

# ARTNEWS

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## OUR MISSION

William Bonifas Fine Arts Center enhances and inspires the cultural and creative life of the community.

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The Bonifas  
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## On the cover:

The "50 Years In The Making" Logo, created by Bethany Leiter, to celebrate the past, present, and future of the Bonifas. Curious what this is all about? Turn to page 12 for more information.

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## Bonifas Hours:

Tuesday - Friday:  
10 AM - 5:30 PM  
Saturday:  
10 AM - 3 PM  
Closed  
Sunday & Monday

**BECOME A  
VOLUNTEER  
& GET 1 FREE CLASS!**

Volunteers can earn 1 free class after 10 hours of volunteer work at the Bonifas. \*10 hours must be completed within 1 year, Free class is good for any single class—series and artist level classes are not included. One free class per year.

**BECOME A MEMBER  
GET 1 FREE CLASS!**

The Bonifas is continuing our membership campaign with a great perk: New members only will receive one free class (any single class, not a series and not artist level). This free class offer is not included with membership renewals. Signing up for a new membership is easy! Go online at [Bonifasarts.org](http://Bonifasarts.org) and register there or come visit us at the Bonifas Arts Center.



## CREATIVE CORNER

Available during Bonifas business hours  
**FREE to all ages (ages 12 & under should  
be accompanied by an adult)**

The Creative Corner is a self-guided exploration of mixed media using all different kinds of art 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 Charitable Foundation





## DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Celebrating 50 Years of Art and Community at the Bonifas Arts Center

The year 2024 marks a significant milestone for us as the Bonifas Arts Center celebrates its 50th anniversary. Since its inception the Bonifas has been a beacon of creativity, culture, and community, enriching the lives of residents and visitors alike.

The story of the Bonifas Arts Center begins in 1974 when a group of passionate individuals with a love for the arts came together to establish a hub for creativity in the heart of the Upper Peninsula. Our 50th anniversary video, releasing on social media in the coming months, tells our condensed history.

Over the past five decades, the Bonifas Arts Center has been at the forefront of fostering creativity in the community. It has provided a platform for artists of all ages and skill levels to showcase their talents through exhibitions, workshops, and educational programs. The center's

commitment to art education has been instrumental in nurturing the next generation of artists.

Beyond its role in nurturing local talent, the Bonifas Arts Center has significantly enriched the cultural fabric of the region. It has hosted a diverse array of exhibitions, featuring both local and nationally recognized artists. These exhibitions have introduced residents and visitors to a wide spectrum of artistic expressions.

**One of Bonifas' greatest strengths lies** in its ability to bring people together. It has become a gathering place for the community, hosting events that celebrate art and culture and letting families enjoy their time together. The Bonifas Arts Center's dedication to inclusivity and accessibility has made it a welcoming space for all.

As the Bonifas Arts Center embarks on its next 50 years, it continues to evolve and adapt to the changing needs of the

community. Our future includes updating and maintaining its facilities, reaching out to new audiences, and collaborating with other organizations to further enrich the lives of the residents of the Upper Peninsula.

The Bonifas Arts Center's 50th anniversary is a testament to the enduring power of art and the unwavering support of the community it serves. Through its five decades of existence, the center has not only been a guardian of artistic expression but also a nurturing ground for creativity and a symbol of unity in the Central Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Here's to 50 years of art, community, and the promise of more to come.

-Irina Bruno



## Throwback:



**MECCA OF ACTIVITY** — There's always something going on at the Bonifas Arts Center.



More than 25,000 visitors pass through the center's gallery, studio and theater each year. From left,



Dian Zahner, Victor Powers, and Darlene Prokos, at work for the center. (Daily Press photos).

Sept. 1986, News Insert 10 year anniversary; Courtesy of the Escanaba Daily Press



## THE STUDIO GALLERY

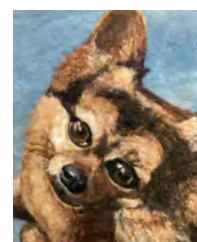


Crayola by Katherine Sirvio

**HAPPENSTANCE:** A remarkable concurrence of events or circumstances that have no apparent causal connection with one another.

**Jan. 11 - Feb. 22, 2024**

Katherine Sirvio & Roni Israel-Weaver won the Bonifas Invitational Award during **Alberta House's annual juried show**. Between both fiber artists, it was too hard to select only one, so we invited both to be on display in our Studio Gallery. Katherine will have her recent wood turned works and Roni will have her needle felted portraits.



Felted work by Roni Israel-Weaver



# THE POWERS GALLERY



Northern Exposure XXX  
1st Place Winner: Viva  
Reviva by Alex Fekete

## NORTHERN EXPOSURE XXX

Now – December 28, 2023

Northern Exposure has turned 30!  
The exhibit is full of unique talent and  
artworks that are a must see before it  
exits our doors December 29th!

**Thank you to our Northern  
Exposure Gallery Partners:**

Escanaba Vet Clinic  
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## YOUTH IN ART

February 29 - March 28, 2024

Open Houses 3 - 6 pm:

March 13 for K - 5 Grade

March 14 for 6 - 12 Grade

Come celebrate with us as we cover all of our  
gallery spaces in artworks made by artists in  
grades Pre K-12th. You will surely leave with  
a smile on your face after viewing this annual  
celebration of young talent.



## THE U.P. THROUGH MY LENS: A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

January 11 – February 22, 2024

Reception: January 11, 6 - 8 pm  
with awards at 7 pm

We are highlighting the Upper Peninsula in photos. We asked  
our U.P. photographers, amateur to professional, to show us  
what THEIR U.P. looks like. This exhibit is sure to delight as  
we get to celebrate the place we call home—the U.P.—  
through the artist's lens.



## 50 YEARS IN THE MAKING:

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April 4 - May 2, 2024

This exhibit will give you insight as to where we came from,  
where we are currently, and where we are planning to go.  
Celebrate our 50th anniversary by looking at old photos and art  
along with seeing the impact we have had on the community.

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



## Throwback:

Sept. 1986, News Insert 10 year anniversary. Courtesy of the Escanaba Daily Press

### Showcase for regional talent

## Gallery big draw at center

Gallery exhibits play an  
integral role in the ongoing  
activities at the William  
Bonifas Fine Arts Center.

Over the past 10 years,  
artists from all over the  
United States have dis-  
played works in the  
gallery, which was named  
after the late Alice  
Uren-Powers of Escanaba,  
nationally acclaimed  
artist-teacher.

Coordinated by Bonifas  
Art Center Manager  
Norbert LaPorte, close to  
20 shows are hung in the  
gallery each year.

The exhibits have drawn  
thousands of visitors to the  
Center, including student  
classes and tour groups.

Both Bay de Noc Commu-  
nity College, Escanaba,  
and Northern Michigan

University, Marquette,  
have been involved in a  
synergistic relationship  
with the Art Center.

The Detroit Institute of  
Arts, Cranbrook Institute,  
Bay de Noc Indian Cultural  
Association, and Alma  
College display work as do  
local artists and groups  
like the 4-H Club.

In addition to these ex-  
hibits, the Center has its  
own private collection  
which is displayed between  
special shows.

There is no admission  
charge to the Gallery or  
Art Center, located at 700  
1st Ave. S., Escanaba.  
Gallery hours are Tuesday  
through Friday from noon  
to 4 p.m. and Thursday  
from 7 to 9 p.m.



**FINE TRIBUTE** — The gallery at the Bonifas Arts  
Center is named after the late Alice Uren-Powers,  
Escanaba, an artist-teacher of national repute and  
a patron of the lively arts.





## ARTIST GATHERINGS

**Apr. 1, May 6; 6 - 8 pm**

**Free to attend**

Join us for inspiration and meet like-minded people that want to talk about what they love to do—ART! We offer an optional artist challenge each month that is designed to encourage artists to continue creating. Bring your finished or current project you are working on and share your discoveries with us.

## ARTIST RETREAT

**Jan. 19 - 22; setup starts Fri. at 10 am**

Join us for an all weekend art retreat at the Bonifas! Retreat starts at 10 am on Friday and ends around 5 pm on Monday. We have a great time hanging out getting our art on! **What's provided:** 1 table (8', 6', and card table sizes available) for you to work on and a padded chair. What to bring: your current project and supplies and a dish or snack to share. You are welcome to spend the night(s) as well. If you are interested in joining us, please call 906-786-3833 and talk with Kate. Space is limited. Cost to attend is free.



## HOW TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS

- Register online at [bonifasarts.org](http://bonifasarts.org), or stop in to see us.
- Register early to ensure your space in the class.
- Classes have to meet a minimum # of students for the class to be held, listed as Min. / Max., and must be met 1 week prior to class start date.
- 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.
- If Escanaba schools are closed due to winter weather, youth classes are canceled for the day. If rescheduling the class, we will call or email.
- All other classes may be rescheduled due to weather. Paid students will be notified.
- Children age 9 or younger need an adult guardian present. Teens are listed under each class as to when an adult must be present.

## 100 DAY PROJECT: Jan. 22 - Apr. 30

The journey of creativity starts with practice and forming habits. They say it takes 28 days to form a habit so let's add to the fun and do something creative for 100 days! We host check-in meetings to see how everyone is doing on their creative journey. If you are interested in participating, email [Kate@bonifasarts.org](mailto:Kate@bonifasarts.org).

## BARB SYMON SCHOLARSHIP

\$200 towards a workshop of your choice if selected from applicants. The application is available online under Artist/Vendor tab and is due June 20, 2024.

## CALL FOR ART VENDORS:

### 2024 WATERFRONT ART FESTIVAL:

**Saturday, Aug. 3; 10 - 4 pm**

You can register now for your 15x15' booth space and save money! Application is online.

## CALL FOR ART/ARTISTS:

### *THE U.P. THROUGH MY LENS:*

### *A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION:*

**Exhibit dates: Jan. 11 - Feb. 22, 2024**

Show us your best shots! This competition is open to any level photographer. The application is available online now. Prize money was donated by fellow photographer Doug Hagley. Deadline to enter is Jan. 5, 2024.

# ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

## *BONIFAS MEMBERSHIP SHOW*

**Exhibit dates: June 27 - Aug. 7, 2024**

This exhibit is open for all current Bonifas members to participate. This exhibit is one of the perks of membership at the Bonifas and we invite you, for a small fee, to enter one or two pieces into this show. The application can be found online under Artists/Vender tab on our website early Spring.

## *UPCycle*

**Exhibit Dates: Aug. 22 - Oct. 17, 2024**

Help save the planet one art piece at a time! We are asking all artists to enter work made out of recycled materials. Items that otherwise would end up in the landfill. Applications will be available online early Spring.

## *NORTHERN EXPOSURE XXXI*

**Exhibit dates: Nov. 7 - Dec. 28, 2024**

Looking to challenge your artistic self? Consider entering our juried show, *Northern Exposure*. This show encourages artists to push themselves creatively. **You're allowed up to 3 digital submissions for jurying.** If selected, artwork will be on display in the gallery with the chance to win a variety of awards. The application is available on our website summer of 2024. Deadline to submit images is Oct. 4, 2024

## CLASS INFORMATION

- For any classes that take place after 5:30 pm, please use the ramped Studio Entrance located off the parking lot.
- We have listed the location of each class in the ArtNews and online.
- The Bonifas offers a 50% scholarship for qualifying participants. Inquire at the front desk.
- All supplies are included unless noted on the registration form.
- Pricing listed as: \$M / \$NM (Member / Non-Member)



## YOUTH CLASSES



**Toddler Art**  
with Nicole Nelson  
Jan 16, 23, 30,  
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27,  
Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26,  
Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;  
9:30 – 10:30 am

Register before the date of your choice.

Age: 1 – 4 Year olds

Student Fee: \$5 per date, per child

Min. 6 / Max. 20

Join us for creative, artsy play activities and also for some fun music and dance time! Toddlers will be combining fun and learning to help nurture imagination, problem solving, and develop motor skills.

Youth programming is sponsored in part by Ray & Peg Hirvonen Charitable Foundation, Edward J. Sackerson Charitable Foundation, And the Escanaba Kiwanis Club



**4-H Culinary Club at EUE**  
with Dave Radloff  
Thursdays, Feb. 29, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28,  
Apr. 4; 2:30 - 4:30 pm  
Register by: Feb. 22

Location: Escanaba Upper Elementary Home Economics Room

Age: Youth in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

Student Fee: \$30/series

Min. 6 / Max. 15

Delta County 4-H is offering this popular program again to the Escanaba Upper Elementary revisiting some popular recipes and exploring new recipes in the wonderful world of cooking. Integral parts of the program include kitchen tools and techniques, how to read recipes, measure ingredients, hands on food preparation, nutrition, and food safety. Each class will include the tasting of the prepared meal. Youth from all local schools are welcome – this is a great after school program with built in snack and fun learning! **DON'T MISS THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR CHILDREN LEARN TO COOK.**

## MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.



**We need your help!** We're bringing the Missoula Children's Theatre program back in 2024 with the production of *The Pied Piper*. Unfortunately, we were not able to secure a grant to fund this program, which is why we're seeking help from the community. We know how cherished this program is and we would like to continue offering it free of charge to the children involved. Below you'll find different levels that will help sponsor the 2024 children's production of *The Pied Piper*.

### Sponsorship Tiers:

**Stagehand: \$50** : Name/logo listed in our promo & 1 MCT Play ticket

**Ensemble: \$100** : Name/logo listed in our promo & 2 MCT Play tickets

**Director: \$500** : Name/logo listed in our promo, listed on MCT T-shirts, & 2 MCT Play tickets

**Producer: \$700** : Name/logo listed in our promo, listed on MCT T-shirts, & 4 MCT Play tickets

Every donation amount is appreciated. Interested in sponsoring? Please scan the QR code for more information.

The Auditions will be Monday, June 17 at 10 am and the performances will be on Saturday, June 22.  
Ticket sales for *The Pied Piper* production will start May 1, 2024.







**Mosaic Flower Pot  
or Plate Class with Jan Dillon**  
Tuesdays, Jan. 16, 23, & 30; 6 - 8 pm  
Register by: Jan. 9  
Location: Upper Studio  
Age: Adult

**Student Fee: \$40 M / \$47 NM Min. 6 / Max. 12**

Students will learn the basics of designing, gluing and grouting, a mosaic flower pot or plate. After taking the class you will have the knowledge to do almost any mosaic project. All supplies will be provided, just bring an idea. When registering, please let us know if you want a Flower Pot or a Plate.



**Hand Built Luminaries with Dawn Delaney: Valentine Gnomes**  
Tuesdays, Jan. 16, 23, 30; 6 - 8 pm  
Register by: Jan. 9  
Location: Pottery Room (basement)  
Age: Adult & Teen

**(under 15 must attend with adult)**

**Student Fee: \$55 M / \$60 NM Min. 6 / Max. 8**

Build these adorable Valentine themed gnomes to add to your "gnome" décor or to give as a gift. Dawn will guide you through the process of sculpting, firing, and glazing your luminary.



**Nature Photography with Michael Hall**

**Age: Adult & Teen (15 & up) Location: Studio & Offsite**  
**Student Fee: \$75 M / \$85 NM Min. 3 / Max. 15**

**Session 1: Saturday, Jan. 20;**  
**1 - 4 pm, & Sunday, Jan. 21; 11 - 1 pm**  
**Register by: Jan. 19**

**Session 2: Saturday, Apr. 6;**  
**1 - 4 pm, & Sunday, Apr. 7; 11 - 1 pm**  
**Register by: Apr. 1**

Calling all birding, nature, and photography enthusiasts. Join award winning photographer Michael Hall of Black Iris Studio for a lesson in nature photography. Bring your DSLR or Smartphone for tips and techniques for close ups, capturing items in motion, and working with outdoor lighting and shade. Day one of class will meet at Bonifas to discuss techniques, then travel outside to explore (please dress accordingly for the weather). Day 2 will be at the Bonifas and the students are welcome back for critiques from Michael.

**Needle Felting with Donna Thurston**

**Session 1: Wednesday, Jan. 24; 1 - 3 pm**

**Register by: Jan. 19**

**Session 2: Friday, Feb. 16; 1 - 3 pm**

**Register by: Feb. 12**

**Location: Studio**

**Age: Adult & Teen**

**(under 15 must attend with adult)**

**Student Fee: \$30 M / \$35 NM**

**Min. 3 / Max. 10**

You will have the opportunity to make a small sketchbook cover (4"x 4"), a bookmark, a needle holder, or a wall hanging (approximately 8"x 8"). Any of the projects can be completed in two hours, and if time allows you can choose to do a second project. **The skills you'll learn will be needle felting, embroidery and wool applique.** Come with an idea of what you might like to create. Donna will have some embellishments and all other materials, but please bring buttons, beads, lace that you've been saving for additional embellishments.



**Copper Wire Gem Tree**

**with Mollie Larsen**

**Thursday, Feb. 8; 3 - 5 pm**

**Register by: Feb. 5**

**Location: Upper Studio**

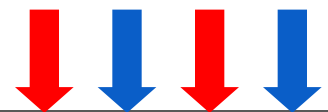
**Age: Adult & Teen**

**(teens must attend with adult)**

**Student Fee: \$40 M / \$45 NM**

**Min. 3 / Max. 10**

Learn the details of wire sculpting with award winning crafter and artist Mollie Larson. All supplies will be provided, you'll gain the knowledge of what tools to use, sculpting techniques, and how to add gems. Then you'll have a beautiful handmade piece to add to your home décor.



## FREE CLASSES FOR VETERANS:

Reminder that our adult classes are free for veterans to take, thanks to funding by the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center. If you are a veteran, please call us at 906-786-3833 and we can register you for the class, or classes, of your choice if they are not already filled.

Thank you for your Service!



# TEEN/ADULT CLASSES



**Valentine's Gnomes**  
Wednesday, Feb. 14



**Easter Bunny**  
Friday, Mar. 15



**Spring Break**  
Thursday, Mar. 28



**Budding Sunrise**  
Thursday, Apr. 11



**Dragonfly Field**  
Friday, Apr. 26

## Paint-N-Sip with Staci Berg

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Register one week before each class date

Location: Studio Age: Adult

Student Fee: \$30 M / \$35 NM / class date

Min. 6 / Max. 20 each class date

Sign up with a partner or crew for this fun-filled evening. Choose from any or all of these paintings and enjoy guidance from Staci, while you sip a tasty beverage that you brought. Feel free to bring goodies to share to add to your evening. No experience or supplies needed.



## Polymer Clay Jewelry Making Class with Kaylea Quinn

Session 1: Saturday, Feb. 17; 1 - 3 pm

Register by: Feb. 10

Session 2: Saturday, May 4; 1 - 3 pm

Register by: Apr. 27

Location: Studio

Age: Adult & Teen (under 15 must attend with adult)

Student Fee: \$40 M / \$48 NM Min. 6 / Max. 15

Learn to create your own accessories to perfectly match your style. Polymer clay is incredibly lightweight, durable, and so easy to clean – it's the perfect medium for any beginner to learn to create with. You'll learn how to select the best supplies along with the basics of working with clay from experienced clay artist Kaylea Quinn. You will also design and create your own custom earrings. Bring a friend and come create with us!

## Weaving in the Round with Mollie Larson

Thursday, Feb. 22; 3 - 5 pm

Register by: Feb. 15

Location: Upper Studio

Age: Adult & Teen (teens must attend with adult)

Student Fee: \$35 M / \$40 NM Min. 4 / Max. 10



Award winning crafter and artist Mollie Larson will guide you through weaving in the round to make an amulet bag (pouch like necklace). All supplies will be provided and you'll take home your own unique jewelry piece.

## Beaded Wall Hanging Class with Jessica Shields

Monday, Mar. 18; 3 - 5 pm

Register by: Mar. 15 Location: Studio

Age: Adult & Teen (teens must attend with adult)

Student Fee: \$30 M / \$35 NM Min. 4 / Max. 15



Create a decorative wall hanging with beads to add to your home. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring some of your own if you have some you'd like to use.

## Fused Glass Class with Beth Cox

Wednesday, Mar. 27; 1 - 3 pm

Register by: Mar. 3 Location: Studio

Age: Adult & Teen

(under 15 must attend with an adult)

Student Fee: \$40 M / \$48 NM Min. 6 / Max. 12



Create your own one-of-a-kind fused glass items that could be sun catchers, pendants, earrings, buttons, magnets, fan pulls & more. This is a beginner class; no glass cutting experience is required. Students will receive a quick overview of glass history, compatibility, design, and the firing process.

## Loop Yarn Pillow Class with Jessica Shields

Monday, Apr. 1; 3 - 5 pm

Register by: Mar. 25 Location: Studio

Age: Adult & Teen (teens must attend with an adult)

Student Fee: \$40 M / \$45 NM Min. 4 / Max. 15



Curious about loop yarn and ways to work with it? Jessica will show you how to weave the loops together, by hand, to create this soft plushy throw pillow.



## Hand Built Luminaries with Dawn Delaney: Honeybee



**Thursdays, Apr. 11, 18, & 25; 6 - 8 pm**  
**Register by: Apr. 1**  
**Location: Pottery Room (basement)**  
**Age: Adult & Teen**  
 (under 15 must attend with an adult)  
**Student Fee: \$55 M / \$60 NM**  
**Min. 6 / Max. 8**

Dawn will guide you through the process of sculpting, firing, and glazing your very own honeybee luminary. This sweet lil honey-bee will make a nice addition to your home décor or would be an excellent gift.

## Mosaic Mirror with Jan Dillon

**Tuesdays, Apr. 9, 16, 23; 6 - 8 pm**  
**Register by: Apr. 9**  
**Location: Upper Studio**  
**Age: Adult**  
**Student Fee: \$40 M / \$47 NM**  
**Min. 6 / Max. 12**



Students will learn the basics of designing, gluing, and grouting a mosaic mirror. After taking the class you will have the knowledge to do almost any mosaic project. All supplies will be provided, just bring an idea. When registering, let us know if you prefer 12"X12" or 16"X9" frame.



## Lino Block with Dena Bliss

**Session 1: Friday, Apr. 12; 6 - 8 pm**  
**Session 2: Saturday, Apr. 13; 12 - 2pm**  
**Register by: Apr. 9**

**Location: Studio** **Age: Adult & Teen**  
**Student Fee with kit: \$60 M / \$68 NM per session**  
**Both sessions with one kit: \$100 M / \$108 NM**  
**Min. 4 / Max. 12**

Dena Bliss, of Alpaca Pencil, is returning to the Bonifas to teach the art of Lino Block Printing. You will learn how to transfer your own drawing to the lino block, how to cut, ink and print with your block and how to use a printing press and a wooden spoon to print with. Students are encouraged to bring their own 4"X6" original drawings or you can use one of Dena's. The student fee covers one take home kit that will allow you to continue creating once you are home. If students want more time with the instructor, you're welcome to attend both classes for the above mentioned price (price includes just one kit).



## Fiber Coiling Class with Jessica Shields

**Monday, Apr. 15; 3 - 5 pm**  
**Register by: Apr. 11** **Location: Studio**  
**Age: Adult & Teen**  
 (teens must attend with an adult)  
**Student Fee: \$25 M / \$30 NM**  
**Min. 4 / Max. 15**

Learn some "upcycling" techniques with Jessica, from Upcycled Hippie, as she guides you through coiling scrap material to create coasters. Once you learn the technique, you'll be able to create a variety of upcycled coiled items, like rugs or wall hangings.

## Silk Scarf Painting with Diane Kribs-Mays

**Saturday, May 11; 1 - 3 pm**  
**Register by: May 6** **Location: Studio**  
**Age: Adult**  
**Student Fee: \$40 M / \$45 NM**  
**Min. 4 / Max. 15**



Create your own unique piece of wearable art by painting designs onto two beautiful white silk scarves. No two will turn out the same so you can make one for yourself and wrap another up for Mother's Day!

## Watercolor & Ink Workshop with Ed Fenendael

**Monday, June 10 & Tuesday, June 11; 10 - 4 pm**  
**Register by: June 3** **Location: Studio**  
**Age: Adult**  
**Student Fee: \$130 M / \$145 NM**  
**Use Bonifas Supplies: \$10 more**  
**Min. 4 / Max. 15**



You will use a limited palette (very few colors) and work on small and medium pieces of watercolor paper. Please bring several printed photographs that excite you and your own supplies (for \$10 more you can use Bonifas supplies). Each of the two days will begin with a short discussion followed by a demonstration. You will have plenty of time to work on your pieces while receiving individual attention from Ed. Each day will end with a gentle and informative critique. *Plan to have fun and leave this workshop with a renewed sense of creativity!* There is a kitchen for lunches so please bring what you need for the day. This workshop will be open to all levels. Supply list will be posted online under classes.

## TEEN/ADULT CLASSES

# LET'S GO Retro

Celebrate our 50 Years in the Making by taking some classes that were offered decades ago. These classes reflect and celebrate the different artist guilds that were around the area in the early 1970s. These guilds helped get the Bonifas up and running. Without their passion to create, we wouldn't have the Bonifas Arts Center as we know it today so take a trip through time and learn an "old" trade and celebrate with us.



### Wheel Throwing with Al Hansen

Monday, Feb. 5, Thursday Feb. 8,  
& Monday Feb. 19; 6 - 8 pm

Register by: Feb. 3

Location: Pottery Room (basement)

Age: Adult & Teen

(under 15 must attend with adult)

Student Fee: \$80 M / \$90 NM Min. 3 / Max. 6

Learn basic pottery skills and advanced techniques from local artist Al Hansen! Build a few unique pieces of pottery that will be ready for pick up a week after the firing. Previous experience **NOT** required. On the first day of class you'll learn wheel throwing, the second class will be throwing and trimming, and the last day will be glazing and firing.



### Basket Weaving with Lisa Bedard

Mondays, Feb. 12, 19, 26; 1 - 3 pm

Register by: Feb. 5

Location: Studio

Age: Adult

Student Fee: \$60 M / \$65 NM

Min. 3 / Max. 6

Lisa will guide you through the ancient techniques of basket weaving to help you create a small round or square basket. The uses for baskets are endless and may become your newest hobby. All supplies will be provided and no experience is necessary.

### Fridge Magnets with Kate Oman

Friday, Feb. 16; 5:30 - 7:30 pm

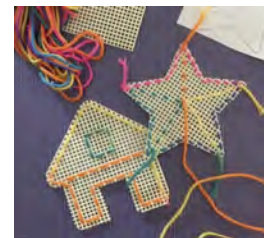
Register by: Feb. 12

Location: Studio

Age: Adult & Teen

(12 & under must attend with adult)

Student Fee: \$12 M / \$15 NM Min. 6 / Max. 15



Join Kate as she teaches a retro throwback to when plastic canvas needle crafting was popular! Kate's Mom, Susie, use to teach this class at the Bonifas and Kate wants to share the skills and memories with you to carry on the tradition. Work with plastic canvas and yarn to create fun and cute retro magnets.



### Macrame Plant Hanger Class

with Jessica Shields

Monday, Mar. 4; 3 - 5 pm

Register by: Apr. 11

Location: Studio

Age: Adult & Teen

(teens must attend with an adult)

Student Fee: \$35 M / \$40 NM

Min. 4 / Max. 15

Help us celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with this retro macrame class. Jessica will teach the style pictured, but once you learn this pattern, you should be able to create any macrame pattern.

### Stained Glass Class with Beth Cox

Wednesdays, Mar. 6, 13 & 20; 1 - 3 pm

Register by Mar. 1

Location: Upper Studio

Age: Adult & Teen

(under 15 must attend with an adult)

Student Fee: \$60 M / \$72 NM

Min. 6 / Max. 12



Pattern preparation, glass cutting, applying copper foil and soldering will be covered in this fun, hands on class for beginning stained glass enthusiasts. Come and make a beautiful glass panel for your home.



## LIFESTYLE CLASSES



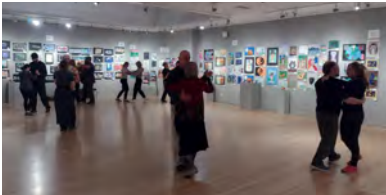
### Ballroom Dance Class – beginner level with Nicole Nelson

Location: Studio Age: 16 - Adult  
Couple's Fee: \$40 M / \$48 NM per session  
Min. 4 couples / Max. 12 couples per session

**Session 1:** Thursdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, & 15; 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
**Register by: Jan 10**

**Session 2:** Wednesdays, Mar. 6, 13, 20, Apr. 3, 10, 17; 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
**Register by: Feb. 28**

Come with a partner, friend, or on your own and wear your dancing shoes. You'll learn Swing, Jive, Waltz, Fox-trot, Tango, and a variety of Latin dances. No experience necessary. Feel free to dress up for the night of fun, or come as you are, but please wear soft bottomed shoes for ease of movement. During the snowy months, please carry dancing shoes in. Session will end with a "graduation" party (Session 1: Friday, Feb. 16 | Session 2: Friday, Apr. 19).



### Ballroom Nights with Nicole Nelson

Friday, Feb. 16 & Friday, Apr. 19; 7 - 9 pm  
Register by: event date Location: Studio & Gallery  
Ages: 16 - Adult  
Couple's Fee: \$10 M / \$18 NM per party night

Join the graduates of the ballroom class for their class ending party. Nicole will give reminders of the various dance styles as you dance the night away. Attendants are welcome to bring snacks and drinks to share and are encouraged to dress up for the occasion. Don't forget your dancing shoes!



### Make & Take: Spinach Pie with Christina Economopoulos

Wednesday, Feb. 28; 6 - 8 pm  
Register by: Feb. 21  
Location: Kitchen  
Age: Adult & Teen  
(under 15 must attend with adult)  
Student Fee: \$40 M / \$48 NM  
Min. 4 / Max. 8

"*Spanakopita*" is a delicious savory Greek *pie* made of crispy layers of phyllo dough and a comforting filling of *spinach* and feta cheese. Enjoy a night with Christina and her knowledge of this delicious Greek delicacy.



### Make & Take: Bougatsa Pie with Christina Economopoulos

Monday, Mar. 11; 6 - 8 pm  
Register by: Mar. 4  
Location: Kitchen  
Age: Adult & Teen  
(under 15 must attend with adult)  
Student Fee: \$40 M / \$48 NM  
Min. 4 / Max. 8

"*Bougatsa*" is a traditional Greek dessert made with the creamiest custard wrapped in golden brown phyllo, sprinkled with melted butter, and garnished with icing, sugar, and cinnamon. A traditional Greek dish, perfect for every time of the day, as a delicious snack or as a filling dessert.



### Belly Dancing for Health with Jeana Harmon

Mondays, May 6, 13, 20,  
June 3, 10, 17; 6 - 7 pm

Register by: May 5

Location: Studio

Age: Adult

Student Fee: \$35 M / \$40 NM

Min. 6 / Max. 20

Come have fun and experience the benefits of learning basic belly dance moves. Jeana Harmon will have you moving fluidly and putting together a routine by the end of six weeks. What is referred to in the West as "belly dancing" is Raqs Sharqi or Dance of the East. Based on movements that come naturally to the female form, it provides a wealth of healthful benefits, improving balance and reducing stress to the back by improving overall tone.



### Gardening Tips with David Gafner

Wednesday, May 22; 5 - 7 pm

Register by: May 19

Location: Studio

Age: Adult

Student Fee: \$40 M / \$45 NM

Min. 4 / Max. 20

Learn gardening tips from master U.P. gardener David Gafner. He will share his secrets and tricks to planting and maintaining a successful garden for our unpredictable Upper Michigan weather.



## EVENTS



We've made it! 50 years in the Making! Our campaign is well under way with a list of fun-filled events that celebrate the past, present and future of the Bonifas Arts Center. The new year brings the release of the "50 Years in the Making" video that celebrate our

accomplishments throughout the years. It will be available on our social media platforms. In February we will showcase works from our Bonifas Permanent Collection at the Escanaba City Hall. March features our annual Youth In Art Exhibit in the Powers Gallery. In April the Bonifas will host a 50 Years In

The Making exhibit that features our past and present in photos, art, and articles, along with highlighting the role the Bonifas has played across the U.P. across the years. Players de Noc will host a *High Tea at 2* on April 27—tickets will be available March 1st. May brings our biennial Northern Michigan University Student Show, featuring works by the Art and Design students. In June we will conclude our 50 Years In The Making with our Golden Gala—tickets will be available April 1st for this event. We hope you will find some time to stop in and see all the great things we have been up to and learn where we want to go.



**High Tea at 2**  
**Featuring Player's de Noc**  
**Flashback Fashion Show**  
**April 27th 2pm at the Bonifas**  
**Tickets \$25 each**  
**on sale March 1st limited seating**

Come for High Tea and a lovely spread of delicious delicacies to enjoy, catered by Dawn Martin.

Entertainment is provided by Players de Noc with models displaying flashback fashions from the last 50 years of stage wear.

## Throwback: Happy Birthday!



### Golden Gala

June 1; 6 - 9 pm  
at The House  
of Ludington  
Tickets \$50 each

## Gala celebrates lively arts

To commemorate the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center's 10th Anniversary September has been declared "Bonifas Arts Center Month" by Escanaba Mayor Don Guindon, Gladstone Mayor Bev Maki, and the Delta County Board of Commissioners.

A gala birthday party was held Saturday, Sept. 21, 1985, at the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center to recognize the art center's anniversary and the 20th anniversary of Players de Noc.

Celebrants both young and old from all over Michigan attended the event, which was put together by art instructor Ann Fullarton of Escanaba and Friends of the Bonifas Fine Arts Center.

Fullarton indicated a grant from the Michigan Council of the Arts as well as contributions from individuals and organizations assisted with the production costs of the celebration.

Children were treated to cake and ice cream at a special party held early in the afternoon.

The cakes were donated by local residents and judged by Sherri Loftquist, professional baker and cake decora-

tor.

Students in the the Gladstone High School Fine Arts Department put together games and entertainment for the youngsters.

A special visit by the Players de Noc dragon highlighted the get together as did birthday cards made by students in the local art classes.

In the evening, adults were served hors d'oeuvres and cocktails in the studio and danced to the music of Al Adams and "A Touch of Swing" in the art center gallery.

The art center's studio was re-designed with art and theater effects by artist Jean Nicholson of Escanaba, members of Players de Noc and art students.

The gallery featured the attractive "My Favorite Things" exhibit, which displayed art works from the collections of residents in the community.

"The main idea for the party was to celebrate the arts in our community and to thank local artists and supporters for their years of dedication to the quality of arts in Delta County", Fullarton said. "It was really a great party — a terrific day for the Bonifas Art Center."

Sept. 1986, News Insert 10 year anniversary; Courtesy of the Escanaba Daily Press

## VISIT OUR EXHIBITS!

### THE POWERS GALLERY

*NORTHERN EXPOSURE XXX*

Exhibit dates: Nov. 9 - Dec. 28

*THE U.P. THROUGH MY LENS*

Jan. 11 – Feb. 22, 2024

Reception: Jan. 11, 6 - 8 pm

### YOUTH IN ART

Feb. 29 - Mar. 28, 2024

Open Houses 3-6 pm:

Mar. 13 for K-5 Grade

Mar. 14 for 6-12 Grade

*50 YEARS IN THE MAKING:*

*PAST | PRESENT | FUTURE*

Apr. 4 - May 2, 2024

### THE STUDIO GALLERY

*HAPPENSTANCE*

Jan. 11 - Feb. 22, 2024

*YOUTH IN ART*

Feb. 29 - Mar. 28, 2024

*50 YEARS IN THE MAKING:*

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Apr. 4 - May 2, 2024

Spring Raffle tickets will be on there way soon. We will be mailing them out in March.

Also be sure to check our Facebook page for any pop-up classes or events.



**PLEASE NOTE IF A CLASS IS A SERIES, ONLY THE  
START DATE OF CLASS IS LISTED HERE. PLEASE REFER  
TO THE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE REST OF THE DATES.**

Jan.		
11	Ballroom Dance Sess. 1	6:30 - 7:30 pm
16	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
16	Mosaic Mirror	6:00 - 8:00 pm
16	Luminary: Gnome	6:00 - 8:00 pm
19	Artist Retreat (1/19 - 1/22)	Starts at 10am
20	Nature Photography	1:00 - 4:00 pm
22	100dayproject begins	(1/22 - 4/30)
24	Needle Felting	1:00 - 3:00 pm
23	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
30	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am

Feb.		
5	Wheel Throwing	6:00 - 8:00 pm
6	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
8	Copper Wire Gem Tree	3:00 - 5:00 pm
12	Basket Weaving	1:00 - 3:00 pm
13	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
14	Paint-N-Sip: Gnome	6:00 - 8:00 pm
16	Needle Felting	1:00 - 3:00 pm
16	Fridgie Magnets	5:30 - 7:30 pm
16	Ballroom Night	7:00 - 9:00 pm
17	Polymer Clay Jewelry Sess. 1	1:00 - 3:00 pm
20	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
22	Weaving in the Round	3:00 - 5:00 pm
27	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
28	Spinach Pie	6:00 - 8:00 pm
29	4H culinary Club (@EUE)	2:30 - 4:30 pm

Mar.		
1	Spring Raffle tickets on sale	
4	Macrame Plant Hanger	3:00 - 5:00 pm
5	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
6	Stained Glass	1:00 - 3:00 pm
6	Ballroom Dance Sess. 2	6:30 - 7:30 pm
11	Bougatsa Pie	6:00 - 8:00 pm
12	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
15	Paint-N-Sip: Bunny	6:00 - 8:00 pm
18	Beaded Wall Hanging	3:00 - 5:00 pm
19	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
26	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
27	Fused Glass	1:00 - 3:00 pm
28	Paint-N-Sip: Spring Break	6:00 - 8:00 pm

Apr.		
1	Loop Yarn Pillow	3:00 - 5:00 pm
1	Artist Gathering	6:00 - 8:00 pm
2	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
6	Nature Photography	1:00 - 4:00 pm
9	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
9	Mosaic Flower Pot/Plate	6:00 - 8:00 pm
11	Luminary: Honeybee	6:00 - 8:00 pm
11	Paint-N-Sip: Sunrise	6:00 - 8:00 pm
12	Lino Block	6:00 - 8:00 pm

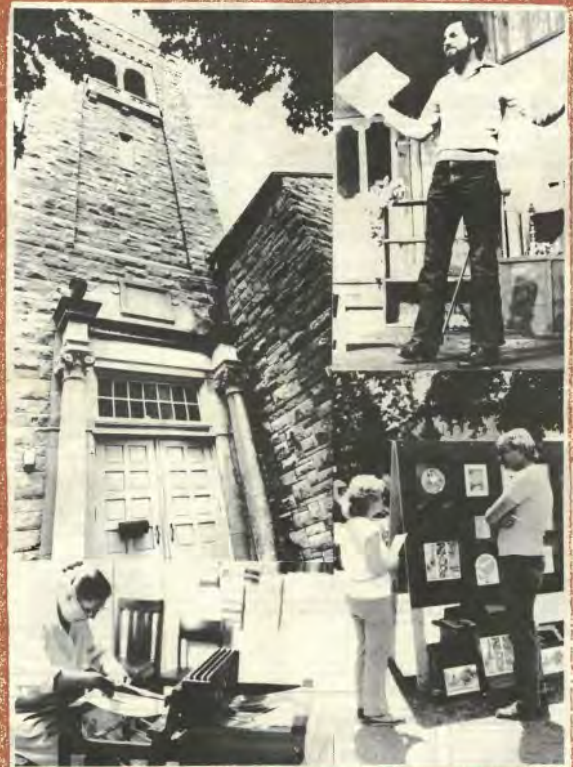
## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Apr. cont.		
13	Lino Block	12:00 - 2:00 pm
15	Fiber Coiling	3:00 - 5:00 pm
16	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
19	Ballroom Night	7:00 - 9:00 pm
23	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am
26	Paint-N-Sip: Dragonfly	6:00 - 8:00 pm
27	High Tea At 2	Starts at 2 pm
30	Toddler Art	9:30 - 10:30 am

May		
4	Polymer Clay Jewelry Sess. 2	1:00 - 3:00 pm
6	Belly Dancing	6:00 - 7:00 pm
6	Artist Gathering	6:00 - 8:00 pm
11	Silk Scarf Painting	1:00 - 3:00 pm
22	Gardening Tips	5:00 - 7:00 pm

June		
1	Golden Gala	6:00 - 9:00 pm
10	Watercolor & Ink Workshop	10:00 - 4:00 pm

### Throwback:



**Bonifas Arts Center 10th Anniversary**

The Daily Press September 1985

## BONIFAS AFFILIATES

The following groups are affiliates of the Bonifas that use our space to host their programming. Stay up to date with our affiliates by following their social media pages.

The Remnants Barbershop Chorus: Check us out on [facebook.com/The-Remnants-Barbershop-Chorus](https://facebook.com/The-Remnants-Barbershop-Chorus)



Players De Noc: Head to our website: [playersdenoc.org](http://playersdenoc.org). To purchase show tickets, click the big yellow tickets in the top right corner. Upcoming shows: *Lumberjacks in Love*: Feb. 29, Mar. 1-3, & 7-9  
*Fantastic Mr. Fox*: May 3-5, & 9-11



Little Bay Zen Buddhist Sangha: Meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 in person and via Zoom. If you are interested in joining, please call the Bonifas and we will put you in touch with the group.



The Friends of the Escanaba Public Library: are proud to announce that 4 more *Little Free Libraries* have been added to the Escanaba area; 3 are located around the YMCA and 1 is located

at OSF St Francis Hospital. **Please feel free to "Take a book & Leave a book"**. Please join local musical group, Failte, at the Escanaba Library on Thursday March 14th. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Escanaba Library. Without local support through donations the Friends would not be able to provide entertainment such as this at the Library. Consider becoming a FRIEND today!!

The Bay de Noc Choral Society: begins their rehearsals for its annual Spring Concert on Tuesday, January 16 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba. All Tuesday rehearsals run from 7 - 9 pm. Some rehearsals can be missed. There are no auditions and all voice parts are sought. Newcomers are asked to call Mike at 241-7731 in advance. Come join us. The annual Spring concert will be presented on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 1:30 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba, 11th St. and 1st Ave. So. A free will offering will be taken. Traditional, contemporary and classical pieces will be on the docket.

## SUPPORT THE BONIFAS

### PAINTING PARTIES AT THE BONIFAS!

**\$150 for up to 10 people  
For 2 - 3 hours of Studio time**

Celebrating a birthday / family reunion / bachelorette party / etc.? Plan your next party, hullabaloo, or bash at the Bonifas! We can add hands-on activities to make it extra special. Enjoy creative time painting your own work of art. Our price includes all the supplies needed for your masterpiece! **You'll have use of the studio and kitchen facilities.** This is a fun and creative way to celebrate your special day! Parties available for children and/or adults. If you're interested in booking a party, call us at 906-786-3833.

### KID BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE BONIFAS!

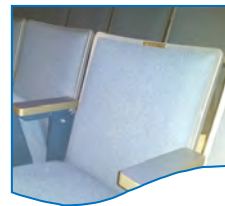
**\$150 for a 2 Hour Party  
for up to 10 kids**

Bring your own food and **decorations and we'll provide** the art activities. Adult presence required. Call us at 906-786-3833 to schedule today.



### LOOKING TO ADD DANCE TO YOUR PARTY OR RENTAL?

Nicole Nelson is available to hire for dance lessons during your event for an additional cost (worked out between you and Nicole). Choose from Ballroom, Ballet, Hip hop, and more.



### "Take-a-Seat!"

Surprise someone you care about with a theater seat dedication plaque! Only \$200 per seat! Plaques are matte-finished brass with engraving. To purchase, call: 906-786-3833. Proceeds are split 50/50 with Players de Noc.



### RENT THE BONIFAS

Have your own event that you need a venue for? Look no further! Rent the

Bonifas Studio for a great rate. 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.

For more rental information head to: [bonifasarts.org/rent-the-bonifas/](http://bonifasarts.org/rent-the-bonifas/)

To check on availability, call 906-786-3833 or send an email to Jodi at: [jodi@bonifasarts.org](mailto:jodi@bonifasarts.org).



# SUPPORT THE BONIFAS

## ELMER'S REWARD POINTS

Support us by donating your Elmer's Reward Points to the Bonifas Arts Center! It's easy! All you do is present the Bonifas Donation Card to the Elmer's County Market cashier and let them know how many of your Elmer's Reward Points you would like to transfer to the Arts Center. Points donated to the arts center earn us FREE money. Want a card? Pick up one up at the Bonifas today!



## BECOME A MEMBER

**What do I get as a Bonifas Member?**  
We have your answer right here!

**COLLEGE STUDENTS \$20, INDIVIDUAL \$35, & FAMILY \$50:** Discounted classes, concerts, events, & artist entry fees, participation in our annual Membership Show exhibit, voting privileges at our Bonifas annual meeting, free ArtNews subscription mailed three times a year, and use of our library full of art learning books. Also, new memberships include 1 free youth, adult, or lifestyles class (to be used within the first year of membership). Some restrictions apply.

**DAY SPONSOR \$100:** Same as above. Additional benefit: 1 day sponsorship. *What is a day sponsor?* Pick a person, group, or organization to honor or memorialize, along with a special date of your choice and their name will be published on that day on our website along with our in-house digital frame at the front desk for all to see.

**ARTS PARTNER \$300:** Same as above. Additional benefits: 3 total day sponsorships, private exhibit tour (at a time agreed upon by both parties).

**BENEFACTOR \$500:** Same as above. Additional benefits: 5 total day sponsorships, 2 tickets to Benefit for the Bonifas or Golden Gala.

**TOWER SOCIETY \$1,000:** Same as above. Additional benefits: 10 total day sponsorships, and your name on a banner in the Bonifas Studio.



*Thank You*

for supporting your  
community art center  
& becoming a member!

## WHAT YOUR DOLLARS SUPPORT

- Children's Classes & Projects
- Teen & Adult Classes
- Artist Level Workshops
- Events & Concerts
- Main Gallery & Studio Exhibits
- Free Gallery Receptions, Tours & Lectures

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, I'm an artist! ☐ I'd like to volunteer!

☐ Check this box if this is a donation only

### METHOD OF PAYMENT:

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### Membership Levels

- ☐ \$20 Student  
☐ \$35 Individual  
☐ \$50 Family  
☐ \$100 Day Sponsor\*  
☐ \$300 Arts Partner  
☐ \$500 Benefactor  
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## WHAT WILL YOU DO AT THE BONIFAS?



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