



IMPORTANT DATES

Gallery Lounge + Opening Reception

FRIDAY JAN 17 // 5-8PM

Pint by Number: Pregame Edition

FRIDAY JAN 18 // 6PM

Gallery Lounge + Opening Reception

FRIDAY FEB 7 // 5-8PM

Galentines Candle Painting

MONDAY FEB 10 // 6-8PM

Paint Your Partner's Portrait Date Night

FRIDAY FEB 14 // 6-8PM

Gallery Lounge

FRIDAY FEB 21 // 5-8PM

Gallery Lounge + Opening Reception

FRIDAY MAR 7 // 5-8PM

Gallery Lounge

FRIDAY MAR 21 // 5-8PM

An Alice in Wonderland Experience

FRIDAY + SATURDAY MARCH 28 + 29

A Thank You!

As we embark on a new year I would like to thank you again for showing up in powerful ways to support and engage with our arts community and our little corner of downtown Burlington. Your encouragement fuels our mission to make art a vital and accessible part of life in Burlington.

2024 was a landmark year for ACB. We took a major step toward sustainability by installing 170 shiny new solar panels on our roof, making us completely solar-powered. It's a change we're proud of as we continue to grow responsibly and creatively.

Looking ahead to 2025 we're excited about what's to come. We'll be rolling out more interactive experiences that inspire creativity, bring fresh perspectives that spark meaningful dialogue and foster human connection, all while continuing to deliver the programs and events you've come to love. Highlights include a fantastic lineup of exhibitions, the 58th Snake Alley Art Fair, and impactful public art projects across Burlington, just to name a few. To our community, donors, artists, instructors, and volunteers—thank you. Your passion, creativity, and generosity are the heartbeat of the Art Center. You give life to everything we do, and your unwavering support ensures we can continue to make a difference through art.

This new year we welcome our new Board President Jean Link, and say a huge thank you to Lori Weiss. Lori was the secret sauce to our journey towards solar. Her dedication to research in vendors, tax credits, and even technical mechanics kept momentum going, and she is to thank for getting us past the finish line. Lori's dedication to our organization is paramount, and we are forever grateful for her leadership. We are excited to pass the torch to Jean- another advocate of ACB with exceptional expertise and leadership.

And of course to the incredible staff here at ACB. It is the greatest honor of all to work with such fierce, dedicated, creative, tenacious women each day. It's their behind the scenes vision and execution that delivers everything you love about ACB. These women pour themselves into everything they do here. Their love for ACB runs deep, and this community is so fortunate to receive what they give each and every day.

Here's to an exciting year ahead—one filled with opportunities to strengthen our bonds with the community, and explore new avenues of creativity. Thank you for being a part of this journey—we can't wait to see what we'll accomplish together in the coming year!

With humble gratitude,

Elizabeth Pappas, Executive Director

ACB GOES SOLAR : YEAR TWO



Last spring, ACB proudly went solar by installing a state-of-the-art solar array on our expansive roof—a decision that has been years in the making. This milestone marks another smart move toward sustaining our organization for generations to come.

Now in the second year of our fundraising campaign, we're thrilled to continue paying off the solar array with the support of our generous community and a 30% solar tax credit, aiming to fully realize the benefits of solar power by 2026. The funds we previously spent on ever-increasing energy costs for our nearly 14,000-square-foot building can now be reinvested into what we do best: offering accessible, high-quality art classes, expanding community outreach, and providing vital resources to our thriving arts community.

Together, we can harness the power of the sun to fuel creativity and sustain this cultural hub in our great city.

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE + DONATE TO OUR SOLAR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



3RD ST. MURAL COMPLETION!



In September, we officially completed our 3rd Street Mural and held a dedication ceremony, unveiling a plaque in honor of former director Tammy McCoy. This mural represents our vibrant arts community, our place in Burlington's history, and will be cherished for years to come. It has sparked enthusiasm for future public art projects and inspired important conversations about how art can transform public spaces, foster civic pride, and celebrate local artists. We are so excited for the projects coming in 2025. A special thank you to the artists who brought this mural to life: James Walker Henry, Jeri Sparks, Chris Mulder, Norah Bell, Brayden Nordyke, Craig Fleece, Kaylee Kramer, and Annie Guldborg. Also special thanks to the Community Foundation of Des Moines County for supporting this project.



#MAYFLYMAYHEM



An ACB contingency attended the 2024 Main Street Iowa Development Awards in Des Moines in April to accept an award for our downtown #MayflyMayhem mural project. Many thanks to:

- Artists: Jessica Kirby, Brayden Nordyke, Kaylee Kramer, Jeri Sparks, Aidan Krell, Jessi Tucci, Nyveah Pierre.
- Businesses & Building Owners: The Beancounter Coffeehouse & Drinkery, The Som, Napolis, Oh Zone.
- Grant Writer: Laura Blanchard, for securing an Iowa Arts Council grant.
- Marketing: Hillaurie Fritz-Bonar for the beautiful #mayflymayhem branding.
- Creative Think Tank: For bringing this quirky idea to life.
- Amy Moyner & Downtown Burlington: For your support of public art and making our corner of Iowa THE place to be.

More Mayflies coming in 2025!



SPRING CLASSES ARE HERE!



Our class offerings continue to expand, bringing even more opportunities to our community. Over the past year, we've actively listened to feedback, invested in the mediums our community is passionate about, and stayed attuned to emerging interests. As a result, we introduced additional stained glass classes, expanded our watercolor offerings, and added more one-night class experiences.

Our ceramics studio remains a cornerstone of creativity, thriving with growing demand. To meet this enthusiasm, we're making significant investments in 2025 to enhance the studio and better serve our ceramics community.

Looking ahead to 2025, we're thrilled to introduce a range of new classes, including gold-filled jewelry making, expanded stained glass options, drawing classes, and much more.

Above all, we remain committed to accessibility and affordability. By keeping class costs low and offering scholarships for kids, we ensure our programs are available to everyone in our community.

EVENTS THAT INSPIRE



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2024 was another year packed with the events you've come to know and love, plus some exciting new additions. One standout was our Happy Little Tree Festival: A Bob Ross Block Party. We transformed the streets into a vibrant celebration featuring certified Bob Ross instructor Kat Mugg, who guided groups in street painting sessions—complete with iconic wigs. The event also included carnival games, Happy Little Tree Pose contests with Kalioke Movement Lounge, and a variety of food vendors. It was everything our staff and volunteers dreamed of—until an unexpected storm forced us to shut down early. Despite the rain and damaged tents, the festival left a lasting impression and will certainly be remembered as one for the history books.

We also introduced experiential events for adults, like our Hogwarts School of Artistry and Frida Fiesta. These creative themes drew new faces and allowed us to transform our gallery into immersive spaces filled with magic and inspiration. In true ACB fashion, 2025 is shaping up to be even more exciting! Among the highlights is an immersive Alice in Wonderland experience set for March. Keep an eye out for details on this and many other imaginative events coming your way!

REGISTER FOR CLASSES

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Pint by Number Pre-Game Edition // Jan 18
- Galentines Candle Painting // Feb 10
- Paint Your Partner's Portrait night // Feb 14
- The Alice in Wonderland Experience // March 28 + 29
- Mother's Day Tea // Apr 16
- 58th Annual Snake Alley Art Fair // Jun 15
- Jazz Night // Jul 18
- The Great River Pottery Throwdown // Jul 26

AND SO MUCH MORE!

WHAT
EVENTS
DO YOU
WANT TO
SEE IN
2025?

THE ARTS COLLECTIVE OF SEI



In 2024, ACB had the privilege of contributing to the creation of the Arts Collective of Southeast Iowa. This collective was established to unite area arts organizations, amplify their voices, and foster collaboration. Together, we are cross-promoting events and providing shared marketing resources, making it easier for art enthusiasts to find a centralized calendar of art and music happenings across the region.

It has been a true honor to collaborate, support one another, and deepen our understanding of the incredible arts organizations in this vibrant community. To stay informed and support these organizations, check out the weekly entertainment section in your local newspaper and follow us on Facebook at @artscollectiveofsei.

In November, the Arts Collective came together to provide the entertainment for the Great River Health Foundation Gala. A heartfelt thank you to all the artists and musicians from various Collective organizations who participated in the event. It was an incredible experience to showcase so many facets of Southeast Iowa's vibrant arts and culture scene in one unforgettable evening!



OUR FIRST SCC FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT!

This year, we proudly awarded the inaugural Art Center of Burlington Fine Arts Scholarship to a student pursuing an arts degree at Southeastern Community College. Thanks to generous support, the scholarship is fully funded for the next few years, providing \$1,000 annually toward tuition for art studies. We are incredibly proud of this initiative and the community's dedication to supporting young people with aspirations of a career in the arts. Want to contribute to the scholarship fund? Learn more and donate at btownart.com



VICE NIGHTS

Vice Nights continue to gain popularity, bring new faces, and touch on important topics. In 2024, we featured tattoo artist Karina Bee with a one-night tattoo demo, highlighted the work of teen artists Gabrielle Jacobs, Kylie Hamma, and Alexander Garcia Patton in our annual Teen Vice show, explored the world and history of the Punk scene with artist and educator Steve Andresen, and turned the space into an immersive fluorescent wonderland with artist Craig Fleece.

2025 MAIN + MINI GALLERY LINE UP

THE ART CENTER OF BURLINGTON PRESENTS GALLERY EXHIBITIONS 2025

- 1/7-1/30
TRACY INGHAM
ARTIST RECEPTION : 1/17 : 5PM-8PM
- 2/4-2/26
JOSHUA STEELE
ARTIST RECEPTION : 2/7 : 5PM-8PM
- 2/27-3/26
JERI SPARKS
ARTIST RECEPTION : 3/7 : 5PM-8PM
- 4/1-4/25
ALL FIBER GROUP SHOW
ARTIST RECEPTION : 4/4 : 5PM-8PM
- 5/1-5/28
BHS + TEACHERS GROUP SHOWS
ARTIST RECEPTION : 5/2 & 5/16 : 5PM-8PM
- 5/29-6/27
JANNA CARTER
ARTIST RECEPTION : 6/6 : 5PM-8PM
- 7/1-7/30
LEO BIRD
ARTIST RECEPTION : 7/11 : 5PM-8PM
- 7/31-8/27
DEAN TRAYER
ARTIST RECEPTION : 8/1 : 5PM-8PM
- 8/28-9/29
FAITH HUMPHREY HILL
ARTIST RECEPTION : 9/5 : 5PM-8PM
- 10/2-10/29
PAM SLOAN
ARTIST RECEPTION : 10/3 : 5PM-8PM
- 11/3-11/30
ITTY BITTY BITS OF ART
ARTIST RECEPTION : 11/7 : 5PM-8PM
- 12/4-12/30
ALL MEMBERS SHOW
ARTIST RECEPTION : 12/5 : 5PM-8PM

MINI GALLERY 2025

- 1/7-1/30
TERRY NEWELL
GALLERY LOUNGE : 1/17 : 5PM-8PM
- 2/4-2/26
LUKA KIRKMAN
GALLERY LOUNGE : 2/7 : 5PM-8PM
- 2/27-3/26
NATALIA + SVITLANA ALPUOTOVA
GALLERY LOUNGE : 3/7 : 5PM-8PM
- 4/1-4/25
NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL
GALLERY LOUNGE : 4/4 : 5PM-8PM
- 5/8-5/28
IRYAN BRUECK
GALLERY LOUNGE : 5/2 & 5/16 : 5PM-8PM
- 5/29-6/27
WENDY STEGALL
GALLERY LOUNGE : 6/6 : 5PM-8PM
- 7/1-7/30
YOUTH ARTISTS
GALLERY LOUNGE : 7/4 : 5PM-8PM
- 7/31-8/27
POTTERY THROWDOWN
GALLERY LOUNGE : 8/1 : 5PM-8PM
- 8/28-9/29
ANASTASIA WEIGERT
GALLERY LOUNGE : 9/5 : 5PM-8PM
- 10/2-10/29
ROSE WALDRUP
GALLERY LOUNGE : 10/3 : 5PM-8PM
- 11/3-11/30
CARTER WHITE
GALLERY LOUNGE : 11/7 : 5PM-8PM
- 12/4-12/30
REBECCA VORKAPICH
GALLERY LOUNGE : 12/5 : 5PM-8PM

2025 VICE LINEUP

- FEB // CORY CHRISTIANSEN
- APR // TEEN VICE
- OCT // DYLAN MORGAN

OUR TEAM



This past fall, our incredible Programming Manager, Meghan Riley, passed the torch to Nicole Kamrath to focus on her flourishing videography business. While it was a bittersweet transition, we're fortunate to have Meghan stay on as an active teacher here at ACB. Nicole, a long-time member of the ACB family and the creator of our beloved Artscapes Program, stepped into this role seamlessly, bringing her wealth of experience and passion back to familiar territory. This position is vital to our mission, ensuring that our classes meet the needs of our community, supporting our

talented teachers, and keeping our fast-paced classrooms well-stocked and ready for action. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to both Meghan and Nicole for their remarkable contributions and lasting impact on ACB's legacy.

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- Jean Link, President
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- Hillaurie Fritz-Bonar
- Marla Vasquez
- Nicole Kamrath
- Kelly Osborn
- Jessi Tucci
- Jamie Johnson-Cooper
- Calli Recker
- Brandy Swartz

CERAMICS STUDIO MANAGER



We're excited to announce a new role years in the making: Ceramics Studio Manager. With our studio growing rapidly—welcoming students of all ages and private members—we've recognized the need for extra support with maintenance, logistics, and administration. We're excited to promote Jessi Tucci to this role in 2025! Over the years, Jessi has made remarkable contributions to our ceramics program, from launching the much-loved Great River Pottery Throwdown (save the date for the 4th annual event on July 26th!) to cultivating an active space for teens to hang and explore the world of clay, just to name a few. This promotion is so well deserved.