hall to art gallery to exercise facility, it "works" in a way that no modern structure could. We love the OAB"

Nancy & Berkley Duck

Mark Your Calendars:

HollyPOP! 2018 ~ November 23 - 24

HollyPOP! is an immersive, pop-up shopping experience that celebrates the magic of the holiday season. We endeavor to ignite the spark of the season by presenting a one-of-a-kind shopping experience. The space will be transformed!

- Unique gifts
- Reindeer on the lawn
- S'mores by the fire
- Greens Galore
- Artist decorated ornaments

And so much more. . . .



What Happens at the Old Art Building?

Classes - Events - Performances

Open Studio Tuesdays
 Step Aerobics
 Senior Exercise
 Gentle Yoga
 Tai Chi
 Open Acoustical Band
 Partner Dancing
 Ballet And Pre-Ballet Classes
 Modern Dance Classes
 Summinars
 Creative Kids Camp
 Ceramics With Carrie Ming
 Leland Little Birds
 w/Miriam Pico
 Casablanca
 Hemingway Documentary
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 Ice Age
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 Leland Chamber Of
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 Children's Center Retreat
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 LPS Honor Society Assembly
 LCN Fundraiser
 LCC Fundraiser
 Genuine Leelanau Fundraiser
 LPS Sock Hop

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 Dedications
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 Linda A Dewey Art Class
 Pasarrelli Water Color Class
 Wine Tasting Class
 Japanese Arts & Crafts
 w/Karen Kirt
 Ted Loomis – Encaustic Painting
 Maia Hausler – Botanical Painting
 Color Catchers Photo Exhibit
 Painting on Location
 w/Ellie Golden
 Mezraq Ramli ~ Salon Concert
 Exposures Art Exhibit
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 Art of the Garden Exhibit
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 Dance Leelanau Recital
 The Lion King
 Joshua Davis
 Brandon Williams
 Lucas Paul Band
 Jazz North
 K Jones & the Benzie Boys
 Hot N' Bothered
 E Minor
 Solstice Concert
 Moxie Strings
 May Earlewine
 Earthwork Concert
 Free Concert on the Lawn
 Leland Musical Arts Celebration
 Joan Shelley
 Patrick Niemisto & Norm Wheeler

Weekly Classes

Mondays

8:20 – 9:20 am

Step Aerobics w/Kathy Miller

A medium to high level
 cardio challenge. \$8

9:30 – 10:30 am

Senior Exercise

w/Jeanette Egler

Full body workout
 with resist bands. \$4

Tuesdays

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Open Studio

Join others and paint.
 Donation \$3

Wednesdays

9:30 – 10:30 am

Gentle Yoga

w/Kerry Satterwhite

A restorative & healing yoga with
 gentle stretches. \$10

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Tai Chi w/Jane Hale

Emphasizes balance, muscle
 strength, & joint mobility. \$15

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Open Acoustic Band

Join other and play.
 Donation

Thursdays

8:20 – 9:20 am

Step Aerobics w/Kathy Miller

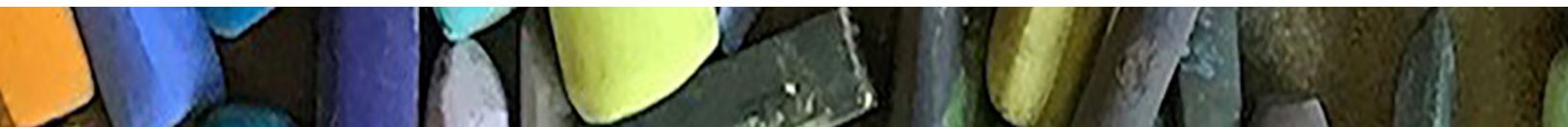
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The Great Chair Project

Hundreds of people enjoyed the creativity and ingenuity of chairs turned into art during the Great Chair Project: "Parade of Chairs", August 11th and 12th. Eighty-five artists submitted 105 chair entries and over \$7,000 was raised to support children's programs and scholarships at the Old Art Building. The primary goal of the event was to promote collaborative, community art and encourage participation in art by those who are not traditional painters and otherwise have no

opportunity to enter classic art shows. Many artists were thrilled by first-time sales of their artwork and the camaraderie of making art for a cause. The Old Art Building is excited to have discovered a whole new group of artists beyond our community's well-known artist community.

Special thanks to Sally Meese for bringing us this idea, and to her team of volunteers. The Parade of Chairs is planning a return visit in 2020!



The Infinite Disc Sculpture Dedication



On September 19 the Leelanau Community Cultural Center dedicated the sculpture Infinite Disc by Charles Hall. The sculpture created by Charles Hall and donated to the LCCC and the Old Art Building, was erected on the property in the fall of 2017. Dan Lisuk, LCCC Board President hopes that with the Infinite Disc, as well as several other sculptures on the grounds, that people will come to Leland to admire and appreciate the sculptures all year round. Charles Hall was honored and proud to have the sculpture placed here in Leland where it could become part of the art community.

The Infinite Disc, according to Mr Hall, represents the infinity in the universe.

The gate in the shape of Pi (π) for the concept of infinity, the disc itself represents the Universe, the Hole in the Universe is a reference to the infinite void and the cracks represent all the mysteries in the Universe.

The "Disc" was designed and executed in the mid 80's. The glass is a billet of glass from Schott Optical Glass that was discarded as unusable for the rose-colored lenses that would have been made from it. Mr. Hall had the hole drilled in the middle and then polished it to optical standards.

Before making the trip to Leland, it was assembled out of doors at Mr. Hall's residence in Rochester for about 15 years.



Thank you

We gratefully acknowledge all our members and donors whose contributions to the LCCC have been received since the publication of our newsletter in November 2017. Thanks to all of you for your participation and continued support in the LCCC programs and events!

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Painting with Brenda J Clark



Dance with Miss Hillary and



KIDS



"The Old Art Building was a second home to me during my childhood, as I spent hours and hours at dance class, rehearsals and performances held in its historic beauty. To me, the OAB is the heartbeat of Leland where community joins for the arts, continuing education and social gatherings"

Hillary Voight



*Japanese Arts & Crafts
with Karen Kirt*



Miss Abby

4th of July bike parade



Little Bird School of Music



Kids Creator Camp
with Tracy Smedes-Hepler



Guest Chef Martha Ryan

with Miriam Pico

KIDS



Appreciate. . . .



Leland Musical Arts Celebration

Music



Art Leelanau 2018

Visual Arts

"The Old Art Building brings artistic culture to Leelanau County. Not only do they provide music, art, and education to the community but they do it in one of the most original, interesting, and historic buildings around."

Richard Kooyman



LucasPaul Band @ Art Leelanau



Art Leelanau 2018

Fun & Games



Jones and the Benzie Playboys
concert on the Lawn

Dance



Joshua Davis
Good Love Lasts



K. Jones
and the Benzie Playboys

Variety



Maia Hausler Botanical Painting

Life Long Learning



Art Leelanau 2018

Love & Laughs
with Family
& Friends



Membership Event



2018 Junior Prom Dinner

Making
Memories



Membership Event



Norn Wheeler
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Children's Music Program



Audience enjoying Norm and Pat's show.

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HollyPOP!

November 23 - 24 ~ 10 am - 4 pm

3rd annual Holly POP! An unexpected shopping experience featuring artisanal products while celebrating the beauty of the season.

Merry MarketPlace

December 1 ~ 10 am - 4 pm

Our annual Christmas arts & crafts show featuring local artisans with hand made holiday gifts.

An Evening with Joshua Davis

December 1 ~ 8 pm

Joshua, in a "Josh only" show, will share heart felt stories of family, friends and traveling on the road interspersed with original and cover songs.

Dance Leelanau ~ Joy of Dance Recital

December 9

The Dance Leelanau troupe will perform their annual *Joy of Dance*. Time to be announced.

Winter Dance Party

May Earlwine & the Motivations

December 14 ~ 8 pm

Kick off your shoes, the floor is open---Let's Dance! May and the Motivations invite you to their Winter Dance Party.

Solstice Concert

December 21 ~ 8 pm

An evening of music and spoken word, organized by Mezraq Ramli and Susan Oliver.