

2022

Annual Report

Art Center of Burlington



From Our Director

This past year was a truly remarkable one for ACB, as it was marked by a range of accomplishments and successes. We hosted several exhibitions and events throughout the year, showcasing the works of emerging and established artists alike, and experimented with new ways for our visitors to experience artwork on display. The programming was diverse, as we offered more classes than ever before, for all ages and abilities. We secured several major grants and partnerships, enabling us to expand our outreach and education programs, and make art accessible to an even wider audience.

Overall, 2022 was a year of growth and achievement for ACB and one that we will look back on with pride and gratitude.

In 2023 our goal is to continue to grow and evolve as a center for creativity, learning, and community, and to ensure that our programs and offerings reflect the needs and aspirations of the people we serve.

Whether you have attended an exhibition, donated your time or resources, or simply spread the word about ACB, your support has made a real difference. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the coming year and beyond, as we strive to create a more vibrant, connected, and creative Burlington!

With much gratitude,

Elizabeth Pappas
Executive Director

2022
at a glance

300+
MEMBERSHIPS

20+
GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

30+
COMMUNITY EVENTS

100+
CLASSES OFFERED

20
PRIVATE CERAMIC STUDIO
MEMBERS

12
ARTSCAPES PARTNERS SERVED

+ 18%
IN OUR FACEBOOK REACH

6000
FACEBOOK FLOWERS



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Exhibitions

Throughout 2022, our main gallery was home to a monthly series of exhibitions featuring a diverse array of local and regional artwork. These exhibits provided a platform for numerous talented, dedicated, and fascinating artists to showcase their work and share their unique perspectives with our community.

EARTHLY TREASURES: Group Metal + Wood
January 11-28, 2022

JANE ELIZABETH SHANK: A Season of Study
February 3-26, 2021

MARK MCWHORTER: Roads, Trails, & Travels
March 3-26, 2022

ALL FIBER Group Show
April 1-27, 2022

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Student Show
May 3-11, 2022

WEST BURLINGTON Student Show
May 17-22, 2022

ART FLOW: Des Moines County Art Teachers Group Show
May 27, 2022

CHRIS MULDER: Pathos
June 2-28, 2022

CEVIN COX: Nostalgia
July 1-29, 2022

HANG IT UP: Gallery Committee Group Show
August 3-30, 2022

HILDE DEBRUYNE: Hope
September 1-30, 2022

TIM SCHROLL: Monochrome
October 5-27, 2022

ITTY BITTY BITS OF ART : Small Works Show
November 1-18, 2022

ALL MEMBER SHOW
November 22-December 28, 2022



Gallery Curation

In 2022 we hired a part-time Gallery Curator who worked closely with exhibiting artists to bring their unique visions to life. By collaborating with artists more intentionally, we are able to gain a deeper understanding of their creative process and artistic intentions, and help to ensure that their work is presented in the most effective and impactful way possible. This approach has not only enhanced the viewer experience but has also provided valuable support and guidance to our exhibiting artists. We are proud to have invested in this important role and will continue to prioritize the quality of our exhibitions in the years to come.

TIM SCHROLL :: Monochrome





ADAM KIELER : Iowa Street Photography
January 29, 2022

KELLI EDWARDS : Faces of a Broken Lens
April 30, 2022

AIDEN KRELL : School Tyranny
April 30, 2022

BRANDY SWARTZ : Vice + Pride
May 14, 2022

Vice Nights

In 2022, this collection of one night exhibits expanded the boundaries of what was possible within our space and deepened our connection with the artistic community.

In addition, showcasing diverse perspectives and alternative forms of expression, these exhibitions provided a platform for people from different backgrounds to come together, find common ground, and feel heard. Through this shared experience, visitors were able to connect with each other and with the artwork in a more profound way, creating a sense of belonging and shared purpose.



Student Photography Show + Mentorship

2022 was the debut of our Teen Photography show. This show provided an important platform for two talented local students to express themselves, conceptualize their own exhibition, and thoughtfully execute a one-night show. Through this experience, these young artists were able to show their unique perspectives and talents, while also gaining valuable experience and confidence in their artistic pursuits. This event also served as a reminder of the importance of nurturing emerging talent and providing opportunities for young people to engage with the arts in meaningful ways. We look forward to continuing to support and showcase two student photographers in April 2023.



Public Art



At ACB, we are proud to be at the forefront of public art projects in our community. We believe that public art has the power to enhance and enliven public spaces, spark meaningful conversations, and strengthen our cultural identity. Our team is passionate about bringing art out of traditional gallery spaces and into the public realm, where it can be experienced and appreciated by all. Through our public art projects, we are committed to creating engaging and thought-provoking works that beautify our community and make it a more vibrant and inspiring place to live. We look forward to continuing to push the boundaries of what public art can achieve and to contribute to the cultural richness of our community for years to come.

In the spring of 2022, thanks to the support of a Community Foundation of Des Moines County grant, we launched our 3rd Street Mural Project on the exterior of our building. We look forward to completing this mural project in 2023 working in collaboration with local artists and community members.

We are thrilled to announce that we will be dedicating this mural to Tammy McCoy, honoring her tenure as Executive Director of ACB from 2014 to 2022. This dedication is scheduled to take place later in 2023. Tammy was not only an exceptional Executive Director, but continues to be a passionate advocate for the Arts in Burlington, with a particular interest in public art.



Mayfly Mayhem Project



The Iowa Arts Council recognized ACB's commitment to creativity and community by awarding us a grant in 2022 for our Mayfly Mayhem public art project. This project will come to life in 2023 through a collaboration with local artists and organizations, who will create beautifully stenciled mayflies to be displayed on various buildings throughout downtown. In addition to adding a playful touch to this unwelcome yearly visitor, we hope to foster community engagement and drive tourism. We look forward to sharing this exciting project with the community and continuing to find creative ways to connect art, humor, and community pride.



In 2022, our ceramics studio experienced a surge in popularity, with an increasing number of people using the studio for their artistic practice. Recognizing this trend, ACB made significant investments in the ceramic studio's facilities and infrastructure to meet the growing demand and safety requirements. We continue to be committed to ensuring that our facilities are well-equipped and provide an exceptional experience for our artists.

Art Classes

ACB remained dedicated to providing varied art education opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, with classes offered in a variety of mediums. Our commitment to accessibility means that we continue to offer classes for all abilities, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to explore their creative potential. In response to the growing demand for more specialized instruction, we also increased our offering of technique-specific classes, giving students the opportunity to focus on and develop particular skills. Through our art education programming, we hope to inspire creativity, foster a sense of community, and provide a welcoming and inclusive space for people to express themselves and explore their artistic passions.



Artscapes

Artscapes is a program that provides a valuable outlet for self-expression, offering individuals the opportunity to tap into their own interior world and make choices about their creative expression. This program is currently available to a variety of groups, including local therapy groups, senior citizen residential facilities, and adult day-hab organizations. We are proud to offer these classes at little to no cost to participants, as we believe that everyone should have access to the benefits of art. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our sponsors for their support, as it is their generosity that makes this program possible. Currently partnering with 12 different local organizations/groups, ACB looks forward to continuing to fulfill the needs of our community.

Many Thanks To

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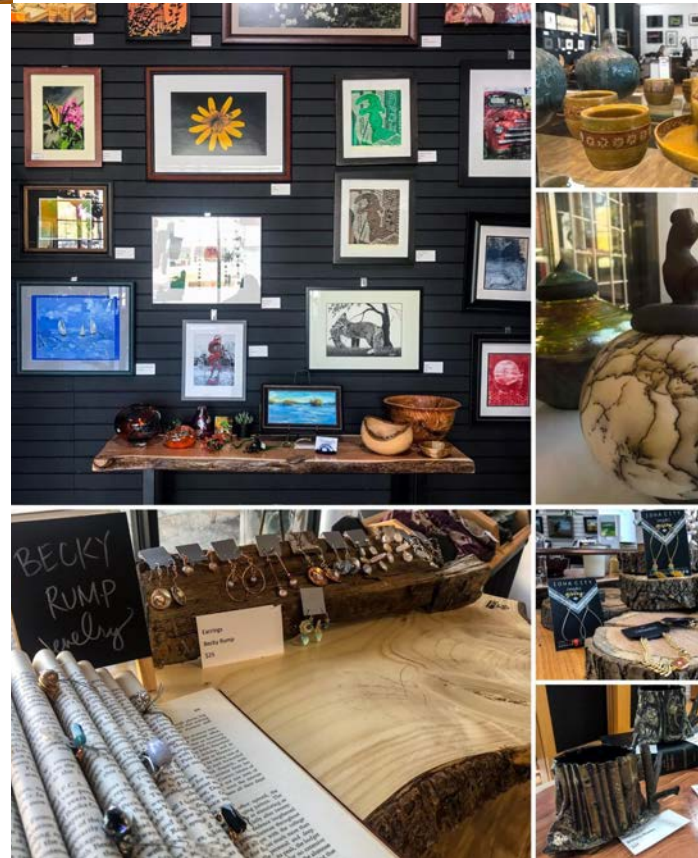
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Greater Burlington CVB
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Memberships & Sponsorships

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our members, who help make it possible for us to continue offering diverse and impactful programming. In 2023, we are excited to continue growing our membership base and exploring new ways to enhance membership perks, so that our members can continue to feel valued and connected to our organization.

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to our donors and sponsors who have played an instrumental role in supporting our mission and vision.



Artists Market

Our Artists Market provides an opportunity for artists to sell their work directly to the public, which supports the local art community and small businesses. We are grateful to our customers for their support and enthusiasm for the diverse and high-quality work featured in our market. We look forward to showcasing even more exceptional work in the market.

The record-breaking sales of the Artists Market in 2022 can be attributed to the exceptional work of our talented local artists, our dedicated Artists Market staff, as well as the unwavering support of our community towards the local art scene.



In response to the rising interest in ceramics, we introduced a new event called The Great River Pottery Throwdown, which debuted in July 2022. This event was designed to raise funds specifically for our ceramics programming, enabling us to further enhance our offerings in this medium.

We are proud to be at the forefront of ceramics education in our community and remain committed to providing opportunities for people to explore this art form and develop their skills.

Community Events

In 2022, we continued to host community events that brought people together, fostered connections, and celebrated our artistic community. We were thrilled to bring back ACB favorites such as Battle of the Brushes, Miracle on Jefferson Street, Pint by Number, and our biggest annual fundraiser, Celebrity Battle of the Brushes, which raised over \$20,000.

Our Gallery Lounge nights continue to be a popular destination every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. We offer great food and drinks, music, and, most importantly, the opportunity to connect with others through art. Our focus on human connection remains at the heart of everything we do.

Proceeds from these events ensure that we can maintain the quality of programming that our community relies on and loves.



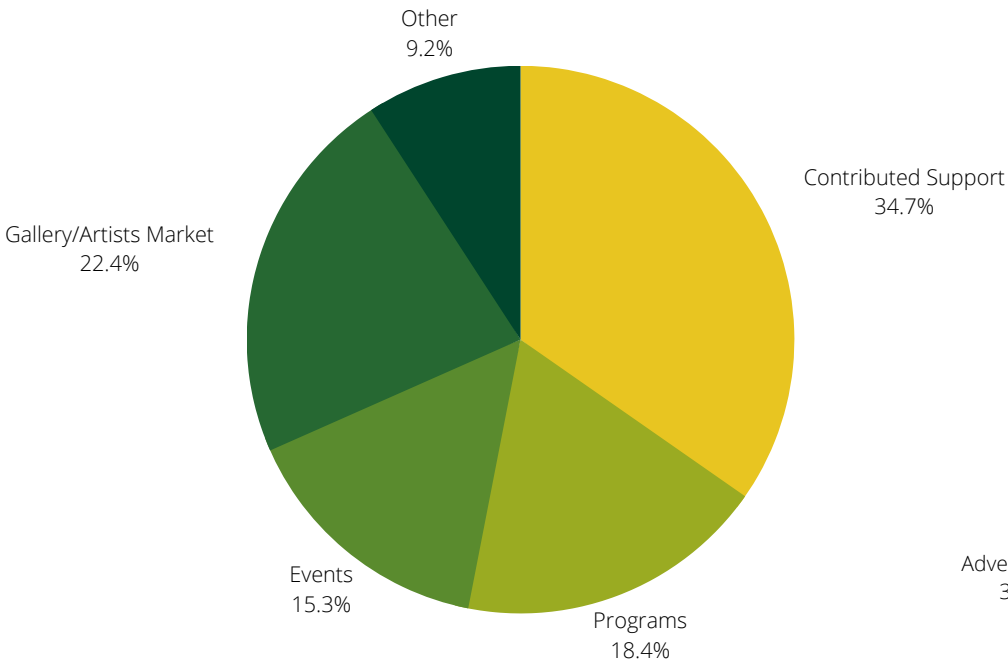
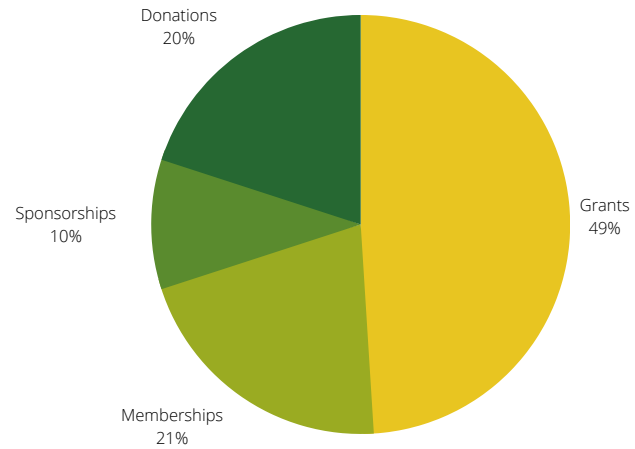
Snake Alley Art Fair 2022

The 56th annual Snake Alley Art Fair made a triumphant return, attracting over 6500 visitors from both the local area and beyond. More than 65 artist booths were set up along the streets of Heritage Hill and Snake Alley, making for a truly beautiful display of art and community. We were blessed with great weather and had a record-breaking turnout, further cementing our reputation as one of the premier art fairs in the Midwest.

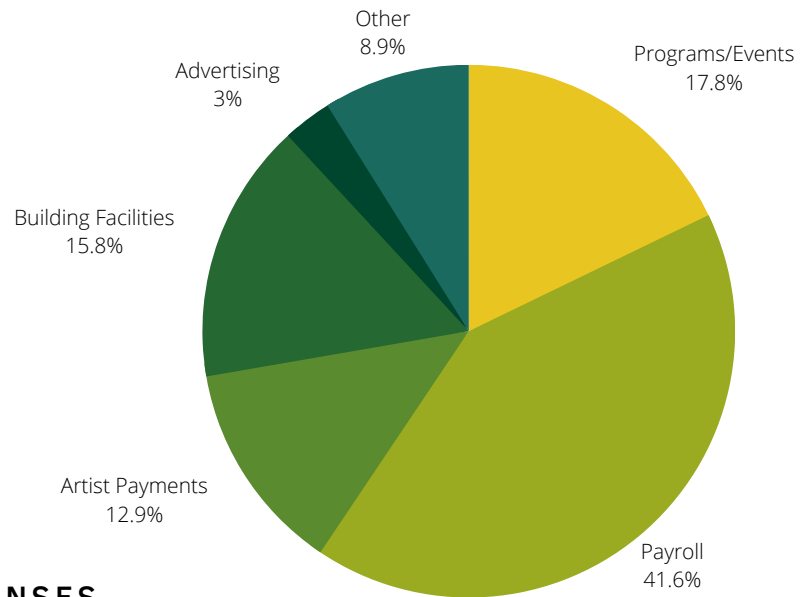
As we plan for next year's event, we are determined to attract a more diverse array of fine art and additional attractions to continue to improve and evolve this beloved Burlington tradition.

2022 Financials

CONTRIBUTED SUPPORT



REVENUE & SUPPORT



EXPENSES

An Investment in our Future

At ACB, we understand the importance of investing in our future like those before us have, which is why we are always seeking new ways to ensure the sustainability and financial health of our organization. One exciting initiative we are exploring is the installation of solar panels on our building. By harnessing the power of the sun, we can significantly reduce our energy costs, freeing up resources that can be redirected towards our programming and the needs of our community. This investment not only makes financial sense, but also aligns with our values of environmental stewardship and responsible resource management. As we look to the future, we remain committed to exploring innovative and sustainable solutions that support the long-term viability of ACB and allow us to better serve the needs of our community.

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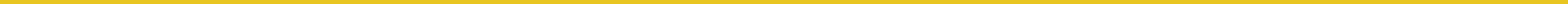
A message from our Board President

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to express our sincere gratitude to the many people who contribute to making the Art Center of Burlington the most positive place in Burlington! We are grateful for:

- **Artists** who share their talents with our community by participating in the Artist Market, gallery shows, and in special events such as Snake Alley Art Fair, Battle of the Brushes, or the Great River Pottery Throw Down, to name a few.
- **Donors & Sponsors** that support the Art Center by gifts, through estate planning, and in a variety of ways. Your support is essential and deeply appreciated.
- **Executive Director and Staff**, our talented and dedicated team that develops creative and interesting programs, and ensures that the facility is run efficiently and responsibly.
- **Friends** of all ages who join us for classes – thank you for spending time with us to learn something new!
- **Instructors** who share their time and talent in a variety of mediums with art students of all ages!
- **Members** whose dues allow us to provide a wide variety of art classes for children, teens, and adults.
- **Musicians** who entertain us at Gallery Lounge Nights and special events.
- **Volunteers** who make it possible to host events, support Gallery Lounge nights, help instructors with classes, and so much more!

We are grateful for each of you!

Lori Weiss,
Board of Directors, President



Tiger Project Impact

As we gear up for the implications of the Tiger Project and the upcoming construction on our block starting in 2023, one thing remains clear: we are committed to staying focused on what we do best, which is providing the programming and services our patrons love and expect. We will continue to seek out innovative and creative ways to serve our community during this time. We are excited about the upcoming renovations and improvements that the Tiger Project will bring to our downtown area. As a longstanding member of the downtown family, we're committed to supporting these efforts with enthusiasm and pride, and we look forward to the positive impact it will have on our Downtown Burlington.

What steps are we taking to support the Tiger Project and the upcoming construction on our block? We're creating modern and fun wayfinding signage to guide students and patrons to their desired locations, as well as providing clear parking signage and interactive wayfinding videos. We will explore additional methods of showcasing artwork on our website and social media channels, providing even greater accessibility to our exhibits. We'll continue to actively seek collaborations with other downtown businesses to encourage foot traffic to those being effected by construction.

We're committed to staying up-to-date with the project's progress and ensuring that our supporters and visitors are informed. Our top priority will be to enhance your experience by making things more convenient and effortless for you.

Thank you for your support as we navigate through the challenges of downtown construction in the coming year!

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Student Mentorships + Investments

Our commitment to creating a supportive environment for local students and artists to gain valuable work experience continued in 2022. In doing so, we provided teaching opportunities and mentorships, empowering emerging creatives to share their skills and knowledge with others. Through these opportunities, students and artists were able to develop their own teaching techniques and approaches, while also gaining valuable insights into the art world and expanding their professional networks. We are proud to have played a role in helping these individuals achieve their goals and we will continue to provide mentorship and teaching opportunities to support the growth and development of our community's next generation of artists.

ACB is excited to take our commitment to supporting local students to the next level. We are thrilled to announce that we will be providing scholarship funding for students interested in studying visual art at Southeastern Community College. We believe that by investing in the education of our local students, we are not only helping them to achieve their dreams, but also strengthening the cultural fabric of our community as a whole. We look forward to announcing more details about this exciting scholarship in the coming year.

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