**Mission Statement:**
Founded in 1974, the *William Bonifas Fine Arts Center* is a comprehensive arts organization. With a commitment to excellence in its exhibits, education, performances, facilities, events, and other activities, the Center exists to enhance and inspire the cultural and creative lives of the people in the Central Upper Peninsula.

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**On the cover:** Jayden Ness poses by his Youth In Art submission artwork from 2019. Be sure to stop in the gallery in March to see all the colorful talent this year!

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**Bonifas Hours:**
- **Tuesday - Friday:** NOON - 6:00 PM
- **Saturday:** 11 AM - 3 PM
- **Closed Sunday & Monday**

**Are you an ARTIST?**
This symbol is for you! This symbol points out classes and events that you will definitely want to check out!

**ARTIST GATHERINGS**
We have had wonderful discussions at our last few Artist Gatherings. As winter is fast approaching, and with current restrictions on gatherings in place, we have decided to hold off on our meetings until April. Once they have resumed, the meeting times are on the first Monday of the month from 6 - 8 p.m., unless the first Monday falls on a holiday, then the meeting will happen the following Monday.

These gatherings are for artists to meet up and talk about what they are working on currently. Come for inspiration and meet like-minded people that want to talk about what they love to do! We also provide an artist challenge each month and you can find the challenge for the upcoming meeting on our Facebook page. The challenges are designed to encourage artists to continue creating and are optional.

The next date for the Artist Gatherings is: April 5. The artist challenge is “Intuition”. Future artist challenges will be posted on Facebook once they are decided on at the next meeting. We will be following all CDC guidelines that are in place when April rolls around.

The Bonifas Arts Center is sponsored, in part, by the following:
Dear member,

If you’ve not been to the Bonifas for a while, when you do come in you’ll notice things are a bit different. Over the past few months, our staff and volunteers have worked together to reimagine the gallery, class and event experiences, working to fulfill our mission and provide the safest possible environment. We ask that everyone respect our new participation and visit policies, including face-covering and physical distancing requirements, so that we can all safely enjoy the arts and crafts we love. Whether you enjoy spending time browsing the Northern Exposure exhibit in the Powers Gallery or immersing yourself in creative flow at one of our classes, I invite you to discover the Bonifas anew and seek creativity, enjoyment and inspiration here.

Looking into the New Year we are feeling hopeful. We all collectively need a new start this winter and spring. To that end we have put together a great schedule of classes to let you hit the reset button and get energized and de-stressed for 2021 with various wellness and arts programs. If, like us, you are longing to go to an event with other people, check out our Flannel Fest—we are celebrating U.P. culture with a range of socially distant inside games and winter fun outdoors! We are feeling very pent up for traveling and some of our most popular series this winter and spring aim to satisfy that hunger—both literally with the “What's Cookin’?” and Kid’s Culinary series focused on international cuisines, and in spirit with the Travel the World after-school art series for kids.

If things continue to be restricted, we encourage you to still stay connected and engaged with us by exploring the virtual offerings that we have developed. You’ll find the gallery tour videos, live events—both through ZOOM and livestreamed on FaceBook, and video classes, executed using the latest in technology—thanks to a grant awarded to us by Art Bridges, lets you feel truly included. While the pandemic, the season, and the geography might conspire against you doing the things you love, we work hard to ensure that you can still let your creativity flow and your interest in the arts blossom.

The Bonifas has always been a place of both learning and fun for me and my family. I hope this issue of the ArtNews helps you find hope, things to look forward to and get excited about that we are offering, and that it inspires a visit. We are always grateful for your support and eager to see you again.

-Irina Bruno

How the Bonifas is adjusting to COVID-19

For the safety of our staff and patrons, masks are required to be worn along with social distancing of 6 feet or more while inside the Bonifas. We have installed plastic barriers at our front desk to help face to face contact while signing up for classes and events. We are also sanitizing our work surfaces, door handles, counters and any other frequently touched areas in the Bonifas daily, along with providing hand sanitizer at both entrances and surgical masks for those that might arrive without one. We ask that if you are not feeling well or have any symptoms of COVID-19, to please stay home. Thank you for your understanding during these different times.

Please note that this ArtNews was published with the best information available. Dates of classes, events, and exhibits may change due to any new Michigan Health Department orders. Please follow our Facebook page and website for the latest information. If you purchased tickets for an upcoming in-person event or class, please check with the Bonifas to be sure the event/class is still being held. The Bonifas will post cancelations or postponements on our Facebook, Instagram, and website as soon as possible, and notify participants at the phone number given at the time of purchase. If in doubt please call the Bonifas at (906)786-3833.

Marley adhering to the mask policy at the Bonifas. Marley’s Artist, Rose Peltier, made his mask as well.
The Studio Gallery

100 Day Project
Jan. 7 - Feb. 18

Come view what the artists have done for 100 days in the last 100 Day Project. The dates that the project ran were Jan. 22 - Apr. 30, 2020. This year was a hard year for all of us to focus, but some artists were still able to create every day. Normally we hold this exhibit to get people excited about doing the next 100 Day Project but this year the group has scaled back the project and will be doing weekly projects that started with the Winter Equinox which is Dec. 21, 2020.

Benefit for the Bonifas
Auction Preview & Early Bidding
Apr. 1 - Apr. 30

Come see what local artists and businesses have donated to our annual Benefit for the Bonifas Silent Auction. If something catches your fancy, feel free to bid early. The Benefit for the Bonifas will be Saturday, May 1, 6 - 10 PM. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. The benefit is a ticketed event with sales starting on April 1st —$40 in advance, $50 at the door. Stop in to see what items we have for our auction, and even buy your ticket in advance. Your purchase helps support your local community art center.

Northern Exposure XXVII
Nov. 12 - Feb. 4

The Bonifas Arts Center supports its annual regional competition, Northern Exposure, to both encourage U.P. artists to create new artworks and to showcase the contemporary artwork being created in the U.P. This exhibit is a must see as it features big city installations and beautiful artwork from all over the U.P. We have extended the exhibition dates to give extra time for the whole community to stop in and see this great exhibit. We will also have a virtual tour of the exhibit available to view in early January on our website under the gallery section.

Thank you to our Gallery Partners: Escanaba Vet Clinic, Thrivent Financial, & Tackman Capital Management

Youth In Art
Feb. 25 - Mar. 25
Artist Receptions: TBD

The Bonifas Art Center gallery and studio spaces honor the creative learning happening in Delta County area schools. As part of a nation-wide celebration of youth in art, we remind our community of the importance of creative learning options and of our commitment to the creative spirit. Nearly 800 pieces of children’s artwork enliven the galleries and the studio and herald the coming of spring with a flourish of color and a genuine voice.

Reminder:
All Bonifas Exhibits are free to the public, in part by sponsorship from the City of Escanaba & Bonifas members and donors.
Class Info

CLASS REGISTRATION

- Register online at www.bonifasarts.org, or stop in to see us!
- Register early to ensure your space in the class — bring a friend.
- Classes have to meet a minimum of students for the class to be held.
- The class minimum must be met 1 week prior to start date of class.
- If you cannot make a class, please call us to cancel.
- In order to receive a refund, you MUST cancel no later than 1 week before the class is held.
- Classes may be rescheduled due to weather. Paid students will be notified.
- The Bonifas offers a 50% scholarship for qualifying participants. Inquire at the front desk.
- Children age 9 or younger need to have an adult guardian present.
- All supplies are included unless noted on the registration form.
- Pricing listed as: $M, $NM (Member, Non-Member)
- The following symbols have been added to indicate if a class is held in person, online, or both options are available. 🗓️ = class held in person. 📡 = class held online. When you see both symbols together in a class description, that means you can take the class in person or online.
- Please note that all in person learning requires masks to be worn until further notice. Social distancing rules are in place as well. Tables and chairs are sanitized before and after every use.

The Bonifas is committed to delivering quality classes and events to your home without interruption. To that end we are working to constantly add to our online content. Please check our website periodically to see new on-demand classes, series and events that are available. Supply kits for classes will be available at the Bonifas for pick up (or we can mail supplies to your door). Check out our new offerings and enjoy the arts in the comfort of your home at your convenience!

Bonifas Member Show
Apr. 1 - May 13
(Dates may be extended if Northern Michigan University can not do the No BS or BFA Yet exhibit that is scheduled to follow)
Opening Reception: Thursday, Apr. 1, 7 - 9 pm
(if we can hold an in-house reception at that time)

A 40+ year tradition, the Bonifas Membership Show has encouraged members to share their creative explorations at every level of ability. It is a rich and varied exhibit where emerging artists show side-by-side with our experienced and professional artists. It is a community favorite and a walk worth taking through the gallery. Enjoy!

Artists: Membership Show applications will be available on our website under the “For Artists” tab and at the front desk. Artwork drop off is due by March 26. Also, please consider applying for the Barb Simon Scholarship. Applications will also be available at the front desk and online.

For more info visit bonifasarts.org - Like us on Facebook - Call us at 906-786-3833
Please note that artist level classes require the student to come prepared with their own supplies. A suggested supply list will be made available at the Bonifas front desk, on our website and can be emailed.

**OIL PORTRAIT PAINTING**
With Caroline Carlson
Monday, Feb. 15, 9 AM - 5 PM
Student Fee: $60 M, $65 NM
Ages: Adult
Min: 5 / Max: 12

Create a beautiful portrait with professional artist and Northern Exposure XXVII winner Caroline Carlson. Caroline is a passionate and focused instructor who will use her years of artistic experience to teach you how to use oils to create unique and stunning portraits. In the morning you will walk through selecting the correct paints and colors, how to properly darken colors, and the importance of color temperature. After a lunch break, Caroline will work on adding color to your portrait and work on modeling the form.

Caroline will have gessoed panels on hand for $5 which are needed for the class. You may also purchase these on your own. Please bring your supplies to this class. If you need supplies, the Bonifas has kits prepared for a $7 fee. This class will be held in person. Masks and social distancing is required.

**SUPPLY LIST**
- Paint Solvent: Gamsol (16.9 oz or smaller is fine)
- 8 oz Glass Jar
- Oil Paint Turbes (9 total): Burnt Sienna, Titanium White, Ivory Black, Cadmium Yellow Light, Yellow Ochre, Ultra Marine Blue, Viridian Green. Either of the following - only need one of these tubes: Permanent Alizarin Crimson Hue (Says "permanent" rather than just Alizarin Crimson) Quinacridone Rose
- 2" wide trim Gesso brush
- Art Brushes: Firm oil brushes (5 total): 1/2" FLAT / #10 BRIGHT / 1/4" FLAT / #2 FLAT / #0, #1, OR #2 ROUND
- Wax paper palette or wooden palette
- Palette knife (metal or plastic for scraping paint)
- Color portrait reference photo
- 8x 10 Sketch pad
- Charcoal pencil

**CANVAS WEAVING**
With Carol Irving
Monday, Mar. 15, 6 - 7 PM
Student Fee: $40 M, $45 NM
Ages: Adult
Min: 5 / Max: 12

Weave a bit of nature into your schedule! Join Carol Irving for a 1-hour weaving workshop. Carol shares with us the art of embracing and "weaving" elements of nature into a personal piece of art. There will be a demonstration and various examples for your inspiration, and you'll receive limited individual attention and instruction as you create your unique weaving stretched permanently onto a canvas. Individual attention will be limited due to the constraints of Covid 19 compliance rules.

Most supplies are included, but students should bring a meaningful natural element for their weaving. Suggested items include feathers, sticks, beads, special fabrics, yarns, ribbons, string, rope, paper, etc.

We will work on a 6 x 6 inch painted canvas loom that we will warp and weave in class.

Artist Instructor: Caroline Carlson

Artist Instructor: Carol Irving
GLOBAL ART SERIES
With Betty Nyberg
Saturdays, Feb. 6 - Mar 13, 1 - 2 PM
Student Fee for all 6 weeks: $50 M, $55 NM
Ages: 3rd - 6th grade
Min: 5 / Max: 12

Art and culture go hand in hand! This February, let your kids travel around the world in our new Global Art Series! Your children will learn about color, composition, perspectives, and cultures from around the world! Experienced art educator Betty Nyberg teaches about using a variety of techniques and materials and making it accessible for a wide range of ages. In this class, participants will travel to Ireland, Japan, India, and other exotic locations through their art! They will learn about the culture and people who call these places home. Participants will do hands-on art and craft projects and go home with a sheet of recipes and fun facts and quizzes about the places they learned about. The class will be held in person at the Bonifas with proper social distancing and masks required.

KIDS CULINARY/ 4H SPIN
With Dave Radloff, Stephanie Ostrenga, Irina Bruno
Wednesdays, Apr. 14, 21, 28 & May 5, 4 - 5:15 PM
Student Fee: $55 series (in person) or $25 series (online)
Ages: 3rd - 6th grade
Min: 5 / Max: 12 (in studio)

The Bonifas is teaming up with 4-H SPIN Clubs to help you raise your kids as enthusiastic cooks and healthy eaters. This season we will be taking the students on the trip around the world! Kids will prepare and sample foods from different cultures. Integral parts of the program are basics of nutrition, kitchen tools and techniques, hands on food prep, food safety and table manners. Each class will include the tasting of the prepared meal while practicing table manners. Kids from all local schools are welcome – this is a great after school program with built in snack and fun learning.
INTRO TO INSIGHT MEDITATION
With Gene Schlueter
Wednesdays, Jan. 6 - Feb. 3, 7 - 8:15 PM
Student Fee : $20 M, $25 NM
Ages: Adult / Teen
Min: 3 / Max: 20

During this stressful and contentious time, experienced meditation instructor Gene Schlueter is bringing back this well-timed course to promote personal growth and help you fight stress and anxiety from the comfort and safety of your home. The five-week course (meets once a week) is based upon an ancient Buddhist tradition of meditation practice pairing samatha (mind calming) with vipassana (insight). It is a cumulative course with each class building on the knowledge acquired from the previous classes. No previous meditation experience is necessary and the class is suitable for beginners.

“What’s Cookin’?” Culinary Arts
First Tuesday of the Month, 7 - 8 PM
Student Fee each night: $12 M, $15 NM
Ages: Adult / Teen
Min: 8 / Max: 15 (in studio)

“What’s Cookin’?” is BACK! This series of cooking demonstrations are designed to bring out your artistry in the kitchen. Each session includes step-by-step demonstrations in the kitchen and delectable samples in the gallery. Some of our chefs like to engage the audience in demonstrations. Viewers leave with a list of tips and recipes in hand and a smile on their faces. A questions & answers period will follow demonstrations. These sessions fill up fast so sign up now to ensure your spot! If you prefer to join the class from the comfort of your kitchen, it will be streamed online, live, using ZOOM platform. You can still interact with the instructor and follow along. Buy the ingredients, print the instructions (can download from our website), and be ready to ask questions as you cook with your instructor!

Jan. 5 - Sky High Biscuits with Dale Ecklid
Learning how to make flaky, sky-high biscuits is easy when you know the tricks of the trade! Follow along as instructor Dale Ecklid shows you easy tricks and tips to make biscuits that are sure to please even the most discerning palette. Dale is a retired pastor and mechanic who has loved baking since a child.

Feb. 2 - Practical guide to Sushi with Dennis Dufek
Martial arts guru, artist, and chef, Dennis Dufek, will be showing how to make this very healthy, light and delicious food, as well as will advise on best places to obtain the highest quality ingredients. A demonstration on how to use chopsticks will be included along with sampling the Sushi.

Mar. 2 - Chinese Chicken Stew with Dale Ecklid
Learn how to make a flavorful and exciting Chinese stew with Dale Ecklid! Dapanjie is a traditional stew from the Xingjiang region of China and is full of spices and tradition. This stew is easy to make, but it is sure to wow your friends and family with its complex flavors. Dale spent two years in China teaching English at a university and fell in love with the food and culture of the area.

Apr. 6 - Lovely Scones with Lisette LaFave
Lisette returns to teach us how to create a tasty scone recipe that can be used as a base for a number of different flavored scones. Lisette is our youngest instructor and she infuses fun and energy into all the classes she teaches!
BACK TO BASICS
Thursdays, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, & Apr. 22, 6 - 7 PM
Student Fee each night: $12 M, $15 NM
Ages: Adult / Teen
Min: 8 / Max: 15 (in studio)

Learn the art of handcrafting your own teas, soaps, skincare, and lip balm with our new series “Back To Basics”. This series puts an emphasis on small changes you can make to create a more natural and self-sufficient lifestyle. Participants will learn techniques and tips from instructors who are well versed in natural living and will leave the classes with samples and the knowledge of how to create the items for themselves. This is the perfect series for the curious learner or the crafter who wants to make their own homemade gifts! If you prefer to join the class from the comfort of your home it will be streamed online using ZOOM.

Jan. 21 - Herbal Teas & Syrups*
For thousands of years, herbal teas and syrups were used by people across the world and now you can learn the art of tea blending and syrup making! Follow Brianna Ecklid as she teaches you how to create your own blends of teas to nourish and calm your body and mind. She will also be teaching how to make Elderberry syrup from scratch. With a small bottle costing upwards of $20, you can now make your own for a fraction of the cost! Bring along a few 4oz bottles to bring home some of the teas for yourself! Recipes and instructions will be provided.

Feb. 18 - Homemade Soaps
Join Jessica Thornson of Yooper Farmhouse, LLC as she walks you through how to make your own handmade soaps! Jessica owns a goat farm and has been handcrafting traditional soaps and balms for years. She will take you through the entire process from picking out the correct ingredients for your soap to how to safely use lye in your products. Recipes and instructions will be provided for this class and everyone will be going home with a sample of Jessica’s luxurious soap!

Mar. 18 - Handmade Lip Balms
With a small tube of all natural lip balm costing upwards of $5, isn’t it time you learned how to create your own lip balms customizable to your needs and wants? Jessica Thornson of Yooper Farmhouse LLC creates nourishing and healing lip balms with beeswax from her own beehive! She will teach you how to mix up a product that is perfect for you or as a gift for your friends and family. Jessica will provide recipes and instructions for you to bring home.

Apr. 22 - DIY Natural Skincare
Learn the secrets of creating all natural skincare with items you can grab from your local grocery store or health food store! Brianna will teach you how to use common herbs and other items to create skincare that will brighten and soothe your skin this spring! She will be teaching you how to create an herbal steam, dry face mask, and a few other surprises!

SELF DEFENSE
With Dennis Dufek
Wednesdays, Mar. 3 - May 14 (skips Mar. 31), 6 - 7:30 PM
Student Fee : $45 M, $50 NM
Ages: Adult / Teen
Min: 5 / Max: 15

In today’s world the knowledge of self-defense is critical. Make yourself and your family safer by learning the practical self-defense techniques taught by Black belt in Ji Do Kwan Tae Kwon Do and professional self-defense instructor Dennis Dufek. Students will gain a new sense of confidence in themselves, both mentally and physically in their ability to defend themselves in a critical situation. The techniques taught: breathing, hand and foot strikes, finger gouges, biting techniques, proper falling techniques, throws and nerve and joint manipulation.
Teen & Adult
ART Classes

FINGERKNIT A HAT!
With Brianna Ecklid
Wednesday, Jan. 6, 6 - 7 PM
Student Fee: $20 M, $25 NM
Ages: Teens / Adult
Min: 5 / Max: 12

Knitting is a fun and relaxing way to make beautiful pieces for yourself or your family but can be a time consuming hobby. With finger knitting, you can create a beautiful hat in under one hour! Instructor Brianna Ecklid has been knitting and crocheting for 15 years and will show you how to create this one-of-a-kind hat that is both fun and easy to create. Don’t know how to knit? This class is perfect for the beginner as it requires no knitting needles or patterns. Yarn will be provided. If you would like to finish your beanie with a faux fur pom-pom, they can be purchased at Hobby Lobby or online. This class will be held in person. Masks and social distancing are required.

SCRAP FABRIC WALL HANGINGS
With Jessica Shields
Thursday, Apr. 8, 6 - 7 PM
Student Fee: $20 M, $25 NM
Ages: Teens / Adult
Min: 5 / Max: 12

Recycle those old scraps of fabric you have into a beautiful and one-of-a-kind wall hanging with Jessica Shields of UP-cycle Hippy! Jessica will show you how to take what most people would throw away and create a work of art! Bring in old shirts, skirts, and other fabric and walk away with a piece of art! This class will be held in person. Masks and social distancing are required.

WREATH MAKING
With Shailah Pelto
Saturday, Feb. 27, 5 - 6 PM
Student Fee: $45 M, $50 NM
Ages: Teens / Adult
Min: 5 / Max: 12

Create a beautiful, seasonal wreath with Shailah Pelto of Shailah’s Flower Garden. Shailah is a sought after floral artist who is known for making modern wreath designs. In this workshop she will show you how to create a functional and seasonal wreath that will turn heads. This class will be held in person. Masks and social distancing are required.

BEGINNER’S MOSAIC
With Jan Dillon
Tuesdays, Apr. 13, 20, 27, 6 - 9 PM
Student Fee: $50 M, $55 NM
Ages: Teens / Adult
Min: 5 / Max: 12

Students will learn the basics of designing and creating a mosaic project of their choice (flower pot, vase, or plate) with experienced glass artist Jan Dillon. After taking this class you will have the knowledge to do almost any mosaic project. All supplies are provided, just bring your best ideas! When signing up for this class, please note which item you would like to work on.

CREATIVE CORNER
Available during Bonifas business hours
FREE to all ages (age 12 & under should be accompanied by an adult)
Limit one house hold at a time and Masks must be worn

The Creative Corner is a self-guided exploration of mixed media using all different kinds of supplies and materials. Visitors are encouraged to use their imagination. We can’t wait to see what you create!

Sponsored, in part, by: Ray & Peg Hirvonen Foundation & Meijer
**Events**

**MOTHER & SON MONSTER DATE NIGHT**
Friday, Jan. 29, 6:30 – 8 PM
$20 per couple / $5 per additional son
Age group: K – 6th grade & Mother

Come enjoy a night of Monster fun with your favorite little man! You will create a fun Monster themed craft, play Monster games, eat pizza and Monster themed snacks. Pre-register by calling (906)786-3833 or stop by the Bonifas Arts Center.

**MOTHER & SON TODDLER MONSTER DATE DAY**
Saturday, Jan. 30, 2 – 3:30 PM
$14 per couple / $3 per additional son
Age group Mobile to Pre K & Mother

Come enjoy an afternoon of Monster fun with your favorite little guy! You will create a Monster themed craft, play games and eat Monster themed snacks. Pre-register by calling (906)786-3833 or stop by the Bonifas Arts Center.

Both Mother Son events Sponsored in part by Ember’s Credit Union

**VALENTINE’S DAY FAMILY FUN DAY**
Saturday, Feb. 6, 2 – 3:30 PM
FREE
Must pre-register by Feb. 2

Bring your kids to make a Valentine’s Day mailbox and a couple cards. They will learn a lesson in community building while exploring different techniques to make their creations. They will take one card and card box home and send one card to a senior citizen at a local assisted living facility to warm their hearts. Pre-register by calling (906)786-3833 or stop by the Bonifas Arts Center. You can also pre-register at Ember’s.

Sponsored by Ember’s Credit Union

**FLANNEL FEST SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA**
Saturday, Feb. 20, 1 – 4 PM

Kick off the Flannel Fest in style and support some local vendors that have all of your Yooper gifts and treats ready to go! There will be plenty of plaid and something for everyone. Please call the Bonifas at (906)786-3833 to register as a vendor or ask for a list of vendors that will be there.

**FLANNEL FEST**
Saturday, Feb. 20, 7 – 11 PM
$25 in advance, $30 at the door

Join us for the 4th annual Flannel Fest! Enjoy music by Sit Down Francis. We will have delicious food, beer and wine. This fun night celebrates the Yooper culture and spirit! There will be a best dressed flannel contest, games, bucket raffles, 50/50 drawing and so much more! Yes, the famous Mini Ice Shanty races will be there! So put your best flannel on and come enjoy a fun filled night! **Tickets will go on sale at the Bonifas Arts Center on Jan. 12.**

Sponsored in part by Team Wireless

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Please NOTE: check our Facebook page, website bonifasarts.org or call the Bonifas (906) 786-3833 to make sure the events listed have not been canceled or postponed.

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**Bonifas 2021 Spring Raffle**
Tuesday, Mar. 2 - Jun. 7

This year we are doing our Spring Raffle 50/50 style! The more people buy, the bigger the take! Tickets go on sale March 2. The drawing for the winner will take place at the first Music Mondays on June 7th down in Ludington Park by the band shell. By purchasing a ticket you are helping to support programs at your community art center.
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!
Friday, Apr. 16, 7 – 9 PM
$10 M, $12 NM
Enjoy live entertainment right here in the Bonifas studio. This event is perfect for a large group of friends and family, a great date night for a couple, or come solo and enjoy a great night of music. Purchase tickets online at bonifasarts.org or at the Bonifas front desk.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Saturday, Apr. 17, 8:30 – 8 PM
FREE
Age group: K – 6th grade with adult
Come celebrate Youth Week with Ember’s Credit Union at the Bonifas Arts Center. You will learn about saving money and make a really cool craft. Pre-register at Ember’s or by calling the Bonifas at (906)786-3833
Sponsored By Ember’s Credit Union

BRAT SALE
Friday, May 14, 10 AM – 3 PM
Come on down to Elmer’s County Market for the first Brat sale of the year! If you’re at work for the day but want to buy lunch, we will have delivery available. All pre-orders for delivery please call the Bonifas at (906)786-3833 by May 13th.

BENEFIT for the BONIFAS
Saturday, May 1, 6 – 10 PM
$40 in Advance / $50 at the door
Enjoy a night of great entertainment, delicious food, and beautiful art while supporting our communities best kept secret, the Bonifas Arts Center! There will be games, silent auction items, door prizes and a live art auction by renowned auctioneer Don Martin.
This is our largest fundraiser for the year to support our work for the community and is a great way to find unique pieces of art to add to your collection! In addition to our wonderful art donations and raffle items from local businesses, local artists have donated their talents to our mosaic auction by creating 8"x 8" artwork. Tickets will be available for purchase at bonifasarts.org or at the Bonifas, starting Thursday, April 1st, 2021.

PRINCESS TEA WITH ME
Saturday, May 22, 3 – 6 PM
$40 M / $45 NM
Must pre-register by May 13
Come one, come all little Princesses! Dress in your favorite princess dress or your favorite princess pants—because princesses wear pants too! Princesses will have their hair done, nails painted and age appropriate make-up applied. There will be games to play, crowns to be made, snacks to be eaten, and a story time reading of Princesses Wear Pants (book by Savannah Guthrie).
Purchase tickets online at bonifasarts.org or by calling the Bonifas at (906)786-3833.

MUSIC MONDAYS: Mondays, June 28 – August 2
Thanks to a MCACA grant awarded to the City of Escanaba, we are able to bring Music Mondays back to Ludington Park again this year starting on June 28 at 7 PM by the band shell. Bring friends and family to join us each Monday for a new band.

SAVE the DATES

For more info visit bonifasarts.org - Like us on Facebook - Call us at 906-786-3833
Call for Exhibit Artists:

BONIFAS MEMBERSHIP SHOW
Apr. 1 - May 13

Now is a great time to start making artwork for our annual Membership Show (if you haven’t started already). All current members of the Bonifas can submit up to two artworks for display during this exhibit for a small $15 entry fee. Artwork, application, and payment deadline is Mar. 26. Applications are online under “For Artist” tab.

THE NEW NORMAL:
A photography competition
Jul. 8 - Aug. 26
Reception on Thursday, Jul. 8, 7 - 9 PM

This show will focus on “the new normal”. We have all been trying to find our own new normal. For some, it’s dealing with COVID, for others it’s a new baby, for others it’s the loss of a loved one or pet. What is yours? Capture your new normal and share with us by submitting to this show. Applications will be available on our website early March. Deadline to submit will be early June.

JOURNEY THROUGH MENTAL ILLNESS:
Artists open up about mental illness in their daily lives.
Exhibit dates are Sept. 9 - Oct. 28

This exhibit is for artists that are open to sharing their journey through mental illness. This exhibit will be used to educate the public about the daily struggles and successes of artists with different abilities and how they use art to express themselves and/or how they use art to heal. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kate, Gallery Coordinator to talk about details by emailing kate@boinfasarts.org. Artists can remain anonymous, if desired, during the exhibit.

NORTHERN EXPOSURE XXVIII
Nov. 11 - Dec. 30

In its 28th year, this show is one that you will not want to miss being a part of. You are allowed to submit 3 digital images of your artwork for jurying. If selected, artwork will be on display in the gallery with the opportunity to win awards. Applications will be available on our website early Sept. and deadline to submit images is Oct. 10.

SEEKING 8”x8” ARTWORK for Benefit for the Bonifas

We are inviting artists to create 8”x8” mosaic artwork again this year. The artwork can be in any medium, as long as it fits on an 8x8 canvas! Interested? Please pick up the info packet at the Bonifas front desk. Artwork donations are due to the Bonifas before April 1st.

Call for Art Vendors:
WATERFRONT ARTS FESTIVAL:
Saturday, Aug. 7, 10 AM - 4 PM

Interested in being a vendor? We are currently taking vendor applications for the Waterfront Arts Festival. Download the application from the “For Artists” tab on our website or stop in at the Bonifas. Prices for booths increase as time goes by. We are looking into doing a virtual option as well. Please contact the Bonifas to participate in.

Call for Musicians:
Friday Night Live!
Please contact Paula at the Bonifas (906)786-3833.

The following groups are affiliates of the Bonifas Arts Center. Affiliates are local groups that use our space to host their programming. Due to COVID, many of the groups have not been able to meet. Stay up to date with our affiliates by following their social media.

The Bay de Noc Choral Society: The Bay de Noc Choral Society announces that our annual spring concert will be canceled due to the continuation of the Coronavirus. We hope to begin rehearsals in the fall for our annual Christmas concert in December. We will announce the Christmas concert rehearsal and concert details late this summer.


The Remnants Barbershop Chorus: www.facebook.com/The-Remnants-Barbershop-Chorus-818084658305762

Players De Noc: www.facebook.com/playersdenoc.escanaba

Little Bay Zen Buddhist Sangha: does not have a social media page but they meet on Tuesdays via Zoom so if you are interested in joining, please call the Bonifas and we will put you in touch with the group.
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Please note if a class is a series, only the start date of class is listed here. Please refer to the ArtNews for the rest of the dates.

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**PAINTING PARTIES AT THE BONIFAS!**

**$150 for up to 10 people**

For 2-3 hours of Studio time

Celebrating a birthday? Bachelorette party? Family reunion? Plan your next party, hullabaloo, bash or wingding at the Bonifas Arts Center! We can add hands-on activities that will make it special. You and your guests can enjoy a creative time painting your own original art work. Choose from a menu of paintings or let us help you customize one to match your theme. Our price includes all materials and supplies needed for your masterpiece! You and guests will have use of the Studio, complete with kitchen facilities. This is a fun and creative way to celebrate your special day! Parties are for children and adults of all ages and occasions. If you are interested in booking a party, please call us at 906-786-3833.

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**BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE BONIFAS!**

$150 for a 2 Hour Party for up to 10 kids.

Bring your own food and decorations – we provide art/project/activity. Adult presence required. Call 906-786-3833 to schedule today.

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"We believe artists are the soul of our culture and community. Celebrate the creators that shape our vision of the world with our new Plein Air Artist Pendant!" - Beth Millner

These fundraiser pendants make thoughtful gifts for friends and family who want to give back to their community. Your purchase of the Plein Air Artist pendant helps support the Bonifas, with $50 of the sale going to the art center. To purchase, please go to Beth’s website: bethmillner.com/collections/fundraiser-jewelry

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**SUPPORT THE BONIFAS!**

[Image of a pendant with text]
“Take-a-Seat!”

Surprise someone you care about with a theater seat dedication plaque! Plaques are matte-finished brass with engraving. **$100 donation to the Bonifas per seat.** Call for more info: 906-786-3833

ELMER’S REWARD POINTS
Support us by donating your Elmer’s Reward Card points to the Bonifas Arts Center! It’s easy! All you do is when you are checking out at Elmer’s County Market, present the Bonifas Donation Card to the cashier and let them know how many of your Elmer’s Reward Points you would like to transfer to the arts center. The points you donate to the arts center help us earn FREE money. If you would like a card, you can pick up one up at the Bonifas front desk.

RENT THE BONIFAS
Need a venue for your baby or bridal shower? How about a birthday party, or a recital? Our Studio has wood floors, high ceilings, a small stage with a baby grand piano, and a full kitchen for your party needs. Host your next event in our historic building located in downtown Escanaba. Call or send an email to check availability - we offer great rates.

**Contact:** 906-786-3833 or email jodi@bonifasarts.org

The Bonifas Arts Center Membership
The Bonifas, founded in 1974, mission is to enhance and inspire the people of the Central Upper Peninsula & surrounding areas.

**What Your Dollars Support**
- Children’s Classes & Projects
- Teen & Adult Classes
- Artist Level Workshops
- Concerts & Friday Night Live!
- Main Gallery & Studio Exhibits
- Free Gallery Receptions, Tours & Lectures

**Membership Benefits Include**
- Discounted class, concert, event, & artist entry fees
- Be a part of our annual Membership Show exhibit
- Voting privileges at the Bonifas Annual Meeting
- Free ArtNews subscription

Thank You
for supporting your community art center & becoming a member!

**Membership Levels**
- $20 Student
- $35 Individual
- $50 Family
- $100 Day Sponsor*
- $300 Arts Partner
- $500 Benefactor
- $1,000+ Tower Society

Amount enclosed: _____

* Day Sponsor: In Honor or Memory of:

Requested date(s): _____
{Every $100 pays a day}
**“WHAT’S COOKIN’?”**

**CULINARY ARTS:**
The first Tuesday of each month, 7 - 8 pm

- **Jan. 5 - Biscuits**
  with Dale Ecklid

- **Feb. 2 - Sushi**
  with Dennis Dufek

- **Mar. 2 - Chinese Chicken Stew**
  with Dale Ecklid

- **Apr. 6 - Scones**
  with Lisette LaFave

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**Visit Our Exhibits!**

**Powers Gallery**

**Northern Exposure XXVII**
- Nov. 12 - Feb. 4
  Youth In Art
  Feb. 25 - Mar. 25
  Bonifas Membership Show
  Apr. 1 - May 13

**The Studio Gallery**

**The 100 Day Project**
- Jan. 7 - Feb. 18
**Benefit for the Bonifas Preview**
- Apr. 1 - Nov 5