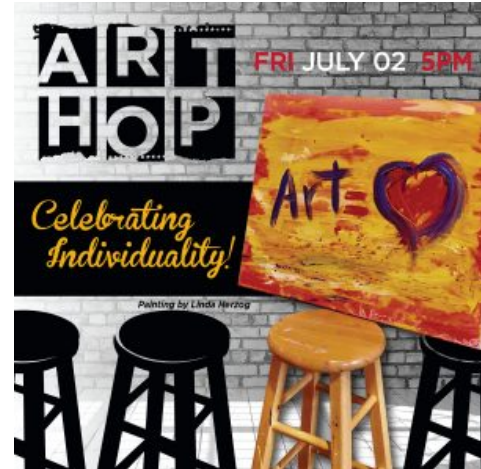


ART HOP JULY 2021 STOPS

Friday Jul 02, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 203, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

This July we are celebrating works of art that reflects what makes you, YOU! We live in a melting pot of unique and talented individuals with various experiences in life, and it is through art where we get to experience that. Join us downtown while we celebrate all things that make us unique! Download the [Art Hop App](#), sign up and find all of the stops online.



[Art Hop July 2021 Stop 1: Ellen Nelson](#)

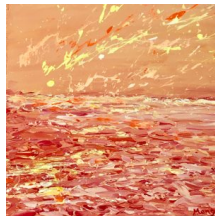
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Presented by [Ellen Nelson Artist](#) at [Webster's Prime Tasting Room](#), 100 West Michigan Avenue, Radisson Plaza Hotel, 2nd Floor, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

My work as an artist draws heavily from my experiences getting to know and teach others. Understanding people of all ages and from all walks of life is a crucial part of my creative, academic, and problem-solving processes.

Website: <http://www.ellennelsonartist.com/>



[Art Hop July 2021 Stop 2: Linda Herzog](#)

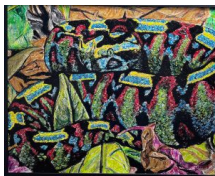
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Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [James C. Westin Gallery at the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 203, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

I will be exhibiting small to large scale paintings of colorful figurative and abstract works.

Artist Website: <https://www.manguiastudio.com>



[Art Hop July 2021 Stop 3: Tyree Broadway & Tracy Klinesteker](#)

Friday

Jul 02, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Kalamazoo Defender](#), 151 S Rose St, Ste. 300, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tyree Broadway Statement

As a child Tyree would roam his childhood home and touch all the bumps and ridges on the artwork his parents had. He didn't know this could damage the work but as a child nonetheless he was drawn to the texture. He wants kids to enjoy and be drawn to his work as well. Therefore, he incorporates many of the same things he was and is attracted to in his art. Texture and wildlife have a prominent role in what he creates.

Artist Tracy Klinesteker

"...Standing in the cold with...a seismically red autumn leaf...it's color hitting our senses like a blow from a stun gun,...we stand with a huge grin, too paralyzed by the intricately veined gaudiness of the leaf to move."

— Diane Ackerman, "A Natural History of the Senses", 1990, p 256, Random House.

It is all about color! I have always reacted very strongly to it. As my favorite author Diane Ackerman describes above, I am sometimes too stunned to move. I paint with pastels because of this love for pure color.

Pastel sticks are pure pigment with binder added to keep them together. The less binder, the purer the pigment,

the softer the pastel. Soft pastels blend beautifully and create that lovely, painterly brushstroke. Hard pastels and pencils are for straight edges and fine details.

Because pastels are an opaque medium, I have to layer color over color to create blends. I work with sticks, pencils, and rubber smudgers. I try to avoid using black and white for shadows and highlights, and make different marks to create texture and depth. I gravitate toward detail in my paintings, but recently, I have tried to loosen up a little. I work an area until I feel it looks right to me, then struggle to leave it be. I find pastels a fascinating and challenging medium to work in. My subjects are eclectic. If a scene strikes me, I'll try it. My abstracts are pure color celebrations, using as many colors in my palette as I can. I have fallen deeply in love with this medium and I am having way too much fun!



[Art Hop July 2021 Stop 4: Tracy Wendt](#)

Friday

Jul 02, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Earthly Delights @ Amy Zane](#), 132 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI

[Earthly Delights at Amy Zane Tracy Wendt Statement and Links](#)

Tracy Wendt of Chartreuz Gallery creates expressive wearable art pieces of polymer clay. The “Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve” series is meant to encourage people to express themselves and to let their emotions be a celebration, rather than a burden or something to hide.

This inspiration for the series comes from a lifetime of coping with depression and the stigma associated with it. The hope is that people will start those conversations, speak more openly and embrace who they are rather than admonish the darkness.

web: www.chartreuzgallery.com

fb: <https://www.facebook.com/chartreuzgallery>

ig: <https://www.instagram.com/chartreuzgallery/>



[Art Hop July 2021 Stop 5: Madison Memering](#)

Friday

Jul 02, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [City Centre Market and Deli](#), 125 S. Kalamazoo Mall Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

[City Centre Market and Deli Madison Memering Statement and Links](#)

Madison Memering, self-proclaimed artist, will be showcasing nature-inspired art works. Subject matter includes plants, flowers, mushrooms, insects, & other organic themes. Hand-printed apparel, original watercolor paintings, prints, stickers, & more will be displayed during the event.

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[Art Hop July 2021 Stop 6: Ariel Kohler](#)

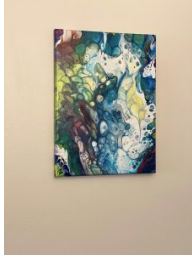
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Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at Bee Joyfyl Shop Bajas Studio, 243 S Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Sustainably made jewelry.

https://www.etsy.com/shop/BajasstudioByAriel?ref=search_shop_redirect



[Art Hop July 2021 Stop 7: Tomika Ward, Art & Innovation Center, & Amelia Volwiler-Stanleylia](#)

Friday

Jul 02, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Epic Center - 2nd Floor Atrium](#), 359 S.

Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tomika Ward – Brown Skin Girls Crafts Artist Statement and Links

Tomika Ward creates amazingly unique vibrant artwork through the use of acrylic paints.

[brownskingirls_crafts](#) (Instagram)

www.brownskingirlscrafts.com

Art and Innovation Center Statement

Kalamazoo’s newest intentional studio space for women (she’s they’s and gays) is now accepting applications for the fall. Stop on by for more information. Opens this September.

Amelia Volwiler-Stanley is a print & installation artist focused on animal mythology, trauma healing in the body, and biology. AVS primarily creates cyanotypes on fabric and salvaged textiles, both on a large scale and a wearable scale. Her imagery is pulled from anatomical illustrations, pressed flowers/foilage and other natural found objects, and photographs she has taken in the wilds of Michigan (including spider webs!).

AVS lives and works in both Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, Michigan. She received her BFA from Hope College and her MFA from Indiana University Bloomington.

Instagram: [@volwiler.stanley](#) + [@psyanoforest](#)

Etsy: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/psyanoForest>

Website: <https://www.ameliavolwilerstanley.com>



[Art Hop July 2021 Stop 8: Black Arts and Cultural Center](#)

Friday

Jul 02, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Black Arts & Cultural Center](#) at [Downtown Kalamazoo](#), Downtown Kalamazoo,

Kalamazoo, MI

Black Arts & Cultural Center Statement

The Black Arts & Cultural Center is excited to share, as part of our Black Arts Festival this year, that we’re partnering with BrandXR for the entire month of July, to give West Michigan app users a chance to experience augmented reality art. Enjoy finding QR codes while taking a stroll through downtown Kalamazoo.



[Art Hop July 2021 Stop 11: Julia Vanderelzen, Josh Ford, Tyler Hatfield, & Apral Milan](#)

Friday

Jul 02, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Epic Center: Lower Level Atrium](#), 359 S.

Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Julia Hope Art Julia Vanderelzen Statement and Links

I have been a full-time artist living in Kalamazoo for almost three years now! Falling in love with my creation process has become therapeutic to me. It has helped me fall in love with myself along the way. Part of what I love about creating is it can be an escape for me. It requires me to employ a mindful approach to my art, I can just focus on the craftsmanship of the piece. This mindful approach to my art in turn has led to a mindful approach in my life. By approaching my work with positive intention, and mindfulness, I’m able to encapsulate a part of my soul into every piece, leaving each one special and unique.

Juliahopeart.com

Josh Ford Statement

Josh Ford's artwork is classified as abstract and cartoon art with a social/political undertone. He works with mixed media materials. He has participated in Occupy Warren and other art shows in Warren, Ohio. He is also developing art for business, logos and animation.

Tyler Hatfield

TylMakDanen Creations Apral Milan Statement and Links
Artist Apral Milan creates fun and colorful jewelry and artwork.
Instagram: MakDanen_Creations
Etsy: MakDanen Creations



[Art Hop July 2021 Stop 13: LaSoulful Rock](#)

Friday

Jul 02, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [Kalamazoo State Theatre](#), 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Kalamazoo State Theatre LaSoulfulRock Statement and Links

Originally from Jamaica, LaSoulfulRock brings you quality tracks touching souls wherever he performs! Delivering a unique smooth sound and style through a saxophone or flute, everyone is sure to enjoy! A familiar face, you may have seen him at Bates Alley and the downtown events on Friday nights, as well as circulating through many wineries and breweries. Pre-pandemic, he was touring with Stephen Marley.
<https://www.facebook.com/LaSoulfulRock>



[Art Hop July 2021 Stop 16: MRC artWORKS](#)

Friday

Jul 02, 2021 at 05:00 pm

Presented by [Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo](#) at [MRC artWorks](#), 330 S Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

MRC artWorks Statement and Links

MRC artWorks is a working gallery and studio for adults living with disabilities. Artists create paintings, cards, jewelry, knit and crocheted work and much more. Art Hop will feature mod and Michigan themed works and a \$10 sale table.

on Instagram: MRC artWorks
on Facebook: MRC Industries, Inc.
online shop: mrcartworks.bigcartel.com