

# Le Mars Arts Center



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*To engage the mind and inspire the spirit thru the arts.*



## Month at a Glance

**Every Tues 9:30 – 10:30 AM**

**Mommy and Me with Mrs B**

\$5/child each week! Story, song and dance and a creative project! Build social skills and have fun!

**Every Tuesday 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Oil painting with Hope Wallen**

\$86/month includes all supplies. Learn techniques and exercises to help you paint your own masterpiece!

**Every Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00**

**Watercolor with Jean Weiner**

\$20 each week. Fun and easy! Just show up and let Jean help you create your first watercolor masterpiece!

**Thurs, Jan 4, 6:30pm – finish**

**Let's Get inky with Paula Crandell**

Ink your own Wine Glasses!  
2 for \$30 or 4 for \$45

**Wed, Jan 17, 1:30 – 3:00**

**Klay with Karol**

Igloo Pinch Pots! 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
\$15/person

**Chamber Coffee**

January 24th

**January/February Exhibit**

**Hope Wallen**

Reception February 9<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 – 7:00 PM

Happy New Year!

We are ready to ring in the new year as the Le Mars Arts Council is celebrating its 45 years! We are looking at bringing in more volunteers and an additional staff person for the first time in our history! We're excited and we hope you will help us celebrate!

## Song Writing Workshop with Danika Portz



**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

**1:00 – 3:00 PM \$40/person**

Such a UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY! Thanks to funding from the Gilchrist Foundation, we are able to bring this opportunity to Le

Mars, IA, at an affordable cost to participants! Workshop participants will work individually as well as in small break out groups throughout the workshop with an end participant performance. Goals of the class include learning the structure of most songs, dissect favorite song both lyrically and melodically, understand the basics of what makes a song marketable, creative tactics to help with writer's block and foster relationships between local songwriters to hopefully lead to future co-writes and collaborations in the community. At the end of the workshop, all the small groups will perform their chorus for the rest of the class which will generate discussion and suggestions about where to take the song next, etc.

Danika will also have some short performances and share stories behind the songs and explain her own writing process for each particular piece.

This will be a small and intimate workshop with Danika to ensure personal attention and an amazing learning experience for participants. **Pre-Registration is necessary!**

## Art for Seniors

We were recently contacted by the Iowa Arts Council to participate in the Arts Learning in Libraries Initiative. The Iowa Arts Council and the State Library of Iowa have partnered to bring art classes for Senior Citizens in rural Iowa. We will be working with the Whiting Public Library to bring 4, 1 hour art classes to seniors starting in March! We are currently doing an online artist training from the National Center for Creative Aging to help us be more successful in this venture. In addition we are also working with the Whiting Library director to find out what their senior community members are most interested in learning. There is always something to learn at any age!



In 2017 we worked with coordinators of two area special needs groups and two nursing home facilities to offer affordable and creative activities here at our facility and look forward to continuing in 2018. Please contact us if you are interested in bringing a group in. We would love to work with you in building a curriculum for one day or several weeks.

## New/Extended Hours = We're Hiring!

Thank you to all of you that have supported us over the past 45 years! We have always brought you beautiful art exhibits from area artists to regional and national traveling exhibitions. Over the last few years we have tried to listen to our patrons and have worked to expand our programs, grow our gift shop and offer an open studio for fun and creativity! We feel that the way we can best serve additional patrons is by being open after 5pm and on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. We strive to be a family destination, where any age can create, participate or just view beautiful works of art. New later hours and Sundays has been under careful consideration for quite some time, but we think it is time! We hope that by being open later and both days on the weekend that more of you will find time to come in and see all that we have to offer! We have built it, so now we will be open at a time that you can come.

These new hours also mean we are hiring! We are looking for someone part time to help us. This person would help in all aspects and will need to be organized and personable! They would be helping with birthday parties, studio visitors and helping with setting up and taking down exhibits, classes and workshops. Helping with social media and website promotions and marketing. This person will be a key player in helping us continue to grow and expand!

Contact us for more information or an application!

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**New Hours**  
**Wednesday – Friday**  
**1:00 – 7:00**  
**Saturday**  
**10:00 – 4:00**  
**Sunday**  
**1:00 – 4:00**

### **Book your parties early!**

Reasonably priced, flexible and a variety of choices for your group!

**NEW! NEW! NEW!**

**Thurs, Jan 11, 6:30pm – finish**

**Studio techniques – silk screens**

Choose from several silk screens to create your own piece of pottery to look like a pro did it! 8 years and up with appropriate studio behavior. \$15/person

**Thursday, Jan 18, 6:30 – Finish**

**Studio techniques – Taping, color blending and transfer paper**

It's time to make our own Birthday Cake Plate! 8 years and up with appropriate studio behavior. \$15/person

