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Arts Council of Greater Lansing

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March 2011



Spring Workshops for the Arts

Arts Council Offers Workshops to Help Artists, Creative Practitioners and Arts Administrators



(To register for any of the following events, please contact katie@lansingarts.org or call 517.372.4636x3)

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presented by [Kordenbrock & Associates](#)

March Artist Opportunities

Employment, Funding and Opportunities for Professionals Working in the Arts

[March Opportunities](#) from the Arts Council's website.



[Ingham County Medical Care Facility](#) is seeking artists to present their work and demonstrate their artistic process to facility residents through their **Meet the Artist Program**. Artists are needed for March 22 and other various dates throughout the spring and summer. To participate, or for more information, contact Beverly

Thursday, March 24

10 a.m. to 12 Noon

1210 Turner, Lansing, MI 48906

Local law firm Kordenbrock & Associates will present a workshop addressing basic intellectual property issues for artists or creative practitioners and will take your questions. The workshop is free for Arts Council members; \$10 for non-members.

Local Media Panel moderated by Kate Tykocki, Chief Communications Officer, [Capital Area Michigan Works!](#)
Wednesday, April 13

4 to 5:30 p.m.

1210 Turner, Lansing, MI 48906

Panelists from local media outlets will speak about how they choose stories and how your organization can best communicate with them. Get answers to your questions and join moderator Kate Tykocki as she gets the inside scoop about what makes a good story great and gives media relations tips. The media panel is free for Arts Council members; \$10 for non-members.

Creative Mixer Redux: Mixing Up Artists and Lovers of Art in Greater Lansing

Tuesday, June 7

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

1210 Turner, Lansing, MI 48906

Join the Arts Council and enjoy a free informal gathering with refreshments, snacks, and colleagues. Discover the interesting and innovative projects churning right here, right now. Sift through the possibilities for creation and collaboration with others. The mixer is free for members and non-members, but an RSVP is required.

May 17 Taste of Art & Life Seeking Sponsors and Patrons

Mid-18th Century Connecticut Georgian
Reproduction Selected for 5th Annual Event



Featured in the April 2011 edition of *Early American Life Magazine*, Lyn and Karen Beekman's residence is like walking into a colonial period historical museum. Designed, built, and furnished by the couple, this personal masterpiece will be the featured home for the Arts Council's 5th annual *Taste of Art & Life* event on May 17. Mark your calendar -- this is a home not to be missed!

The event, which is a fundraiser to support the work of the

Schmidt or Jackie Dillinger at BSchmidt@ingham-mcf.org or call 517-381-6100.

The **2011 Michigan Creative Teachers Summit** will be held Sat, Mar. 19, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lansing Community College West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Dr., Lansing. Sponsored by the DeWitt Creativity Group, LEAP, Michigan Virtual University, and Dean Transportation, the event is free and lunch is provided. Tickets are limited and you must [pre-register](#). For more information, please contact Jason Lafay at LafayJ@dewittschools.net.

The **Greater Lansing Recycled Art Exhibit** is seeking artists! This year's exhibit will be held May 11 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing from 6-8 p.m. Sponsored by [Mayor Bernero's Go Green! Initiative](#), with the support from the [Arts Council of Greater Lansing](#), [Capital Area Recycling and Trash](#) and the [Michigan Recycling Coalition](#), the exhibit will be held in conjunction with the Michigan Recycling Coalition's Annual Conference, which regularly attracts more than 300 participants from across the state. Works accepted for the exhibition will be eligible for cash awards, selected by a panel of onsite judges. There is no entry fee. To apply, please review submission criteria [here](#). The application deadline is Apr. 1.

March Arts Calendar

Your Link to Exhibitions, Events, Festivals and the Performing Arts in Greater Lansing

[March Calendar](#) from the Arts Council's website.



The sweetest time of year is when the sap begins to flow and Fenner Nature Center celebrates its [Maple Syrup Festival!](#) Join in the fun Sat, Mar. 19 and Sun, Mar. 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's activities include maple sugar candy making demos, "tap a tree" children's activities, historical storytelling, Michigan crafters, and more. For information visit www.mynaturecenter.org



[Grossology](#) has arrived at [Impression 5 Science Center!](#) Don't miss the (Impolite) Science of the Human Body as this 2,500 sq. ft. traveling exhibit makes its home at Impression 5 until May 15. For hours and information, visit www.impression5.org.

Introducing First Fridays Building Fun Across Greater Lansing

On the first Friday of every month, beginning April 1, 2011 the region will roll out the fun carpet - big time! Restaurants, galleries, and area businesses will be opening their doors, offering unique specials, and extended their hours



Arts Council, is currently seeking sponsor and patron support. If you love the arts in greater Lansing, please consider supporting this unique event as a sponsor or patron. All commitments received by **March 30** will be recognized in the Arts Council's pre-event materials.

\$300 Corporate Sponsors receive:

Four tickets to *A Taste of Art & Life* (\$260 value) along with recognition on the event invitation, the evening of the event, in our e-newsletter, and in a Lansing City Pulse thank you advertisement.

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\$100 Individual Patrons receive:

One ticket to *A Taste of Art & Life* (\$65 value), and recognition on the event invitation, the evening of the event, and in the Arts Council's e-newsletter.

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Contact Leslie Donaldson at leslie@lansingarts.org at (517) 372-4636 x2 with any additional questions.



to celebrate. To support the fun, CATA is doubling its [Entertainment Express](#) Trolley Service on First Fridays by offering FREE rides from 5:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. In addition, all CATA fixed-route bus service and Spec-Tran service will be FREE on First Fridays from 7p.m. to the end of each routes' regular service.



A partnership between the [Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau](#), [Team Lansing Foundation](#), [CATA](#), [Cooley Law School](#), [City of Lansing](#), [City of East Lansing](#), [Pace & Partners](#), [Downtown Lansing Inc.](#), [Old Town Commercial Association](#), [Arts Council of Greater Lansing](#), [Leap](#), [LEPFA](#), [Board of Water and Light](#), [Lansing State Journal](#), [Grand River Connection](#) and many others, First Fridays will encourage you to get out and explore the fun side!

To participate as a First Fridays establishment or as a sponsor, please contact Jan Pfeiffer at (517) 377-1410 or jpfeiffer@lansing.org For more information visit www.LansingFirstFridays.com or follow First Fridays on Facebook and Twitter.



Community Spotlight: Nokomis Learning Center

5153 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864-1198
M, W, F 1-6pm; Tues. 6-9pm; Sat.-Sun. Closed
(517) 349-5777
To Schedule Tours/Groups: (517) 775-6538
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info@nokomis.org
www.nokomis.org

Founded in 1988, the Nokomis Native American Cultural Learning Center is dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the history, arts, and culture of the Anishinaabe people or "people of the Three Fires" -- the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi nations. The Center fulfills its mission through programs, exhibitions, and special events and its facility contains an art gallery, an exhibit classroom, and a gift shop. More than 200 groups tour the Center each year and over 20,000 visitors have participated in the Center's programs since its doors first opened. While most programs are provided for visitors to the Center of all ages, the educational staff also conducts numerous outreach programs throughout lower Michigan.

Learn more about Nokomis by visiting the Center and joining in on the fun! Look for opportunities to participate in these upcoming events:

- Anishinaabemowin Class: Every Thursday from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Join native speakers teaching the Anishinaabemowin, or Ojibwe, language. Bring a snack and writing material.
- Wigwam Construction: Spring 2011. Nokomis is pleased to announce that it will be breaking ground in the Spring for a new addition to its education programs by building a wigwam (dome-shaped structure) constructed out of saplings, cattail mats, and bark. If you are interested in participating, please join community members at the Center on Tuesday evenings during Craft Night. Cattail mats will be created throughout the winter which will then be used to help create the wigwam in the spring.

Nokomis Learning Center Community Spotlight article and information courtesy of www.nokomis.org.

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