From our President and Director

This newsletter was intended to be distributed March 29th at the annual meeting of the Huron Valley Council for the Arts. By now you will have heard that HVCA's Board of Directors decided to cancel the meeting, along with some of our upcoming events, out of concern for the escalating situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Our thoughts and prayers are with our HVCA members and friends as we all weather this health crisis.

That issue notwithstanding, we do want to take this opportunity to update everyone on HVCA's significant accomplishments during the calendar year 2019:

- We celebrated the 20th anniversary of our existence. From humble beginnings, meeting in whatever venues were available, HVCA has grown into a vibrant arts organization in a full-fledged arts center.
- We conducted a successful audit of our financial accounts. Due to several years of revenue shortfall, we had been unable to afford an audit since 2013. As of August HVCA is once again certified as compliant.
- We secured an operational support grant of $15,000. Through a competitive application process, in October the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs granted HVCA our largest award ever. A portion of the award is also supported by the National Endowment for the Arts.
- We brought on Sioux Trujillo as HVCA's Executive Director. Sioux was new to our organization, but once she joined us in September she quickly became an integral part of the HVCA team. Her background and experience in the arts offer us a fresh perspective in our planning.
- A few words from Sioux...

As the recently named executive director of The Huron Valley Council for the Arts, I've spent a good deal of time thinking about both its past and its future. The rich history of the Council’s education programs both on-site and serving surrounding communities of need; the vibrant exhibitions program which draws local and regional artists as well as art lovers and patrons from all over Michigan; and the creative and diverse community of teaching artists and students who study, practice, and exhibit their craft within our walls make Huron Valley Council for the Arts the dynamic, impactful, community organization it is and has been since its beginning more than 20 years ago. Having my own history as an artist and community organizer before being appointed its executive director, I'd like to believe I have a bit of an understanding of the challenges and opportunities before it. That understanding grows each day, with each conversation, each meeting, each interaction, and each moment spent listening. While some questions remain, what is crystal clear is how deeply our constituents care about the Council, the role it plays in their lives and its value to the community. With that in mind, I am committed to working with volunteers, staff, board and community members to discover new ways to serve and to explore meaningful opportunities for individual and collective creativity. I hope you'll join us for this next chapter.

How your Membership dollars help us...

HVCA Supports and encourages the work of developing and established artists. Our Mission is to enhance the cultural life of the region by promoting and sustaining the arts for people of all ages.
- We provide access to the arts through student programs, in collaboration with the Huron Valley Schools
- We support and promote Michigan artists through our Gallery exhibits, The Art Shop and Art Festivals
- We provide access to high quality programs through collaborations with senior community centers
HVCA'S 2019 Year in Review...

2019 was a busy one for us, and one goal was to build collaborations within our local communities. Throughout 2019 we celebrated our 20th anniversary, starting with our event “Kaleidoscope,” a collaboration with our local community organizations. It was a wonderful opportunity for our members and neighbors to learn about the many activities and events taking place in Highland, Milford and the surrounding area.

We continued to build our relationship with Highland Township, participating with them on several community events such as the Founders Festival; the Red, White and Blue event; and Ladies’ Night Out. We appreciate the team at Highland Township and their continued support for our organization.

Our Program team continued their collaboration with Milford Downtown Development Authority by providing a Friday Night Live concert each month, held May through August in the gazebo downtown. We appreciate the DDA’s sponsorship of that service to their community.

For over 17 years we have collaborated with the Huron Valley Schools to bring the arts to their students. Matt Watroba and Robert Jones continue to provide “The Roots of American Music” to our 8th graders. Their story was recently shared on our local Fox News outlet, Channel 2. The 2nd graders were treated to the Michigan Opera Theater program of “Jack and the Beanstalk,” a live music production. In addition, we value bringing live music to the little ones at the Apollo Center.

The Art Shop continues to collaborate with Bogie Lake Greenhouse to bring “Arts and Greens” a holiday art show of juried artists. TAS collaborates with Colasanti’s Market to present the works of our co-op artists at Arts & Blooms (May) and Arts & Cheer (December). Our Van Go team made collaborative efforts with other art organizations to increase our trip offerings in the Tri-County area and beyond.

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Our current leadership team...

**Officers**

President – Gaylord Gill  
Vice President – Roscoe Smith  
Secretary – Sylvia Ashton  
Treasurer – Diane Woods (interim)

**Trustees**

Jill Bahm  
Georgia Bingham  
Joseph Ferraro  
Denise Forrest  
Jenny Ginther  
Alicia Gostek  
Michael Hickox  
Anna Winstead

**Executive Director**  
Sioux Trujillo

**Office Assistant**  
Maggie Dashevich

**HVCA Committees**

Art Shop: Dorothy Kane - Mary Bajcz  
Exhibition/Gallery: Denise Forrest  
Programs: Georgia Bingham - Jenny Ginther  
Membership: Dianne Deinek - Sylvia Ashton  
Accounts: Mary Bajcz - Valerie Schoen  
Finance: Gaylord Gill - Anna Winstead  
Development: Dianne Deinek - Sylvia Ashton  
Marketing: Roscoe Smith - Dorothy Kane  
Van Go: Joanne Kapilla  
Communications: Anne Seebaldt - Jenny Ginther  
Festivals: Cyndi Ernst - Dorothy Kane  
Graphics: Dorothy Kane
The year in review in photos...

SPONSORS...
A special “THANK YOU” to the generous support of our Membership and local businesses whose support has helped us bring “The Arts” to our community. In addition to sponsoring us, many local businesses have provided food at our festivals, decorated Christmas trees for our Arts & Greens Tree Raffle, as well as provide a location for our Art Shop shows. We are more than grateful for your generosity.
**NOTICE:** The list of Coming Events is what we had planned, but the COVID-19 situation has caused us to cancel or postpone nearly all our “live” activities for the foreseeable future. Meanwhile, we are actively working out ways to stay connected with our members and friends through the internet. Please check our website periodically, and read our email notices, so you can keep up with our latest information. We value you all and wish you the best as we struggle through this health crisis.

### Coming Events – (canceled or postponed, or on hold...)

- **April 9**, Van Go Tour Meijer Indoor Butterfly Gardens Grand Rapids
- **April 17**, 7–9 pm B-Side Growlers Trio - Acoustic Concert
- **May 7**, Van Go - Guided Art Tour – The Detroit Zoo
- **May 15–June 27** Gallery - Ellen Lurecurex opening 7–9 pm
- **May 17**, 2–4 pm Jeff Karoub Guitar Soloist - Motown-inspired
- **May 22**, 7–9 pm FNL Concert - Milford Gazebo - Lisa Mary & Her Band
- **June 4**, Thursday, Author’s Lunch - Bakers of Milford $35
- **June 11**, Van Go Tour – Detroit Historic Homes - Indian Village, June 12, 7–9 pm MSU Vocal Music Trio - Broadway/Jazz Concert
- **June 26**, 7–9 pm FNL Concert - Milford Gazebo - The Cass Quartet
- **July 16**, Thursday - Van Go Tour Princess of Detroit River Cruise

Concerts at HVCA Adults $15 Students $5

Ongoing Events – Drop-In Everyone Welcome

Water Color with Wendy – Tues. 10 am–12 noon - $25 per class

Creative Writing Group - 2nd Thursday of month 7–9 pm.

Drop-In Jazz – Tuesdays 7–9 pm

Folk Musicians, Thursdays 7–9 pm

Highland Station House Fiber Artists - Wednesdays at 10 am

### The Highland Station House (HSH) Community Groups Weekly Meeting Schedule... (suspended)

**Tuesday**
- 9 am – The Painted Ladies – (May–Oct)
- 7:30 pm Jazz Group – Steve Dorer
- 7 pm – 4th Tues – Historical Society – Ros Smith

**Wednesday**
- 10 am – Knitters – Megan Kopacki

**Thursday**
- 7 pm – Folk Musicians – Jim Crain
- 11 am – Bible Study – 1 st Th of month
- 7 pm – Writing Group – 2nd Th of month Ann Seebuld

**Friday**
- 10 am – Quilters – Shirley Pamkowski
- Garden Buds – (when scheduled)

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**VIRTUAL GALLERY EXHIBITION, ONLINE**

Art meets science! HVCA, Environmental Council of Huron Valley, Crossroads Group of the Sierra Club, Community Unitarian Universalists of Brighton and Whatever It Takes Sanctuary joined forces for the inaugural *Our Changing Climate* exhibition online now, featuring youth and adult art that relates to the environment. A video of the live virtual event including art lessons is also linked online. Visit www.huronvalleyarts.org

**A special “Thank You”...**

... to these merchants who support us every year by decorating a holiday tree to help us raise funds for our school programs at our Christmas Tree Raffle at Bogie Lake Greenhouses.

Fragments, Colasanti’s, Casa De Amici, Blossoms, For Feet’s Sake, PNC Bank, Huron Valley State Bank, Rottermonds Jewelry, Hoot, Sharon Mancini, The Village Florist, Main Street Art, Flowers of the Lake, Lady La’s, –La Fontaine, Your Nesting Place, Waterfall Jewelers, Nana’s Niche, Corner, and our host... Bogie Lake Green Houses....

**Thank you to the following HVCA supporters...**


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**the art shop**

THE ART SHOP IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED. We hope that all of our customers are well and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

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