



Where's Art?

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Spring is on it's way, making everything fresh and new. There is no more appropriate way to celebrate this season, than to bring in what is fresh and new from our artist community. At GFAC we celebrate Spring with exhibitions that showcase the work of our student artists. Both of our student exhibitions are juried and judged for awards. We invite you to visit the GFAC Gallery and partake in experiencing some of the best student works of art from our region.

Greg Friedler

TO FIND EVENTS
THROUGHOUT GENESEE
COUNTY VISIT



ANNUAL GFAC MEMBERSHIP ALL MEDIA EXHIBITION AWARDS

Thank you to all of our talented artists for making this another exceptional exhibit.

Thank you to our 2026 judge, Megan McAdow. Megan's career in museums spans over 25 years. She has served as the Director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum as well as the Director of Collections and Education at Applewood Estate here in Flint. She also serves as a board member of the Michigan Museums Association and on Flint's Historic District Commission. She holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Nonprofit Leadership from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, a Graduate Certificate in Museum Collections Management and Care from George Washington University and a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from Oakland University. Megan lives in the City of Flint with her husband, Walter (Flint Trading Company) and their golden retriever, Emmett.

March Exhibition:
FLINT ARTISTS MARKET
Celebrating original art from members of Genesee County's longest standing art guild.
Dates: March 13 – April 3, 2026
Opening Reception (ARTWALK):
March 13, 2026, 6-9 PM

AND THE WINNERS ARE...



First Place (\$500)
Guy Adamec of Goodrich
Vessel for Dark Matter
Stoneware



Second Place (\$250)
Regina D. Dunn of Flint
Sufficient Grace
Acrylic & Mixed Media on Canvas



Third Place (\$125)
Craig Hinshaw of Davison
Red Shoes Vessel
Stoneware

April Exhibition:
YOUNG ARTISTS TODAY
Celebrating original works of art by high school students from Genesee, Shiawassee and Lapeer Counties.
Dates: April 10 – May 1, 2026
Opening Reception (ARTWALK):
April 10, 2026, 6-9 PM



Honorable Mention (\$50)
Shirley Eason of Grand Blanc
Face It
Oil On Canvas



Honorable Mention (\$50)
Donald Harbin of Flint
My Brothers & Me
Assemblage / Found Objects



Honorable Mention (\$50)
Rande Pieper of Flushing
Looks Are Deceiving
Stained Glass Mosaic

May Exhibition:
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT STUDENT EXHIBITION
Celebrating original works of art by UM-Flint Students
Dates: May 8 – June 5, 2026
Opening Reception (ARTWALK):
May 8, 2026, 6-9 PM

Greater Flint Arts Council
Growing
 FOR THE ARTS Campaign



GFAC BUILDING RENOVATIONS UPDATE

We have a fresh front on Saginaw Street. The final projects are under way as Otis Elevator Company is in the house. The Spring thaw will make it possible to finish improvements to our parking area. We are still \$35,000 short of our fundraising goal. We know you are all going to enjoy the new spaces throughout the GFAC Building. Please give what you can and help us finish this project debt free!



➤ *Thank you to the following organizations, businesses and individuals who have helped us make our dream a reality.*

Show Stopper! (\$100,000+)

- Anna Paulina Foundation
- Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
- City of Flint Community Block Development
- Michigan Economic Development Corporation

Standing Ovation (\$25,000 – \$49,000)

- Community Foundation of Greater Flint

Center Stage (\$15,000 – \$24,999)

- Michigan Arts and Culture Council

Green Room (\$7,500 – \$9,999)

- Arthur G. Bishop Charitable Trust

Marquee (\$1,000 – \$2,400)

- Dan & Lynn Berezny
- Fenton Village Players
- Rebecca Gale-Gonzalez
- Harold & Pat Hill
- Carol Masse
- Daniel Ragan

Main Floor (\$500 – \$749)

- Dennis Buckner
- Kettering University
- David & Suzanne Lossing
in memory of David Boyd & Michael Littlejohn
- Michael Spleet & Jo Ann Vernon
- Jack Stock
- David & Edith Withey
Scholarship Fund *in memory of David Withey*

Aisle Seat (\$350 – \$499)

- Fred & Terri Cross
- Rebecca & David Pettengill

Balcony (\$150 – \$349)

- Cheryl Christoff
- Fred & Terri Cross
- Amber & Crystal Dillard
- Donald & Alberta Dillard
- Falding B. Gadola
- Tanya Lane
- Sean & Eureka McCormick
- Paul & Nancy Rozycki *in memory of Patty & Doug Warner*
- Tom & Beth Wachterhauser
- Frank & Deb Yon

Lobby (\$50 - \$149)

- Heidi Arvin
- Lisa Ballard *in memory of Michael Littlejohn*
- Beverly Brown
- Traci Bukowsky
- Kent & Reta Copeman
- Dr. Colleen Ford *in memory of Mr. Michael J. Ford*
- Joyce Gadola
- Chuck Gurden & Seth Stolz
- Tracy Krumm
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- Rob & Rosemary Lutz
- Val Magnuson
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- Susan Sullivan
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Now streaming from the GFAC website at greaterflintartscouncil.org, then click on the WFAH 102.1 Radio Tab.

SPRING SCHEDULE

6:00am–6:30am	Interviews with host Brendan Whitman featuring FIM Events and local creatives.
6:30am–7:00am	Jazz Potpourri
7:00am–9:00am	World Music with host Mark Corrigan
9:00am–12:00pm	Jazz Potpourri
12:00pm–12:30pm	Interviews with host Brendan Whitman featuring FIM Events and local creatives.
12:30pm–3:00pm	Jazz Potpourri
3:00pm–5:00pm	Happy Hour Jazz (Traditional) with host Greg Fiedler
5:00pm–6:00pm	Live at the Bop Stop
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–6:00am	Jazz Potpourri

WE THANK OUR VOLUNTEERS

DECEMBER

Gallery set up: Jeanine Ackerman Smith, Carole Hickey, Jody Ryan, Bob Rawls, Erwin Paterson, Kathline Durand.
ArtWalk: Pat Hill, Bob Rawls, Liz Cleveland, Cathy White, Althea Barbee, Dennis Sykes.

JANUARY

Gallery set up: Jeanine Ackerman Smith, Jody Ryan, Bob Rawls, Erwin Paterson, Dennis Sykes.
ArtWalk: Kathryn Davenport, Bridgett Copeman, Sherrisa Hayes, Althea Barbee, Cathy White, Dennis Sykes, Bob Rawls, Pat Hill, Liz Cleveland, Kirt Fitchett, Kathline Durand.

FEBRUARY

Gallery set up: Bob Rawls, Erwin Paterson, Carole Hickey, Alvin Brown, Jody Ryan.
ArtWalk: Dennis Sykes, Kathryn Davenport, Daniel Miles, Bob Rawls, Liz Cleveland, Kirt Fitchett, Rashad Beacoats.

SHARE ART GENESEE 2026

Congratulations to these Genesee County Arts and Cultural organizations on receiving Share Art Genesee grants, made possible by the Genesee County Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Millage. Your tax dollars are working overtime!

ORGANIZATION	AWARD	MUNICIPALITY
Fenton Arts Council	\$4,000	Fenton
Flint Children's Museum	\$24,000	Flint
Buckham Fine Arts Project	\$24,000	Flint
Flint Handmade	\$10,000	Flint
Local 432 / Red Ink Flint Inc	\$24,000	Flint
El Ballet Folklorico	\$24,000	Flint
Fenton Village Players	\$24,000	Fenton
iMichigan Productions	\$24,000	Flint
Fenton Arts/Culture Commission	\$24,000	Fenton
Grand Blanc Arts Council	\$4,000	Grand Blanc
Whaley Historic House Museum	\$23,500	Flint
Flint Community Players	\$20,000	Flint Township
Genesee County Historical Soc	\$4,000	Flint
Clio Cast and Crew	\$20,000	Clio
Tapology	\$20,000	Mt. Morris
Fenton Community Orchestra	\$20,000	Fenton
African Drum & Dance	\$20,000	Flint
Flint Public Art Project	\$20,000	Flint
Buckham Alley Theatre	\$4,000	Flint
Young Artistic Minds	\$4,000	Davison
Swartz Creek Performing Arts	\$4,000	Swartz Creek
Clio Amphitheater	\$20,000	Clio
Wishing Well Theatre	\$15,000	Fenton
Genesee Wind Symphony	\$7,500	Swartz Creek
Carolyn Mawby Chorale	\$4,000	Flint
Flint Film Foundation	\$4,000	Flint
Flushing Area Historical Society	\$20,000	Flushing
Clio Center for the Arts	\$20,000	Clio
Swartz Creek Fine Arts Assoc	\$4,000	Swartz Creek



This program is funded by the Genesee County Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Millage funds. Your tax dollars are at work!



Music
on the
Bricks

March 6, April 3, May 1

Live music in beautiful downtown Flint!

Blackstone's Smokehouse, Churchill's Food & Spirits,
Cork on Saginaw, Market Tap, Queens' Provisions

Visit geneseefun.com for times.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome new members* and thank you renewing members!

Patron

Stephen Bernstein
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Jeffrey J. Coe

Claudette Fletcher-Kennedy
Harold C. Ford
Jack & Janet Ryan
Ed & Marcia Watkins

Family

Dan & Lynn Berezny
Nate & Lou Bruce
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Individual

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Janet Kay Teague*

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Ruth Walder

John Wright*

Student

L.A. Moore

K.L. Stuart

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

Our Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Margaret Kildee



STEAMING IN FLINT!

January’s STEAM clay workshop was filled with creativity and joy! Participants of all ages and abilities explored hands-on clay techniques alongside experts from Runyan Pottery Supply. The day was made even more inspiring with a visit to the annual January Members’ Show, on view in our main floor gallery.

February’s STEAM workshop will take clay to another colorful level — **Glazes!** Artists from Clio Center for the Arts and Runyan Pottery Supply will share glazing techniques, tips, and creative inspiration. Participants can also enjoy a Saturday stroll through the gallery and experience beautiful works by talented artists featured in our African American Artist Exhibit.



These **FREE**, family-friendly workshops fill quickly! The Greater Flint Arts Council plans to continue offering STEAM programming throughout 2026.

To be notified of upcoming STEAM events — or to propose one — contact: Suzanne@GreaterFlintArtsCouncil.org | 810-624-9366

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.

**WHAT'S UP
DOWNTOWN
FLINT MI**

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Always Popups so catch us!
Mondays 7pm–12am Game Night –
Soggy Bottom Bar

Thursdays 11:30am–1pm Live
Lunch (Cafe Rhema Lounge –
Winter) Buckham Alley

Street cARTS Design, Build &
Deploy Workshops – The Ferris
Wheel 5:30–7pm

3/5, 3/10 – Design, Purpose &
Implementation

3/19, 3/24 – Build &
Deployment Strategies

3/17/26 – St. Paddy’s Day PopUp

4/10/26 – Flint x Detroit w/Flint
Underground

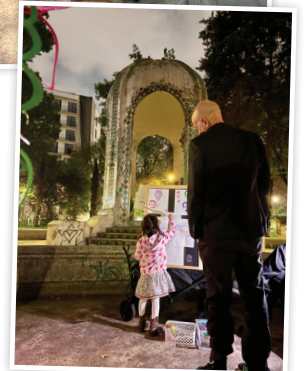
5/16 – Flint Fantasy Faire/
Medieval in May

What’s Up Downtown Project has been active this year meeting new residents and learning from professionals! We have your favorite, and many new placemaking projects and community activities gearing up for spring! We offer free programming for all ages and an array of resources to help you create and grow ideas in Downtown Flint.

We are always looking for you to come and enjoy the many offerings of Downtown Flint Arts, Business and History and to get involved in building the Flint that you want to see and be part of!

We are actively looking for residents with ideas for Downtown activities taking place between May-August 2026 to submit a short summary and estimated budget to FlintPlacemaking@gmail.com. (Special projects have a max budget of \$1000) 8 Finalists will be chosen by a panel of residents and chosen applicants will be provided resources and support to manage and execute their ideas.

This January, Director of Placemaking Jerin Sage was a featured presenter and workshop facilitator at Placemaking Week Mexico where he was able to highlight WUDP small audience popup engagement programs and many of our local residents! The international community was highly receptive and enthusiastic about the Flint story and our efforts and commitment to our community. It was an opportunity to learn about streets and corners as a place and connect with many new people about multi-generational programming, multicultural impact and importance of diversity, inclusion and the addition of arts anywhere in the world.



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Email – FlintPlacemaking@gmail.com



THOMAS MORE WEBBER, GFAC CHAIRPERSON

August 1, 1965 – January 31, 2026

Tom's life journey concluded on Saturday, January 31, 2026. Cremation has taken place, but his strong spirit remains with us. The Webber family will host a celebration of Tom's colorful life, to be held at the Greater Flint Arts Council, in downtown Flint, Michigan, at a later date. Please check sharpfuneralhomes.com for updates.

Tom was born August 1, 1965, in Saginaw, the son of the Daniel Robert Webber and Judith Louise (Ogren) Webber. He was a 1983 graduate of St. Peter and Paul Area High School (now Nouvel Catholic Central), where his favorite classes were playing ice hockey and football for the Crusaders. Tom attended Delta College and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University.

Tom served as the Compliance Officer at Franklin Benefit Solutions (FBS) in Grand Blanc, an insurance agency and brokerage, which he helped start in 2008 with business partners (and close friends) Michael Spleet and Stacey LaFay. FBS was as close as family for Tom, and he is fondly remembered and sorely missed.

Tom enjoyed many activities outside of work. Tom loved to read (some favorites were Stephen King, Jim Harrison and the New York Times). He enjoyed watching sports, especially college football, with his eye on Michigan State and Notre Dame. He loved to cook, and was particularly skillful with his smoker, often bringing a smoked ham or turkey to family gatherings. Tom liked to learn about, and debate, history and politics. He loved music, both recorded and live concerts. His tastes ranged from classical to jazz, blues, reggae (Bob Marley), heavy metal (Black Sabbath), new wave (the Smiths), and more (Radiohead, King Crimson, Pink Floyd).

Tom was a proud resident of the city of Flint for the past 25 years. He was an active booster of downtown Flint, volunteering as a run trainer for the Crim Festival of Races held in August, and helped organize concert festivals. Tom was a lifelong lover of the arts and animals, especially cats, which he frequently took in as strays and helped rehome. Tom was a long-time member of the Board of Trustees at Greater Flint Arts Council. He served as Vice President, Treasurer and was board Chairperson from 2014-2026. He was a consistent booster for their events, all while appreciating the art and music.

Surviving are his mother, Judith Webber of Pinckney; brothers, Daniel Patrick (Liz) Webber of Brighton, and Christopher Francis Webber of Clio; his nieces, Anna Webber of Brooklyn, New York, and Mary Webber of Detroit; and his beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins. Tom's father, the Honorable Daniel Robert Webber, passed away in 1990. Like a powerful boat on a Michigan lake, Tom's life left a big wake--one that will be felt for a long time by his many friends and family. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

2025-2026 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Please consider a generous donation to our 2025-2026 Annual Campaign to allow us to grow the arts in our community. We thank the following people and organizations for their generous contributions.

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ARTS ADVOCACY DAY – YOUR VOICE!

Arts supporters, creatives, and friends — the arts need us.

Michigan's state budget is shifting arts funding from ongoing to one-time allocations, putting the **Michigan Arts and Culture Council** at risk. These funds directly support artists, arts educators, and cultural organizations across our region.

We invite you to stand with us.

ADVOCACY DAY • MARCH 11, 2026 • LANSING, MI

Hosted by the **Cultural Advocacy Network**, this day includes presentations, networking, and the opportunity to speak directly with legislators about why arts and culture matter in Michigan.

Whether you are an artist, educator, administrator, student, or simply someone who believes the arts strengthen communities — your presence makes a difference.

Please consider joining us and lending your voice.

<https://www.canmichigan.org/Advocacy-Day-2026>



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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.

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