



CCCAC Celebrates 50 Years

This year marks some important anniversaries for us! The Copper Country Community Arts Council turns 50 and the Community Arts Center turns 30 years old.

Throughout the year we will feature stories about our history. The Arts Council began in 1972, while the Arts Center in downtown Hancock opened in 1992. We asked Phyllis Fredendall to share her memories of the founding of the Arts Center.



Phyllis Fredendall

I first met Steve Albee at a Michigan Association of Community Arts Agencies meeting in Escanaba in the late 80s! We were surprised that we were both living in Hancock. A few years passed as I moved to Marquette to complete my BFA in fiber art at Northern Michigan University. When I moved back to the Copper Country, I started attending the CCCAC meetings again which were being held in the Portage United Church. Paul Frair was the president. We formed an ad hoc committee to investigate the community's interest in an arts center. Paul, Peg McNinch, Dr. Robert Ubbelhode (then the dean of faculty at Suomi, but soon to become the president)

and I were the team. We developed a survey and sent it to CCCAC members. We looked around the community for potential sites. I remember the EL Wright Building was for sale for \$40,000. Another site was the old train depot in Houghton. We had a stack of responses, most of them positive. Then Steve Albee called me. He said, "There is some state arts money available. Do you have any ideas?" I told him what the ad hoc committee was up to and asked, "Could we get funding for an arts center?" Steve was so excited! We had survey responses, we had data! He and I sat down to write a grant application to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. He had so much experience with budgets and grant writing, and I had the art language, as he said. Harriet King helped me brainstorm language, too.

"Could we get funding for an arts center?"

We submitted the grant application for \$20,000 with promised support from the City of Hancock. Mary Tuisku was the mayor at that time and had been to Porvoo, Finland, our sister city, and seen what an art presence can mean for a city. Steve stressed the importance of partners. The City of Hancock, Hancock DDA, Suomi College (now Finlandia University), and WUPPDR were the other partners. When the grants were awarded, Steve called me quite dejected. We had been granted \$6,300. He asked, "Should we forget it?" I said, "Let's go for it." The City stayed committed for \$10,000 per year for five years. Steve and I interviewed Cynthia Coté and hired her on the spot. The grant provided \$5,000 which was Cynthia's first year salary in 1992. Steve was so excited. "I feel like the pig that found the golden truffle!" He was so great to work with. *-Phyllis Fredendall, Arts Center founding committee member, past CCCAC president, & champion for the arts.*

Please enjoy the enclosed XOXO Valentine printed by hand in our letterpress studio! And don't forget to shop at the Arts Center this Valentine's Day. We have wonderful gifts and cards in our Artists Market for that special someone.

Animal Life, Art from the Kalevala

CCCAC Kerredge Gallery: February 8-26, 2022

The Kalevala is a 19th century work of poetry compiled by Elias Lönnrot from Finnish and Karelian oral folklore and mythology. It is regarded as the national epic poem of Finland and is one of the significant works of Finnish literature. Our annual open call exhibition asks artists to create artwork relating to the many animals that are part of the Finnish epic poem, as imagery and symbolism. Each artist also submitted their chosen Kalevala rune inspiration. View the exhibition in-person or online at www.coppercountryarts.com/kalevala

February 2022
Copper Country
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NEW Winter Hours
Tuesday-Friday 11am-5pm
Saturday 10am-2pm
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elementary, middle,
and high school

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SPRING 2022 CLASSES Currently our classes run with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 students. All classes are geared for adults or ages 16 and up. For full class descriptions visit our website www.coppercountryarts.com or contact us for more information.

★ **Watercolor Winter Scenes with Madhura Mehendale** Saturday, February 19 from 1-4pm.
Fee: \$55 current members; \$65 non-renewed

★ **Introduction to Letterpress Printing with Daniel Schneider** Fridays, March 11 & 18 from 6-9pm and Saturdays, March 12 & 19 from 9am-noon
Fee: \$175 current 2022 members; \$185 non-renewed

★ **Make a Small Clay Animal with Cynthia Coté** Tuesday, March 15 from 5-7pm and Thursday, March 17 from 5-6pm. Fee: \$50 current 2022 members; \$60 non-renewed

★ **Beginning Drawing with Kathy Carlton Johnson** Thursdays from 1-3pm March 17, 24, April 7, 14, 21, & 28 (six sessions) Fee: \$150 current 2022 members; \$160 non-renewed

★ **Spring Themed Sketchbook with Pen & Watercolor with Madhura Mehendale** Thursdays March 17, 24, and 31 from 5-7pm
Fee: \$110 current 2022 members; \$120 non-renewed

★ **Basic Wire Class with Mavis Farr** Saturday, March 26 from 1-3pm. Fee: \$40 current 2022 member; \$50 non-renewed + \$15 materials fee.

★ **Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor Class with Madhura Mehendale** Tuesdays, March 29, April 5, 12, & 19 from 5-7:30pm
Fee: \$165 current 2022 members; \$175 non-renewed

★ **Hammered Copper Bracelet with Mavis Farr** Friday, April 8 from 6-8pm. Fee: \$40 current 2022 members; \$50 non-renewed + \$15 materials fee

★ **Metal Poetry with Mavis Farr** Saturday, April 9 from 1-3pm. Fee: \$40 current 2022 members; \$50 non-renewed + \$15 materials fee

★ **Indigo & Shibori Natural Dyeing Process with Mavis Farr** Saturday, April 16 from 1-3pm
Fee: \$35 current 2022 members; \$45 non-renewed + \$10 materials fee

★ **Sketching Sprites in Watercolor with Tammy Gajewski** Saturdays April 23 & 30 from 10am-noon
Fee: \$75 current 2022 members; \$85 non-renewed

★ **Mothers Day Greeting Cards in Watercolor with Madhura Mehendale** Saturday, April 23 from 2-4pm. Fee: \$35 members; \$45 non-renewed

★ **Astro & Nightscape Photography Basics with Nate Bett** Wednesday, April 27 from 6-7:30pm (lecture) & Friday, April 29 at 9pm (outdoor photo session). Fee: \$115 current 2022 members; \$125 non-renewed

★ **Digital Photography Basics with Nate Bett** Tuesdays, May 10, 17, 24, & 31 from 6-7pm
Fee: \$60 current members; \$70 non-renewed.

Deadline to register is one week before the start date of class. Email bonnie@coppercountarts.com or call 906-482-2333 to register.