THREE CITIES ART CLUB

FEBRUARY 2025

newsletter

Popular Vote

First Place: Jim Karell



Second Place: Susan Aitken



Third Place: Joan Witte



NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 3 Plymouth District Library 6:45 PM SNACK Sue Smith & Susie Miller

CLUB NEWS

February Program

Shadia Derbyshire: Paper Art

Shadia Derbyshire focuses on unique collage techniques featuring a variety of nature themes. She participates regularly in art shows, live painting events and often does commission work.



Shadia has a passion for color and uses a selection of found papers, tissue papers, discarded sewing patterns, origami and craft papers. These papers are then hand-painted, stained, stamped and stenciled. She tears each paper by hand to 'paint' over her canvas, resulting in dynamic and colorful pieces with unique pattern and texture. We look forward to Shadia discussing her paper technique, showing us some of her work and teach us the basic elements of paper painting and how it differs from traditional collage.

February Member Spotlight: Chuck Schroeder

January Member Spotlight Recap



At the January meeting, we heard from photographer **Gwen Roth.** Her roles as Treasurer, Co-Secretary, Facebook chairperson and also the curator for Westland's Gallery at City Hall are integral to our club's success.

Gwen learned basic principles of photography from her father and how to see the real world from her mother. Travel experiences and capturing family moments taught Gwendolyn to see and compose quickly. When photography made the jump from film to digital, Gwen embraced it seriously as an artist and never looked back. Her work emphasizes fine art and healing art, but she will photograph anything that catches her eye. She is especially fond of creating composites and digital abstracts to express her emotions.

MICHIGAN ART OPPORTUNITY

The deadline for entries in the **2025 Lilac Festival Poster Contest** is February 10. The winning entry will be an integral part of the annual Mackinac Island Lilac Festival and will be printed as a poster to be sold at Mackinac Island businesses. Click here for information. **2025 Lilac Festival Poster Contest**



Check it out

February Exhibits & Artsy Things in the Area

SWEETWATERS CAFE EXHIBIT

302 N. Canton Center Road, north of Cherry Hill

February 4 - March 4, 2025

Exhibitors: Kseniva Hauptman & Peggy Kerwan (Contact Peggy Kerwan for an opportunity to exhibit: misspeggyartist@gmail.com)

Plymouth Arts Council

774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth **Ianuary - February** Faces & Places: Charles Stout **Reception: February 1** 2 pm-4:30 pm

Gallery at City Hall, Westland City Hall Gallery 36300 Warren Rd

Power of Abstraction: A visual journey through what makes us who we are! **January 10 - February 28, 2025**

TCAC Open Exhibit 2024-5 **Popular Vote Winners Tallied** Gallery at City Hall Westland * November 8-January 9

Congratulation to the following artists who received the most votes cast in the Popular Vote challenge from visitors to the TCAC Open Exhibition at Westland Gallery. Keep up the good work!



First Place J. Susan Aitken Thistle



Second Place **Kathleen Tenerowicz** Just for a Moment





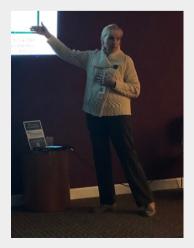
Third Place (tied) Terri Haranczak The Yellow Wallpaper

Kseniva Hauptmann Behind the Shoulders

last month

Detroit Institute of Arts teaching volunteer Cindy Patrick gave an interesting slide show presentation called *Pop Art: From Camelot to* Kent State. She defined Pop Art as embracing mass media for a massive population and that art form was all about multiples (prints), aimed at youth, and transient.

Ms. Patrick showed artwork of a variety of famous Pop Art artists from Andy Warhol's silkscreen prints to political statements by wood sculptor Marisol to cartoon-type prints by Roy Lichtenstein. She talked about Oldenburg's print of the popsicle and political statements made through the art of James Rosenquist. It was great having so much information about Pop Art put into perspective.



Did You Know?

Elevator Available at Plymouth Library

The Plymouth library has an elevator available for use to the public located in the staff entrance by the fire station (to right if facing library entrance). There are a couple handicap parking spaces.

Call **Marilyn (313-231-3939)** when you arrive and she will notify desk. They will have someone meet you and escort you to the meeting room.





WESTLAND ARTS PROJECT

City Council Member Emily Bauman contacted Three Cities Art Club about a project to promote Westland as an art destination. She loves the Westland Arts Gallery at City Hall and considers our club an important resource. Although Emily Bauman is currently a city council member, this will be a new non-profit organization (tentatively - *Westland Art Foundation*) rather than a government organization.

Where does TCAC come in? Although many details need to be ironed out, Bauman's idea is to have artists paint fiberglass sculptures of animals (4' tall), weatherproof them, and secure businesses as sponsors. Artists will submit concepts for approval (foundation/sponsors may suggest some topics). She has an instructor lined up to show artists the best painting process as many of us have never used fiberglass before. After being on display outdoors around town for four months, the sculptures will be auctioned off at a celebration. Proceeds will go to support new art endeavors and the expansion of current opportunities in all mediums. Westland will celebrate its 60th anniversary in May of 2026, so this is her target date.