October 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
Remembering Gordon Borsvold

Reception:
Thursday, October 8
6-7:30pm

Youth Gallery
Northern Woods
October & November
Annual open call to youth to make art about their favorite place in the UP

50th annual
POOR ARTISTS SALE
Saturday, December 5
CLK Gym in Calumet

Remembering Gordon Borsvold

Coté Gallery October 8-31, 2026

The paintings in this exhibit are representative of the more than one hundred works on paper, cardboard, Masonite, foam board, and ceiling tiles that Gordon Borsvold left in his studio/home when he departed this world in August of 2024.

Gordon Borsvold grew up in Detroit, served in the Army stateside, and later studied at the Meinzinger Art School and the Society of Arts and Crafts. He worked with several design firms in the Detroit area before moving to the Copper Country in the 1960s.

Having worked in graphic and architectural design in his younger days, Borsvold made his living for about thirty years as a production potter, churning out beautiful functional ware while working construction jobs and teaching art in the community on the side.

His passion for recycling and a DIY ethic was reflected in his idiosyncratic additions and improvements to his living space and in the bristling forest of found-object sculptures that adorned and surrounded his dwelling. He had a keen eye for repurposing items of all shapes and sizes, from farm implements to Barbie dolls, into sculptures which reflected his design aesthetic as well as his wacky sense of humor.

Gordon with friend Sharon Hilberer photo by John Collier

The only people to see Borsvold's work before this exhibit were those who visited him at home. He never sold and rarely gave away any paintings or sculptures, insisting that the works were never in final form. What he always said was, "Everything here is temporary!"

A selection of the works in this exhibition will remain in the CCCAC's permanent collection. The remaining will be sold, with proceeds benefiting the CCCAC. The Arts Center would like to thank John Collier and Sharon Hilberer for their generosity and championing this exhibition to honor Gordon.

Join us on Thursday, October 8 from 6-7:30pm for the opening reception.

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UPCOMING CLASSES

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 for CCCAC members
Deadline: October 13

Using the CCCAC Darkroom with Ian Raymond
Saturday, October 17 from 1-3:30pm
Fee: $55 or $45 for CCCAC members
Deadline: October 13

Stop Motion Animation for ages 6-16 Animating Paper! with Ian Raymond
Saturday, Oct. 24 from 11am-2pm
Fee: $65 or $55/ student for CCCAC member families
Deadline: October 20

Halloween Acrylic Painting with Madhura Mehendale for ages 10 & up
Wednesday, Oct 28 from 5-7:30pm
Fee: $65 or $55 per student for member families. **Deadline:** October 22

GIVING TUESDAY

Big thank you to Copper Shores for accepting the CCCAC to Giving Tuesday 2026!
The donation period will open mid November at www.coppershores.org.

★**Gallery Volunteers!** Do you have experience in sales or working with the public? Gallery volunteers typically come once a week for 2-4 hours. Sell art, meet new people, and help out the CCCAC. Email bonnie@coppercountryarts.com for more information.

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Painting by Gordon Borsvold

Visit our website for the Fall Class & Program Schedule!

Nature Inspired Abstract Watercolor & Mixed Media Painting Youth Class with Madhura Mehendale
Wednesday, November 4 from 5-7:30pm
Ages 10 and up.
Fee: $65 or $55 per student for member families
Deadline: October 30

Watercolor Greeting Cards with Madhura Mehendale
Saturday, November 7 from 10am-1pm
Adults and youth ages 12 and up.
Fee: $75 or $65 CCCAC members
Deadline: November 3

Letterpress I & 2, Letterpress Project with Daniel Schneider
Letterpress 1 November 6 and 7 or
Letterpress 2 November 20 and 21
Fridays 6-9pm and Saturdays 9am-noon
Letterpress 1 or 2 Fee: $110 or $100 CCCAC members for either session
Letterpress Project: $95 (includes punch card for 12 hours open studio time; must be CCCAC member)
Deadline to register for LP 1: October 31
Deadline to register for LP 2: November 14

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES: Visit our website www.coppercountryarts.com for the full fall class and program schedule. Register and pay by the deadline to hold your spot. Stop by or call us at 906-482-2333.

Darkroom Rayographs for Adults with Ian Raymond
Saturday, November 14 from 11am-2pm
Fee: $55 or $45 for CCCAC members
Deadline: November 10

Journaling with Purpose: Preparing to Write a Book with Rehema Clarken
Tuesday, November 17 from 6-7:30pm
Fee: $55 or $45 for CCCAC members
Deadline: November 12

Acrylic Canvas painting for beginners: Holiday Theme with Madhura Mehendale
Wednesday, November 19 from 5-7:30pm
All painting supplies are included and all skill levels welcome. Ages 10 and up.
Fee: $65 or $55 per student for member families
Deadline: November 14

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.

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