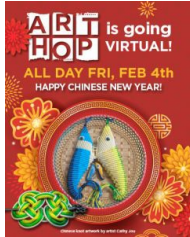


Kalamazoo Rotary Arts Minute Report for Monday, January 31, 2022

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ART HOP



[February Art Hop Celebrates Chinese New Year \(Virtually\)](#)

Friday

Feb 04, 2022 at 12:05 am **ART HOP CELEBRATES CHINESE NEW YEAR (VIRTUALLY)**

Because COVID-19 infections are on the rise in our community, we've decided to convert the February Art Hop from an in-person event to a virtual event. That's why we're celebrating Chinese New Year, "Year of the Tiger," virtually.

You'll still get the complete Art Hop experience, as you're introduced to **11** talented artists and their fabulous artworks, including featured artists **Cathy Jou, Maya James, and Tony Kaufman**. You'll also be introduced to two exciting **art exhibitions**. Best of all, you'll be able to enjoy the entire event from the convenience of your cell phone anytime, anywhere.

Here's how it works: The February Virtual Art Hop will open **Friday, February 4, 2022, at 12:01 am**. Simply visit our February Art Hop [mobile brochure](#) on your cell phone to enter the event. Once inside, you'll view an informative February Art Hop video and corresponding electronic brochure, which will guide you through the event as it introduces you to each artist and their awe-inspiring artworks.

Also, starting **Friday, February 4, 2022**, you'll be able to access the February Art Hop video on the [ACGK website](#), [Facebook](#) page, and [YouTube](#) page.

We're excited to celebrate Chinese New Year, "Year of the Tiger," with you at the upcoming February Virtual Art Hop because it's sure to be a memorable occasion. Don't forget to tell your family and friends to check it out as well.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[El Concilio Intermediate Spanish Class](#)

Thursday

Nov 04, 2021 - Feb 10, 2022 at 06:00 pm

at [El Concilio](#), 930 Lake Street, #A, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

This in-person intermediate Spanish class is great for those who have some Spanish language experience and would like to improve their speaking skills.

The class fee is **\$200**. The class sign-up deadline is **October 29, 2021**.

NOTE: COVID-19 preclusions will be imposed, so masks must be worn during the class.

FREE EVENTS



[Project Show 'n Tell - Virtual Edition #17](#)

Thursday

Feb 03, 2022 at 07:00 pm

Presented by [Serendipity Spot](#) and [Kzoo Makers](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

CALLING ALL CREATORS!!! If you are a crafter, hobbyist, artist, business owner, knitter, do it yourself-er, maker, foodie, and other categories not named, we want to know what you are working on! We know you are making things. Here is a chance to take a turn to share or just sit and learn.

Moderated by Stacy Belinsky (Serendipity Spot/Kzoo Makers) and co-hosted with Christopher Kaminsky (Lakeshore Fab Lab).

****UPDATED 2/1/2021**** Stay an additional hangout time after the presentations and chat with the group for 30 minutes or until 9pm, whichever is earlier.

[Speaker: Shoshana Johnson - I'm Still Standing](#)

Saturday

Feb 05, 2022 at 05:30 pm

Free Admission Presented by [City of Portage Parks & Recreation](#) at Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum, 6151 Portage Rd, Portage, MI 49002

In celebration of Black History Month, the City of Portage will host a special speaker Saturday, February 5 at the AirZoo (6151 Portage Rd). Shoshana Johnson is a second generation Army Veteran and first female Black American POW.

Army Specialist Shoshana Johnson was traveling in a convoy in Iraq in 2003 when her vehicle was attacked. Iraqi forces killed 11 soldiers in her company and captured six, including Johnson. Shoshana retired from the Army with an Honorable Discharge on December 12, 2003. Johnson's awards and decorations include the US Army Service Ribbon, Army Commendation Ribbon, National Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, and the Prisoner of War Medal. Enjoy a Question and Answer session, book signing and the Air Zoo's featured exhibitions after the presentation.

Please bring your own copy of her book for the signing. A very limited supply of books will be available for purchase (while supplies last). This event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 5:30PM, presentation starts at 6PM. For more information, visit the event's Facebook page or contact the Portage Parks and Recreation Office at 269-329-4522.

MUSIC



[47TH STULBERG INTERNATIONAL STRING COMPETITION](#)

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Oct 18, 2021 - Feb 01, 2022 at 12:00 am
at [Epic Center](#), 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

The Stulberg Competition is open to students of violin, viola, cello or double bass.

Applicants must be age 19 or under as of January 1, 2022. Proof of date of birth will be required if selected as a semifinalist.

Current students of the 2022 Judges are not eligible to apply. Judges are Amit Peled (cello), Simin Ganatra (violin). The third judge is TBA!

Applications are reviewed by a panel of judges who will select twelve semifinalists and four alternates. Applicants will be notified of results no later than March 15, 2022.

Twelve semifinalists will compete in Kalamazoo, Michigan on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, 2022, before a panel of judges and an audience.

Semifinalists will perform a selection from a required list of Bach and a movement(s) from a standard concerto.

Six finalists will be chosen.

For prize information visit website at <https://www.stulberg.org/competition/competition-details>



[Art Hop with Steve Kamerling](#)

Friday

Feb 04, 2022 at 06:00 pm

Free Admission. Presented by [Arts Council Member Artist](#) at Brick + Brine, 100 W Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007 Come enjoy an evening at the all new Brick + Brine restaurant. Steve will be performing everything from jazz standards to pop tunes with a twist on an archtop guitar and vocals. Enjoy an appetizer, dinner, or just a drink while listening to many of your favorite tunes.

THEATRE



[The Old Man and the Old Moon](#)

Sunday, Friday, Saturday

Jan 28, 2022 - Feb 06, 2022 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

Tickets are \$20, \$18 for seniors, \$10 for students, and \$6 for WMU students. You can purchase them in advance or at the door.

Seating is general admission and capacity is limited to assist in providing space between attendees.

Covid Safety Policies: In line with WMU policy and industry standards, **we will require proof of Covid-19 vaccination or a negative COVID test result** dated within a week of the performance date to attend our

indoor performances. WMU students, faculty, and staff can show their green COVID screening badges. Masks are still required for all audience members.

Upon arrival, please be ready to present your proof of vaccination or negative test result, as well as a photo ID. Verification will take place in person during the check-in process. You may show us your physical vaccination card, a picture of a card, or a secure health wallet app.

We appreciate your working with us to keep our students and audiences as safe as possible.

Presented by [WMU University Theatre](#) and [WMU College of Fine Arts](#) at [Western Michigan University - Gilmore Theatre Complex](#), 1921 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

In this family adventure for all ages, the Old Man has kept his post as the sole caretaker of the moon for as long as he (or his wife, the Old Woman) can remember. When she is drawn away by a mysterious melody sparking memories of their shared past, the Old Man must decide between duty (and routine) and love (and adventure). Luckily for audiences everywhere, he chooses the latter, and what follows is an imaginative sea-faring epic, encompassing apocalyptic storms, civil wars, leviathans of the deep, and cantankerous ghosts, as well as the fiercest obstacle of all: change.

VISUAL ARTS



[Art Drawn From Nature at Kalamazoo Nature Center](#)

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Jan 07, 2022 - Feb 27, 2022 at 09:00 am, 01:00 pm

Admission Rates | KNC Members free, Non-Members: \$5 adult, \$4 senior, \$3 children 4-17, 3 and under free.

Presented by [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#) at [Kalamazoo Nature Center](#), 7000 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Art Drawn from Nature Friday, January 7 – Sunday, February 27, 2022

Opening Reception: Friday, January 7, 6pm – 8pm. Dance performance by Carolyn Pampalone Rabbers of Wellspring Dance Company.

A new year of renovation and rebirth.

Celebrating the Kalamazoo Nature Center’s renovation reopening, eight local artists will grace the new halls with paintings, prints, vessels and sculpture speaking to the natural world. For as long as there has been art, artists have been innervated by nature. In the upcoming exhibition, artists tell stories of their relationship with renovation and rebirth. Weaving visual stories from the oral traditions or endangered indigenous plants, and native fauna the exhibition will explore ways we tell our stories of nature.

“...along with the other animals, the stones, the trees, and the clouds, we ourselves are characters within a huge story that is visibly unfolding all around us, participants within the vast imagination, or

Dreaming, of the world.”

— David Abram, *The Spell of the Sensuous: Perception and Language in a More-Than-Human World*

Artists featured include Brent Harris, Sharon Gill, Maryellen Hains, Anna Z. Ill, Courtney S. Nelson, Gayle Reyes, Corinn Rutkoski, and Maria Scott.



["Marea" Photography Exhibit by WMU Art Professor Patricia Villalobos Echeverría](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Jan 20, 2022 - Feb 17, 2022 at 08:30 am

Free Admission

Presented by [Kellogg Community College](#) at [Kellogg Community College | Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center](#), 450 North Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49017

The exhibit, titled “Marea,” will run through Feb. 17 in the Eleanor R. and Robert A. DeVries Gallery of the Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center, on campus at 450 North Ave. The exhibit is free and open to the public for viewing from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

An opening reception for the exhibit, also free and open to the public, will be held with the artist from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, in the gallery. Face masks will be required for opening reception attendees.

The exhibit consists of six images from Villalobos Echeverría’s “Marea Series.” According to the artist, the series “speaks about migration, exile and the tenuous relationship of the contemporary body to locale. Its title functions as a double entendre – in Spanish, it’s the noun for tide, as well as the verb for being dizzy or seasick.”



[Solo](#)

[Jaziel Pugh Art Exhibit: "Solo"](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Jan 31, 2022 - Feb 28, 2022 at 07:45 am

Free Admission

Presented by [Kellogg Community College](#) at Kellogg Community College Morris Library, 450 North Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49017

The opening Black History Month reception will run from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, in KCC’s Morris Library, on campus at 450 North Ave. in Battle Creek. It will mark the launching point for Pugh’s exhibit “Solo,” as well as a month-long series of Black History Month events and activities at the College.

The opening reception and exhibit are free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be provided. The exhibit can be viewed during the library’s open hours, which are 7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays.

Pugh's exhibit will run through Feb. 28 and include more than a dozen large digital prints featuring his reoccurring original character Soul exploring his personality in a variety of environments and leading different lifestyles.

"These pictures represent different natures to which Soul can mold his self into," Pugh says of the character in an artist's statement. "By transcending through these phases he starts to understand who he is, but more importantly who he can become."

All works exhibited will be available for sale through the artist.

Pugh, a 2013 graduate of Battle Creek Central High School, is a well-known regional artist who has painted several public murals in the Battle Creek area, notably as part of annual Color the Creek events, and he's worked with KCC on a number of artistic endeavors over the past few years. His mural "[Six Disciplines](#)" was commissioned by KCC and installed on the south exterior wall of the Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center in October 2019.

KCC's Morris Library will also host digital exhibits online at kellogg.edu/library as well as African American author displays and mini-exhibits in cases in the library on campus throughout the month of February.

For more information about Black History Month events at KCC, visit kellogg.edu/blackhistorymonth or contact KCC's Student Life office at 269-565-2634 or studentlife@kellogg.edu.

For more information about Jaziel Pugh, visit jazielpugh.com. Find him on Instagram at [instagram.com/jazielpugh](https://www.instagram.com/jazielpugh) or Facebook at [facebook.com/jaziel.pugh](https://www.facebook.com/jaziel.pugh).