

MAY 2026

**Copper Country
Community Arts Center**
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Hours

Tuesday-Friday 11am-6pm
Saturday 10am-2pm
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The Light Forager by Rob Kangas

**EMERGENCE, new paintings
by Rob Kangas**

CCCAC Kerredge Gallery
May 7-30, 2026

Emergence is the new exhibition in the Kerredge Gallery featuring abstract paintings by Rob Kangas. He explains, "My artwork explores the space between internal and external landscapes, where light and darkness coexist and shift without resolution. Working in oil paint and collage, I build up thick, physical surfaces that carry a sense of weight, erosion, and time. The landscapes themselves are not fixed places, but impressions shaped by memory, isolation, and time spent in the woods and along Lake Superior."

Kerredge Gallery

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Reception:
Thursday, May 7
6-7:30pm

Youth Gallery

**Hancock High School
and Middle School**
May 5-30

**"Crossing Superior:
Painting Memories"**

June 2026
Isle Royale Teen
Artists in Residence
paintings by
Virginia Szok and
Elsa Carter

Rob earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he spent years developing his practice and exhibiting in numerous solo and group shows throughout the city. His time in Grand Rapids helped shape a disciplined studio approach while deepening his interest in materiality and emotional ambiguity in painting. Kangas continues to draw influence from the solitude of the Upper Peninsula, spending time in wooded environments and along the Lake. These experiences inform both the physical and emotional terrain of his work, where quiet, isolation, and introspection are central themes. **Join us for the opening reception on Thursday, May 7 from 6-7:30pm.**

Plein Air - Copper Country Style, June 12-14

We are excited to present our first plein air (painting outdoors) event! Everyone, regardless of skill level is invited to participate. Lead Artist, Cheryl Perkins will be at the CCCAC for a "meet and greet" on Friday evening June 12th 6-7:30 where she will have a display of her plein air paintings and give an informal talk. She will also give demonstrations at both sites the following two days. A light picnic lunch will be provided each day. An optional show and tell sharing will take place at the end of the last day. We will be gathering to draw and paint at two of our iconic post industrial sites: Quincy Mine Hoist and Quincy Smelter in Ripley on Saturday, June 13th and Sunday the 14th from 10-2pm. An optional third site is Porvoo Park with a view of the Portage Lift Bridge on Saturday, June 13th 3-5pm. There is a small registration fee to participate in the three day event, \$20 non-members or \$15 for current CCCAC members. More details provided after registration. The deadline to register is June 5. *This activity is supported by a grant from the Susan Hooker Fund through Keweenaw Unitarian Universal Fellowship.*



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COPPER COUNTRY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

**6TH ANNUAL
ONLINE
AUCTION**
BID ON ART & GREAT GOODS!
**MAY 13-16
2026**

An annual fundraiser for the CCCAC

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13-SATURDAY, MAY 16

We're holding our fifth annual online auction fundraiser! Here's your chance to have some bidding fun from the comfort of your home while supporting the CCCAC.

You can view the catalog anytime beginning May 11th-May 17th. Bidding opens at 10am on May 13th! You can even register to bid before the auction starts so you're ready to go. It's fast, simple, and secure. We've got more than 50 items: ART, desserts, gift certificates, cabin stays, and other unique goods and services. New items will be added periodically! Thank you to all the artists, individuals, businesses, and community groups who donated. Beginning May 11th, visit our website or online auction website to view the catalog and register to bid:



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Finno-Ugric Tsirk- Paper Bird Painting Sessions
Hancock is the 2026 Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture! Celebrations are being planned during Juhannus on June 18-21. The Copper Country Community Arts Center will host community participation art activities to enhance downtown planters and store windows for the month of June. Stylized wood birds cut from birch, inspired by the wooden "Tsirk" bird sculpture received from Narva, Estonia will be painted and put in the 40 planters throughout town.

There will be a community bird painting project with a goal of 100 paper birds to be displayed in storefront windows throughout town. Templates for birds also inspired by the "Tsirk" will be provided along with paper and paints. Work sessions will be Tuesday afternoons starting May 12 from 3-5pm and Fridays starting May 14 from 1-4pm in May. Additional times or Saturdays will be announced. Everyone is invited to participate in paper bird making. The deadline for completion of both projects is May 30.

For more information or to let us know you're coming to paint, contact Bonnie Loukus at bonnie@coppercountryarts.com or call 906-482-2333

Watch our website and June newsletter for Summer 2026 classes and programs!

Artist Opportunities

Call for Vendors: Juhannus Tori Market
June 19 & 20 at Hancock High School Gym
The Juhannus Tori Committee is seeking vendors during Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture celebrations during Juhannus summer equinox festival. Days of forums, lectures, demos, and traditional music. More info: www.hancockfinnougric.com
Contact: Mary Pekkala mpekkala@charter.net or 906-370-2132



**THE SUPERIOR
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HANCOCK**

Quincy Green | June 13
Bridgefest Weekend

Artist applications are now open for the Superior Life Art Fair, a juried fine art and craft fair taking place Saturday, June 13, on the Quincy Green in downtown Hancock during Bridgefest weekend. The event will feature regional artists and makers from across the Lake Superior region and Upper Midwest in a one-day waterfront show celebrating original artwork and handcrafted goods. Applications are open through May 14. Learn more and apply: thesuperiorlife.com

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