

IMPORTANT DATES

Membership Drive
OCT. 1- NOV. 30

A Night of Billie Holiday
SATURDAY OCT. 28

Itty Bitty Bits of Art
NOV. 1-17

deadline to submit Oct. 25

Celebrity Battle of the Brushes
FRIDAY NOV 17

All Member Show
NOV. 21- DEC. 28

deadline to submit Nov. 18

Miracle on Jefferson St.
SATURDAY DEC 2
SATURDAY DEC. 9

A Thank You!

As we embark on the last few months of the year, I want to give a huge thank you for your support, engagement, and boundless enthusiasm for all things ACB. It's been a year marked by growth and triumph, and like all endeavors of significant worth, challenges that have propelled us forward and underscored the significance of adaptability, mindset, and innovation.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our community for supporting us and cheering us on as we've navigated the construction downtown. We are so excited about our beautiful new Jefferson St., and new and improved streetscape. Thank you for continuing to sign up for classes, supporting our artists by visiting and shopping our Gallery and Artists Market, and for continuing to share in community and fun during all of our events. Your willingness to venture the ever changing and sometimes tricky construction mayhem has been seen and felt. THANK YOU!

We are so excited to wrap up 2023 with a bang- bringing your favorite ACB holiday traditions to life, and stepping into the new year with very exciting new initiatives, projects, and most importantly- continuing to ensure ACB remains a community hub rooted in creativity, connection, and inclusivity.

With humble gratitude,

Elizabeth Pappas, Executive Director

FALL CLASSES ARE HERE!

REGISTER FOR
CLASSES

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For our younger artists (grades K-12), our classes are a playground where they can delve into various mediums and techniques, giving fuel to their imaginations. Whether it's painting, mixed media, ceramics, or drawing, we've got it covered. And for the youngest budding Picassos (ages 3-5), our Preschool Art School is tailor-made to nurture their budding creativity.

Our adult classes and workshops cater to a wide range of interests, skill levels, and mediums. Whether you're interested in ceramic hand building or wheel throwing, or if painting is more your style, we offer an array of opportunities to explore your creative side and hone your craft. None of this would be possible without our dedicated art instructors, who bring these classes to life with their passion, expertise, and unwavering commitment to nurturing artistic growth. We are truly grateful for their invaluable contributions.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
TODAY



We are excited to announce the upcoming launch of our Membership Drive, which will run from Oct. 1st - Nov. 30th.

As we make preparations for a slight membership price increase in 2024, we extend a special invitation to you to seize this drive period to secure the current rates for the next TWO YEARS. This means that the upcoming price adjustments won't impact you until your renewal in 2025.

We also invite you to join us for a special Membership Appreciation event on Friday, October 20th. It's our way of saying a massive "Thank You!" for your unwavering commitment to our community.

Your support fuels our mission to share the magic of art with our community, offering free access to our monthly exhibitions. It's what keeps our art education programs accessible to all, nurturing creativity in every corner. It heightens our chances of securing additional grant support, plus, it's the secret ingredient to building a tight-knit, artsy family where everyone belongs.

As we gear up for this Membership Drive and the Membership Appreciation event, we encourage you to share the joy of being a part of ACB with your friends and family. Thank you for being a vital part of ACB!

MEMBER PERKS

- Discounts on all our enriching classes
- Exclusive discounts at our bar during Gallery Lounge events
- Special rates for private parties at our venue
- Monthly Members only Dabblers Night
- Invitations to our monthly shows, newsletters, and exciting events
- Participation in our Annual All Members Show

**LOCK IN
RATES,
PREPAY
NOW FOR
2 YEARS!**

Join us

FRIDAY OCT. 20TH // 5-8PM FOR

Member Appreciation Night

VIKING GUESTS VISIT ACB!



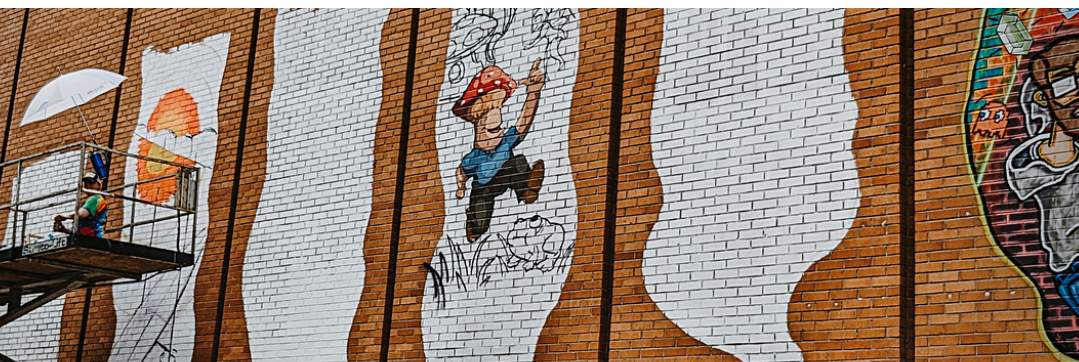
This summer we had the privilege of welcoming Viking River Cruise guests, traveling from all corners of the world, not only to our beautiful downtown, but to ACB. The Art Around Burlington excursion included a visit to the captivating studio of our local artist, Cecile Houel, located on 4th Street. Here, they enjoyed viewing Houel's remarkable Nobel Peace Prize portrait collection and exploring her extensive array of artwork spanning her massive upper level studio.

Our guests then ventured to the Art Center for a guided painting class, skillfully led by the accomplished artist and teacher, Jeri Sparks, observed pottery demonstrations by ceramics artist and teacher, Jessi Tucci, all while sipping wine and listening to live music from locals Jerry Parks and Daniel Pappas.

We had the pleasure of hosting sold-out groups of over 15-20 guests. They explored our exhibitions and indulged in shopping for local artwork at our Artists Market. As these excursions draw to a close this month, we look forward to partnering with Viking again in Summer 2024.

It was gratifying to hear repeatedly from our guests how much they cherished the unique experiences we offered and the vibrancy of our active art scene, particularly in the context of Burlington's size and population. Burlington should be proud!

3RD ST. MURAL PROGRESS



We made tremendous progress on our 3rd street mural this past summer! Artists Chris Mulder, Annie Guldborg, Brayden Nordyke, Norah Bell, and James Henry took to the scissor lift (and summer heat) and surpassed all our wildest expectations! To have artists willing to scale our large exterior wall, all in the name of PUBLIC ART and breathing new life into our public spaces was overwhelming to say the least. Watching the community stop in their tracks to watch and cheer on these artists at work was the cherry on top! Stay tuned as more artists are lined up to complete this project while the weather holds! Again, we say a special thank you to the Des Moines County Community Foundation for supporting this project.

TIGER CONSTRUCTION

The streetscape project for our block and intersection has reached its conclusion! We truly appreciate having a third street access point for our valued patrons and the tenants within the ACB family. Now that we have unobstructed access to our corner and front entrance, we will be closing off the 3rd street entrance to the general public. We extend our heartfelt thanks for adapting alongside us and utilizing this alternative access option to our building!



#MAYFLYMAHEM

Phase I of our Mayfly Mayhem project is complete! Have you grabbed a mayfly scavenger hunt guide from ACB, the Visitor's Center, or our local downtown businesses? Pick one up today and take a journey through downtown to discover these elusive and artful mayflies, thoughtfully placed in some of our most cherished locations. Learn a little history about your favorite places while you find them. Each of these mayflies have been designed and executed by talented local artists, each with their own flare and story to tell. Stay tuned for more Mayflies popping up this spring as we take on Phase II of this project. None of this would have been possible without the generous support of an Iowa Arts Council grant, as well as the collaboration of our dedicated local artists, business owners, and building owners.



THE BIG ONE!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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Mark those calendars for our very last Celebrity Battle of the Brushes taking place on Friday, November 17th, at the Memorial Auditorium. Local celebrities Ryan Nagrocki, Melissa Jones, Tim Lundgren, Laura Beckman, and Jeff Ebbing will be teamed up with talented local artists in a live painting competition. The theme of the night will be unveiled as they take the stage. As an audience member, you'll watch these teams battle it out, all while enjoying food, drinks, live music, and various entertainment throughout the venue.

The ruthless Mike Ripple, will guide the auction segment of the evening, where celebrities will sweeten the deal by offering incentives and prizes to the highest bidders for their paintings. The painting with the highest bid will determine the winner of the night.

Proceeds from this event will directly support ACB operations, ensuring that we can continue bringing our community the diverse and enriching programming they love.

Tickets are available for purchase now at btownart.com. Join us for an unforgettable night of creativity, competition, and community! We're excited to unveil an entire new event in 2024! Stay tuned!

VOLUNTEER?

Are you interested in giving back or in need of Silver Cord hours? We invite you to become a part of our dedicated volunteer team! Join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM for our monthly volunteer meetings. Here, you can sign up for upcoming and ongoing volunteer opportunities. The amazing work we do at ACB is made possible by the contributions of wonderful and generous individuals like you. We deeply appreciate our volunteers and everything they do to bring the magic to ACB. Your support truly makes a difference!



ITTY BITTY + ALL MEMBER SHOWS

THE ART CENTER OF BURLINGTON PRESENTS



Itty Bitty Bits of Art

Group Show :: Explore the Boundaries of Small but Mighty Art

EXHIBITION :: 11.1.23 - 11.17.23
ARTIST RECEPTION :: 11.3.23 :: 5-8PM

Be a part of this tiny show with your 2D+3D art in any medium, students are encouraged to participate too!

- Artwork cannot exceed 12 inches in any direction including the frame.
- Pay a \$15 entry fee for up to 3 pieces that goes towards prizes and awards!
- Submit artwork & application by Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

WELCOME KALIOKE MOVEMENT LOUNGE!

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of Kali Easton's Kalioke Movement Lounge to our building! Kali's esteemed yoga studio has found its permanent home in our Mezzanine Gallery. With her established reputation as a beloved yoga instructor in Burlington, we couldn't be more delighted to have her right in our building. We look forward to collaborations with Kali, and connecting the realms of art and yoga. Follow her website and Facebook for class schedules and info!

www.kalioke.com

ART CENTER OF BURLINGTON PRESENTS

11.21.23 - 12.28.23

Artist Reception
12.1.23 :: 5-8pm

ALL MEMBERS SHOW

Extraordinary all members art show that promises to captivate art enthusiasts and curious minds alike. This unique event celebrates the incredible talents and boundless creativity of our community's members.

The annual All Member Show concludes our calendar year in our Gallery.

- Any current member can submit up 1-2 pieces for our Annual and popular All Member Show.
- Not a member? Sign up today or renew your membership and you can still be a part of this exhibition!
- Submit artwork & application by Saturday, November 18, 2023.

APPLICATIONS FOR BOTH SHOWS AVAILABLE AT ACB OR AT WWW.BTOWNART.COM