



Where's Art?

A publication of Greater Flint Arts Council

A catalyst of and advocate for the arts for 50 years.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

For me, the holidays are about being thankful for the many blessings that have been bestowed on us throughout the year. I am thankful for artists. Their work is the life blood of the work we do. I am thankful for the organizations and individuals that support us. Their generosity allows us to employ artists and provide safe places for them to share. I am thankful to our members and audiences. They give us the purpose of enriching lives through the sharing of creativity.

I am thankful for the new directions Greater Flint Arts Council is taking to grow the arts in Genesee County. Expansions to our programming, including our Placemaking Division, "What's Up Downtown," Music on the Bricks, Friday Night Fever and Destination Innovation are providing more paying work for local artists and musicians, increasing creative experiences for our audiences and improving tourism to boost our local economy.

The Share Art Genesee and MACC grant programs are supporting many local arts organizations and arts programs provided by both arts and non-arts non-profit charities. We are able to distribute close to \$500,000. Local artists of all disciplines are benefitting from the programs supported by these grants.

I am thankful for the opportunity in September 2023 to travel to Placemaking Europe with Jerin Sage, our Director of Placemaking, at Strasbourg, France. We were able to connect with global placemakers. I had a rare opportunity to share the story of Flint, which resulted in making connections with professional placemakers throughout Europe and as far away as India. Many invitations for continued communications have ensued.

In November, I had the opportunity to travel to the Grant Makers in the Arts (GIA) conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. I met people from foundations, government and non-profits who are making grants for the arts across the United States and U.S. Territories. Although we were not allowed to fund raise at the conference, I made connections which may bring funding to some of our local organizations in the future.

2024 is going to bring in a new era for Greater Flint Arts Council. We have completed the silent phase of fundraising for renovations to our 2nd, 3rd and lower levels of our building. These new spaces will help us provide more artists and producers with appropriate space for programs, meetings, projects and performances. We will be sending more information about the project in January, including opportunities for our members and audiences to participate and be a part of making a brighter future for GFAC.

I have so much to be thankful for including the milestone of being your CEO for 30 years, which I reached on August 13, 2023.

On behalf of the Staff and Trustees, please accept our best wishes for your holidays and the New Year ahead.

Greg Fiedler
President and CEO

JOIN US FOR NEW PROGRAMS

MUSIC ON THE BRICKS

1st Friday of each month
For locations, musicians and times,
see genesee.fun.com

FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER

3rd Friday of each month
For locations and times,
see genesee.fun.com

December Exhibition: MICHIGAN WATER COLOR SOCIETY 2023 TRAVELING EXHIBITION

Featuring original works of art by Michigan Water Color Society members. Opening reception December 8, 6-9 pm, at Flint ARTWALK. Food, beverages and music featuring the Roger Jones Trio plus one.



Music Around Town

Exhibit runs through January 5.

January Exhibition: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ALL MEDIA EXHIBITION

Featuring original works of art by Greater Flint Arts Council members. Opening reception January 12, 6-9 pm, at Flint ARTWALK; awards announced at 5:30 pm. Food, beverages and music by TSHED Productions. Exhibit runs through February 2.

February Exhibition: AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTS OF MICHIGAN EXHIBITION

Featuring original works of art by African American Artists of Michigan. Opening reception February 9, 6-9 pm at Flint ARTWALK. Food, beverages and music by Kill Bill & Friends. Exhibit runs through March 1.

GFAC will be closed December 25, 2023 through January 1, 2024.

GFAC Gallery and Office Hours are 9AM-5PM Monday-Friday • 810.238.ARTS phone • 810.238.6879 fax • www.greaterflintartscouncil.org

QUILTS OF VALOR® PRESENTATION

At Greater Flint Arts Council, our members are like family to us. That is why we began participating in the National Quilts of Valor® program last year. Founded in 2003, the National Quilts of Valor® Foundation appreciates the service and sacrifice of those serving or have served in the Armed Forces and protect our freedoms. On October 25, with our quilt exhibit displayed, and just before Veterans Day, Greater Flint Arts Council was proud to present three members with Quilts of Valor,® with the assistance of Lynn Lebeck, Michigan coordinator.

Thomas Myers, Martin Turner, and Eugene Bowen (from left) wrapped in their Quilts of Valor® at Greater Flint Arts Council.

Photo by L. M. Land



Our Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Kelly Brisbin, Sam Morello, and Emma Hill, mother of Harold Hill, GFAC Operations Manager / Volunteer Coordinator.



CALL FOR ARTISTS

Artists needed for monthly Flint ARTWALK at Sauce Italian American Kitchen at the Hilton Garden Inn Flint Downtown. Musicians are also needed for warmer months at Simmer Rooftop Lounge, at Hilton Garden Inn. For consideration, please contact Dan Wright at dan.wright@sauceitalianflint.com or call 810-233-9110, ext. 7159.

Artists needed for monthly Flint ARTWALK at new location in Buckham Alley--Drinks of Essence. For consideration, please contact Sheena Harrison at drinksofessence@yahoo.com or 810-263-9107.

GFAC is seeking artists to do live paintings at events, and also artists that can do artwork for comic book illustrations. Contact Harold Hill at 810-238-ARTS, directly at 810-869-0852, or email harold@greaterflintartscouncil.org for more information.

COOL CITY ART AUCTION

Greater Flint Arts Council will no longer produce the Cool City Art Auction fundraiser. We thank everyone who has helped to make this event a success in the past: our partners, sponsors, artwork donors, volunteers and everyone who purchased the amazing artwork.

Any donated artwork still in the possession of Greater Flint Arts Council will continue to be used to raise funds once our building renovations are complete. The artwork will hang for sale in the hallways, conference rooms and other public spaces for all to see. Watch for new fundraisers once our building renovations are complete.

For questions, contact Tanya Lane, Development Director at 810-238-6875 or tanya@greaterflintartscouncil.org.



Download your Genesee County events and happenings for Free to keep everyone in the loop. For a helping hand or more information, call 810-238-ARTS.

Get in The Know! To see the listing of events throughout Genesee County, visit geneseefun.com.



WHERE FLINT ART HAPPENS

WWW.GREATERFLINTARTSCOUNCIL.ORG/WFAH

Now streaming from the GFAC website at greaterflintartscouncil.org, then click on the WFAH 102.1 Radio Tab.

Made possible by a grant from the Arthur G. Bishop Charitable Trust.

WINTER SCHEDULE

7:00am-9:00am	World Music with host Mark Corrigan
9:00am-12:00pm	Jazz
12:00pm-12:30pm	Interviews with local creators featuring hosts Greg Fiedler, Brendan Whitman and Tim Jagielo
12:30pm-3:00pm	Jazz
3:00pm-5:00pm	Happy Hour Jazz (Traditional) with host Greg Fiedler
5:00pm-6:00pm	Jazz
6:00pm-8:00pm	Jazz Standards with host Brendan Whitman
8:00pm-10:00pm	Blues Highway with host Melissa Boyd
10:00pm-Midnight	Jazz Fusion with host Harold Hill
Midnight-2:00am	Sunday - Thursday - Smooth Jazz
Midnight-2:00am	Friday & Saturday - Electronic Music with host Jerin Sage
2:00am-7:00am	Jazz Potpourri



MICHIGAN
ARTS &
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COUNCIL

MICHIGAN ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL "MACC" FUNDING

The Greater Flint Arts Council (GFAC) is honored to coordinate free informational sessions and to serve as the Region 6a Regranting Agency for **Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC)**.

<https://www.michiganbusiness.org/industries/macc/macc-grants/>

MACC utilizes **Smart Simple**, an on-line portal for your grant application and files. This system is available year-long and can be accessed at: https://macc.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp.

For assistance, contact GFAC staff member: Suzanne Lossing; Suzanne@greaterflintartscouncil.org, or **text** to 810-624-9366/cell.

January 15 is the Round 2 deadline for remaining MACC funding for fiscal year 2024. Only **Minigrant Professional / Organizational Development "POD"** funding is available for Region 6a (Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawassee counties.).

POD funding *provides up to \$1,500* to assist qualified applicants with opportunities to grow professionally. Qualified Michigan applicants need to meet at least one of the following requirements: administrators and staff of a registered non-profit arts and cultural organization; an arts educator/teacher; or a professional artist – including writers and film professionals. Grant awards will be made for activity taking place between **March 1, 2024, and September 30, 2024.**

MACC Next Year:

Throughout the year returning users can check their MACC Smart Simple account for available funding updates. Upcoming primary grant deadlines: January 15, June 1, and August 3.

Be A GFAC Reviewer!

Reviewing grant applications is a great way to improve your grant-writing awareness. Interested in learning more about reviewing grant applications for GFAC? Contact Suzanne Lossing at Suzanne@greaterflintartscouncil.org/ 810-624-9366/text.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome new members* and thank you renewing members!

Corporate Contributor

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Shirley Owens
Jackie Poplar
Veronica Robinson*
Linda Todorow
Velma Wilson*
Mary Woodruff*

Student

Brandon Emmons*

If you haven't already, please renew your membership today!

THE WHAT'S UP DOWNTOWN PROJECT

Greater Flint Arts Council's creative placemaking program, The What's Up Downtown Project led by Director of Placemaking, Jerin Sage, has had a very productive 2023 year with 67 local creatives facilitating 247 place-based activations in Downtown Flint with 7,442 people in attendance to date. The program has reached almost 50,000 people through web-based organic marketing, social media posts and word of mouth, and is on target to continue to grow into its fourth year through increased resident involvement, collaborative partnerships and project funding. Some program highlights from the year include partnerships with Crim Fitness Foundation, Flint City Tours, 810 Fashion Show and LGBTQ+ dance party WednesGAY. Find more details, information and get involved at www.DowntownFlint.fun and on FB at FB/WhatsupDowntownFlint.

A member of Vertical Ambitions dance crew posing during a cypher at a Better Block/ WUDP/Crim activation of Mega Coney Island site Downtown Flint in September.



**WHAT'S UP
DOWNTOWN
FLINT.**

Special Thank You to Anne and William Furnaris for the donation of flowers and desserts at the November Flint ARTWALK.

SEPTEMBER EXHIBITION: EXPERIENCE I.V.A.N. IMMERSIVE VISUAL ART NETWORK

Curated by Jerin Sage. Thanks to reception volunteers: Elizabeth Cleveland, Pat Hill, Bob Rawls and Kathy White. Music provided by the Original IVAN soundtrack performed by Brent Shay and Friends.

OCTOBER EXHIBITION: PARADIGM QUILT ARTISTS – SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

Featured quilts and quilted items by Mary Bajcz, Nancy Butler, Debra Danko, Cindy Geist, Debbie Grifka, Donna Hamilton, Sue Holdaway Hey, Pat Holly, Patricia Ingersoll, Carolyn King, Linda R. Larson, Joyce McKinnies, Sue Nickels, Joan Potter Thomas, Claire Teagon and Kathleen Wozniak Bricker. Quilts of Valor® presentation by Michigan State Coordinator Lynn L. Lebeck.

Thanks to the gallery set up and reception volunteers: Jeanine Ackerman-Smith, Althea Barbee, Lynn Barbee, Eugene and Mildred Bowen, Kathleen Durand, Carole Hickey, Pat Hill, Erwin Paterson and Bob Rawls. Music provided by Musica Royale.

Special thanks to exhibit curator Debra Danko, exhibit photographer L. M. Land, Joyce McKinnies of the Quality Quilters for the sample Quilts of Valor®, and Lynn L. Lebeck, Quilts of Valor® Michigan State Coordinator.

NOVEMBER EXHIBITION: CLAIRE MOTT WHITE MICHIGAN CLAY ARTISTS EXHIBITION

Featured original works of art by Jeanine Ackerman-Smith, Guy Adamec, Tamar Aldrich, Sara B. Clark, David L. Davis, Anne Furnaris, Carol Higgins, Craig Hinshaw, Mollie Jones, John Mrozik and Kelton G. Schaefer.

Thanks to the gallery set up and reception volunteers: Jeanine Ackerman-Smith, Althea Barbee, Elizabeth Cleveland, Kathleen Durand, Carole Hickey, Pat Hill, Erwin Paterson, Randee Pieper, Bob Rawls and Cathy White. Music provided by Eddie Blues Barney & Bluehouse.

ALL MEDIA MEMBERSHIP EXHIBITION GUIDELINES

To assist in making your Exhibit a success we need your help. Please follow the guidelines that are established below.

Artwork/Contract Drop-Off:	Jan. 8–9, 2024	Mon-Tues	9:30 am – 4:30 pm
Opening Reception:	Jan. 12, 2024	Friday	6:00 – 9:00 pm
Artwork Pick up	Feb. 5–6, 2024	Mon-Tues	9:30 am – 4:30 pm

- **One piece of original art work only** is accepted for this judged exhibition.
 - **MULTIPLE PIECE WORKS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE (no diptych, triptych, etc.)**
- First prize \$500, Second prize \$250, Third prize \$125, 3 Honorable Mentions \$50 each.
- Copies, ie. giclee', or other processes that are not original by the artist are not accepted.
- Must be a current member to participate.
- All information on your returned card should reflect the way you'd like to see it on the label.
 - Printed legibly with all information.
 - Fill out post card and please return by January 5, 2024. If no postcard is found in your newsletter, we have them in the main office. You can fill one out upon delivery of your art.
- No Changes after drop-off. (Be sure price/title, etc. is correct.)
- All artwork must be delivered and picked up on dates noted above.
- **ARTWORK CANNOT BE REMOVED/BORROWED BEFORE THE ASSIGNED PICK-UP DATE ABOVE.**
- All submissions are subject to refusal for exhibition.
- Extra invitations available upon request with advanced notice (Artist responsible for mailing.)
- Advanced discussion with GFAC staff to hang or assist with exhibition.
- All artwork must be labeled on the **front, at the lower right hand corner** with a sticky note (refrain from box tape, address labels, masking tape, etc.) identifying the name of the artwork with the artist first and last name and title of piece. (Sticky notes on 3-D art work along with scotch tape)
- All artwork should be clean and free from debris of all kinds. All artwork should be professionally mated/framed and wired for 2-D art presentation and safety. There is a weight limit of 50 lbs for sculptures. GFAC staff should be contacted if work weighs more and if you can provide the man/woman power to assist in moving the piece.
- Please leave all personal items in your car, i.e., purse, bags, expensive coats during the Flint ARTWALK.
- All artwork must be signed-out upon pick-up by yourself or someone you choose.

GFAC INFORMATION

- Greater Flint Arts Council hours are Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm.
- Please call our staff, with any questions at 810.238.2787.

~Thank you for your cooperation ~

A card should accompany this Newsletter to sign up for the January All Media Membership Exhibition. If no card accompanies this publication we will have extras at the Arts Council when you deliver your original artwork. For information, call GFAC at 810.238.ARTS.

2023-2024 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Please consider a generous donation to our 2023/2024 Annual Campaign to allow us to grow the arts in our community. We thank the following people and organizations for their generous contributions.

Benefactor (\$1,000 +)

Greg Fiedler *in memory of Albert and Barbara Koegel*
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YOU CAN INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF ART
IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

WHAT IS
YOUR

Art
LEGACY?

To learn more, contact Tanya Lane at 810-238-6875
or tanya@greaterflintartscouncil.org.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Greater Flint Arts Council needs and welcomes volunteers. Opportunities to volunteer are for our monthly gallery setup, from 10 am–2 pm every second Wednesday, and every second Friday for Exhibit Opening setup, starting around 2 pm and during the event from 6–9 pm for the reception. For information or to sign up, contact Harold Hill at 810-238-ARTS, directly at 810-869-0852, or email harold@greaterflintartscouncil.org.

2022-2023 SUPPORT

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Greater Flint Arts Council is a non-profit service organization whose purpose is to be the catalyst of and advocate for increased artistic and cultural enrichment of our ethnically diverse community. Our primary service area is Flint and Genesee County.

Greater Flint Arts Council believes strongly in the diversity and democracy of all people. We advocate and practice a policy of non discrimination, including factors of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, height, weight, age, marital status, national origin, disability, gender and gender identity, handicap or any other factor protected by law.

Where's Art? is a publication of Greater Flint Arts Council, published quarterly with exception.

GFAC MEMBERSHIP

What a wonderful world of art you receive when you join Greater Flint Arts Council.

As a member you will receive:

- 4 issues of Where's Art?, our quarterly newsletter filled with additional art and cultural opportunities
- Opportunity to participate in the Members-Only Exhibit each January
- 10% discount on GFAC Gallery items (exceptions on fundraising items)
- Monthly Flint ARTWALK invitation mailed to you
- Opportunity to participate in additional monthly exhibits in the gallery
- Opportunity to offer consignment artwork in the gallery (as space permits)
- Referrals to businesses and organizations requesting artist partners

- Invitations to special events and exhibitions
- Free meeting space during regular business hours
- Satisfaction of supporting arts and culture in your community

All memberships at a \$100 or above level will continue to receive two FREE Weekend Admission passes to the 2024 Flint Jazz Festival in Riverbank Park.

Not sure if you are a member or have questions? Call Tanya Lane, Development Director at 810-238-6875.

PLEASE
UPDATE YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
TODAY!

☒ YES! I would like to join GFAC

Enclosed is my membership \$ _____

☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization | \$50 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Contributor | \$500-\$999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Patron | \$1,000 & up |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor | \$250 & up | | |

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- ☐ I would like to volunteer
☐ Please call me about joining your *Art* Legacy Family

Make Check Payable to: Greater Flint Arts Council, 816 S. Saginaw St., Flint MI 48502