September 2026

Copper Country Community Arts Center
126 Quincy St. Hancock, MI 906-482-2333

Hours
Tuesday-Friday 11am-6pm
Saturday 10am-2pm
Closed Sunday & Monday
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Coté Gallery
Up Close and Personal
freeform stitching by Peg McNinch

Reception:
Thursday, Sept. 10
6-7:30pm

Slow Stitch Circle with Peg McNinch
Friday, Sept. 11
Noon-2pm

Youth Gallery
Houghton Elementary School
Food Stories

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Up Close and Personal

Freeform Stitching by Peg McNinch
Coté Gallery September 3-30, 2026

The September exhibition in the CCCAC Coté Gallery features fiber work by Peg McNinch. Her work includes materials such as hand dyed fabric, wool roving, and thread. She combines those with objects like rusted metal, stones, bark, beads, and twigs while using embroidery stitching techniques like seed, French knot, bullion, back and satin to create organic, flowing wall hangings and fiber sculpture.

"Over the years I have worked extensively in stained glass, colored pencils, beading and jewelry making, bead embroidery, sewing to repurpose clothing and many types of needlework stitching. At this point in my life, I am drawing from all those mediums to do what I do.

From the day I left home and was married at the age of 20, I always felt like I was a citizen of the world. Living off the grid in the Copper Country for 38 years, raising two fine boys, travelling as often as we could, and always looking forward to the next adventure.

It was a big adventure through Europe during the later part of the Covid-19 pandemic and the start of the war in Ukraine that launched my exploration into free-form embroidery. As we roamed 10 countries on trains and a few buses, I sewed from the little bag of supplies I stashed in my carry-on and acquired bits and pieces along the way. This free-form approach to embroidery is really liberating. Look at the fabric, take direction from the needle and let it go where it goes." *-Peg McNinch*

Join us for the opening reception on Thursday, September 10 from 6-7:30pm. On Friday, September 11 from noon-2pm the public is welcome to Slow Stitch Circle with Peg McNinch. No fee, bring a project to work on.

September 2026 Classes

Linocut Mushrooms with Daniel Schneider
Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9:30am-1pm
Fee: $75/$65 CCCAC Members
Deadline: September 15

Pinhole Photography for Adults with Ian Raymond
Saturday, Sept. 19 from 1-3pm
Class fee: $50/$40 CCCAC Members
Deadline: September 15

Using your DSLR Camera with Ian Raymond
Monday, September 21 from 6-8pm
Fee: $25/$20 CCCAC Members
Deadline: September 16

Pastel Basics Studio Class with Brenda Ochodnicky
Six bi-weekly classes the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month beginning 9/22 and ending 12/8 from 10am-1pm
Most materials provided but students will need to bring their own pastel set.
Fee: $285/$275 CCCAC members
Deadline: September 16

Introduction to Darkroom Photography with Ian Raymond
Wednesdays, Sept 23-Oct 28 from 6-8pm
Fee: $225/$215 CCCAC members
Materials fee: $45 due to instructor at first class
Deadline: September 18

Mushroom Madness in Watercolor & Pen with Madhura Mehendale
Tuesday, September 29 from 5-7:30pm
Class for adults /youth ages 12 & up
Fee: $60/$50 for CCCAC Members
Deadline: September 24

Metal Stamping for Everyone! With Mavis Farr of Mineral Spirit Jewelry
Friday, October 2 from 5:30-7:30pm
Fee: $75/$65 for CCCAC Members
Materials fee: $16 per student, due to instructor at class
Deadline: September 29

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Mushrooms by Madhura Mehendale

Visit our website for the Fall Class & Program Schedule!

Negative Painting Mushrooms in Watercolors with Madhura Mehendale
Saturday, October 3 from 10am-1pm
For adults and youth ages 15 and up
Class fee: $75/$65 for CCCAC Members
Deadline: September 29

Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor Flowers with Madhura Mehendale
Saturday, October 10 from 10am-1pm
Adults and youth ages 15 and up
Class fee: $75/$65 for CCCAC Members
Deadline: October 6

Fun Fall Foliage Watercolor Class for Adults & Youth Ages 10 & up with Madhura Mehendale
Saturday, October 17 from 10am-1pm
Fee: $65 or $55/student for CCCAC member families
Deadline: October 13

Visit our website **www.coppercountryarts.com** for the full fall class and program schedule. Register and pay by the deadline to hold your spot.

SAVE THE DATE! Party with the Arts Thursday, November 12 from 6-8pm

Artist Opportunities

50th annual Poor Artists Sale

The application periods for the 50th annual Poor Artists Sale is open! Stop by for an application or apply online at www.coppercountryarts.com/poor-artists-sale. This year's sale is Saturday, December 5 at the CLK gym in Calumet.

Youth Opportunity! Northern Woods is an open call by the Copper Country Community Arts Center to all youth 18 and under to create work about their favorite outdoor place in the Upper Peninsula. Living in the UP we get to be among beautiful lakes, forests, rivers, and valleys. This art call encourages youth to wander in the nature that surrounds us and create art that conveys its impact, importance, or beauty. Paintings, drawings, and sculptures are all welcome. Work will be displayed in the Youth Gallery. Exhibition runs October 10-November 28. **Work must be picked up the first week of December.** No entry fee.
Deadline: Submit 1-3 works by October 3rd. *New this year, public vote for Best of Show!*

SHAFT: Call for Entries! The Copper Country Community Arts Center announces its annual community exhibit on mining history in the Keweenaw. Enter up to three pieces, $5 entry fee per piece. No fee for youth entries. Deadline to enter work is October 31, 2026.