



Beloit

ART CENTER

Annual Report 2022

MISSION STATEMENT

In partnership with the community and regional artists, we will maintain a center to teach, display and promote art through events, classes, gallery, and studio space.

Beloit Art Center by the Numbers

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| 3,628 of Visitors | 183 artists showed their work in one of our public spaces | \$16,000 in Direct Public Support \$7,500 in Grants |
| 122 visits to Open Studio 114 visits to Mosaic Mania | 17 photography students 21 art camp students 10 watercolor students 21 pottery students | 16 studios rented at 96% capacity |

Dear Valued Member,

Since 2000, in partnership with our community, the Beloit Art has endeavored to fulfill its mission to bring art to the Beloit Area. We offer a free art gallery that is open six days a week. The art center is home to 15 local artists who rent studio space in the building, and we promote art in our community by offering events and classes throughout the year.

Through our many connections to the art community in Wisconsin, we have seen that when communities donate to the arts, they are making a meaningful investment. A community filled with art makes for a community full of culture and art can help create a unique identity in a city, an identity that draws people to come and visit and stay. Donations allow the ongoing support and the ability to showcase deserving artists and provide art education to our community.

Currently the center operates entirely on a volunteer basis and thanks to the generosity of donors, remains financially healthy. We have been fortunate. When we completed our strategic plan at the end of 2021, we could see that the current volunteerism plan is unsustainable long term. The Beloit Art Center needs to hire a part-time executive director. Another challenge we are facing is that our building, although beautiful by all appearances, needs maintenance, the most imperative being replacement of the furnaces, which are all over 20 years old.

We thank you kindly for your past and future support and we look forward to seeing you at the Beloit Art Center!

Gary Dencker

Gary Dencker | Beloit Art Center | Board President



With your generous support, Beloit Art Center is able to host 28 art exhibits annually, 24 in our two galleries and quarterly exhibits at the Beloit Public Library. The First Friday of each month we host an opening reception to celebrate the new exhibits from 5-7pm, with the highlight being a gallery talk by our featured artists at 6pm. These events are free and open to the public.



With your help, the Beloit Art Center supports young artists in a variety of ways. We host an annual High School Exhibit each spring. Students from Beloit Memorial, Beloit Turner, The Lincoln Academy and Rock County Christian participate. In partnership with the Association of Wisconsin Artists several students have the ability to exhibit in a statewide exhibit. Beloit Art Center also offers a summer art program for students who want to learn more about art techniques.



Community support is helping the Beloit Art Center revitalize the region's clay community. After the retirement of our long-time pottery instructor, the art center has reinvested in the studio. Creative clay workshops resumed in October and the reintroduction of pottery wheel and hand-building classes resumed this year with waiting lists for interested students.



Summer 2022 saw fish decorating Downtown Beloit. The Beloit community came out to support the Fish Frenzy Project to raise money for cancer patients to take free art classes at the BAC. Over fifty fish were purchased by local artists and decorated and donated back to auction, raising \$5,400 for this project. Beloit Auction Service partnered with the center and donated their services.

Abbey Beaumont
Charley & Prudy Harker

Best Friends of the Arts \$251+

Betty Magnus
Mary A. Porter

Jim & Jeannie Rippl
Jerry and Connie Sveum

Jean Apgar
Scott & Jo Christofferson
Nancy Clark-Mather
Richard Dexter
Connie Gardiner
Miles Gillott

Friends of the Arts Members \$250

Curtis and Barbara Lansbery
Patsy Laurer
Ken Marsden
Jeff McDonald
Richard Nightingale
Emily Sager

Jeffrey & Michelle Scott
Dennis Murphy & Barb Seguin
Dawn & Joe Stadelman
Suzanne Stewart
Anita & Robert Wildermuth
Visit Beloit

Larry & Karen Arft
Barbara Barnard
Alice Blue
Marjorie DeJongh
Molly Dillon
Cres Dsylva

Artist Level Members \$150-\$249

Jane Fossum
John Hines
Bernard Johnson
Woody Olson
Mark Preuschl
Robin Russart

Shaimaa Saleh
Carol Scott
Mariclare Sheil
Judith Warner
Robert Wilkens

Gary & Vicki Dencker
Thomas & Peggy Lang
Constance Matusiak

Individual and Family Members \$100-\$149

Lynette Redner
Jim Ribordy

LuAnn Widergren
Jim & Marianne Wilson
Georgia Waterman

Todd Anderbyrne
Barbara Andrew
Rick & Rita Barder
Linda Benedict-Jones
Nikki Bennett
John Bittner
Ruth Carlson
Lucile Clemens
Annie Collins
Marilyn & Gary Cook
Judy & Dane Criswell
Claudette Cummings
Nick and Kris Dimassis
Roger Dutcher
Steve Edwards
Connie Fry
Dee Gonzales
Collin Keeton & Danica Gray
Debra Hall
Sue Herring
Tom & Marline Holmes

Individual and Family Members \$25-\$99

Zach Hubner-Schorsch
Andrew & Maggie Janke
Renee Johns
Melody Jones
Kristine P. Kennedy
Jan Knutson
David Konowal
Pat Kothe
Michael Kozmerski
Cindy Leverenz
Steve Diamond & Diane Lichtenstein
Liz Liles
Helen Link
Randy & Shirley Loomis
David Luebke
Jill Martin-Golden
Nancy Mayhew
Ronald McCray
Sally McFerren
Mary Ann Meyer
Terry Meyers

Kristine & Randy Mills
Elizabeth Mullen
Jean Oseth
Elizabeth Paige
Fran & Jacquelyn Patch
Barb Porter
Amy Reese
Bailey Reese
Judy Robson
Loren & Diane Sass
Philip Schorsch
Theron Seitz
Philip Gorman & Mark Spreitzer
Norman Starks
Ronald & Janet Tilley
Tom & Anna Marie Warren
Betty Wemmer
John Wemmer
Hester White