

Kalamazoo Rotary Arts Minute Report for Monday, September 27, 2021

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ART HOP



[Art Hop - October 2021](#)

Friday

Oct 01, 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

Join us for Art Hop downtown Kalamazoo on Friday, October 1st from 5-8 PM. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage and the lead-up to Dia de Los Muertos. The event is free to the public. This month we have 24 stops and are welcoming the new Haymarket Plaza as a site. Use [the Art Hop brochure site](#) to plan your evening!

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



[Water Color Classes with Kay Severson](#)

Tuesday

Sep 07, 2021 - Oct 12, 2021 at 06:30 pm

Cost is \$70 for five Tuesday evenings in September/October of basic instruction. Registration forms are available from the email below. Completed forms and

payment should be sent to:

Watercolor Painting Class/Westminster Presbyterian Church 1515 Helen Ave. Portage MI 49002. Checks should be made out to Kay Severson.

Presented by [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#) at [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#), 1515 Helen Ave, Portage, MI 49002

Kay has been watercolor painting for 17 years, and teaching watercolor classes for the past 5 years. She has art and education as undergrad majors and studied watercolor painting with nationally known watercolor artists Frankie Wheeler, Sterling Edwards, Ann Painter, and Don Marek. She has had work accepted into juried Art shows and received awards, as well as having done commissioned pieces. Her work is available at the **Art on the Town Gallery** in Pentwater, MI.

Kay says, "I feel strongly that students who are interested in Art, and particularly in watercolor need to be exposed to the variety of materials and techniques available, and then have the opportunity to explore and decide for themselves what kind of result they wish to produce. Many Art teachers present students with a very narrow, mainly personal viewpoint with the expectation that the students' work will look like that of the teacher. My goal is for students to be confident in their ability and vision to explore on their own and create independently."

DANCE



[Rootead Youth Dance Company Audition](#)

Friday

Oct 01, 2021 at 04:30 pm

Presented by [Rootead](#) at Rootead Enrichment Center, 505 E. Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Rootead Youth Dance Company is a pre-professional dance company for 13 – 18-year-olds. We heavily focus on improving professional development and social, emotional learning skills through this program. RYDC is a well-known dance company that performs in the Kalamazoo Community. They meet 2-3 times per week for rehearsals and professional development. Rootead Youth Drum Ensemble is a new program aimed train passionate youth drummers ages 13 – 18. This program will allow youth to learn the drums and traditional West African rhythms on the duns and djembes. We also focus on professional development and social, emotional learning skills through this program. Youth drummers will perform alongside the Rootead Youth Dance Company at various community events and programs.

FREE EVENTS

[Fall Festival](#)

Sunday

Oct 03, 2021 at 10:00 am

Free admission

Presented by [City of Portage Parks & Recreation](#) at [Celery Flats - Amphitheatre](#), 7335 Garden Lane , Portage, MI 49081

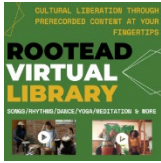
Enjoy a day full of wonderful fall things to do! Take a horse-drawn carriage from Celery Flats Historical Area to the Portage Farmers Market at City Hall to Central Cemetery. After you collect your produce, learn how to fully enjoy it via a cooking class at the new Celery Flats pavilion. A special presentation will be featured at the cemetery highlighting some of Portage’s early settlers. All Celery Flats and historical demonstrations. Do not miss this opportunity to celebrate autumn in a scenic setting with fun things to do for the entire family.

Sunday, October 3, 10 AM- 2 PM

Celery Flats (7335 Garden Lane)

FREE admission

KIDS & FAMILY



[Rootead Virtual Library](#)

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

Nov 16, 2020 - Nov 16, 2021 at 01:00 am, 01:00 pm

Presented by [Rootead](#) at [Rootead](#), 1501 Fulton Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

The Rootead Virtual Library is available through the Rootead Collective. Content can be accessed through web browser on a Desktop or Computer. You can also download the app on your Mobile Device to have the content available at your fingertips.

Download the app and become a part of the Rootead Collective!

MUSIC



[Beats on Bates - Kalamazoo Academy of Rock](#)

Wednesday

Sep 29, 2021 at 05:30 pm

Presented by [Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership](#) at [Bates Alley](#), Bates Alley,

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Beats on Bates returns to downtown Kalamazoo in Bates Alley this summer! Presented by the Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership as a part of the Summertime Live series, Beats on Bates will run on select Wednesdays, June through September. All concerts are from 5:30 – 8:30 pm (unless otherwise noted) and are free to attend.

Bates Alley is part of the downtown Commons Area. So, indulge in a meal and some drinks, and enjoy the musical stylings under the beautiful lights of Bates Alley.

Bates Alley is located between Pitcher & Portage Street.

To view the complete Beats on Bates and Summertime Live schedule, visit: www.kalamazooarts.org/concerts-in-the-park/.



[Rootead Youth Drum Ensemble](#)

Friday

Oct 01, 2021 at 05:30 pm

Presented by [Rootead](#) at Rootead Enrichment Center, 505 E. Kalamazoo Avenue Suite 3,, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Rootead Enrichment Center is thrilled to be offering numerous opportunities for youth of all ages to learn and perform African movement, rhythms, history, songs, stories, and dance this fall and throughout the year.

Save the date of October 1 for auditions for both the Rootead Youth Dance Company (RYDC) and Rootead Youth Drum Ensemble (RYDE), professional drum and dance company opportunities for youth ages 8 -18. Dancers will focus on Black Diaspora Dance including West African, Modern, Hip-Hop, and Afro-Fusion, and drummers will focus on Black Diaspora Music and African Percussion. Auditions will be held at the Rootead Enrichment Center from 4:30 – 6:30 pm on Oct. 1 (RYDC auditions will be from 4:30 – 5:30 pm and RYDE auditions will be from 5:30 – 6:30 pm).

These incredible free training and performance opportunities also include professional development through Social, Emotional Learning (SEL) workshops and training and mentorship from some of the region's most talented and inspiring instructors.

These performing ensembles are highly sought after by local schools, businesses, and organizations, and both the participating youth and their families should be aware that this free program does come with performance commitments that should be taken into consideration. Email arts@rootead.org or call (269) 720-9200 with any questions.

THEATRE



[Into the Woods](#)

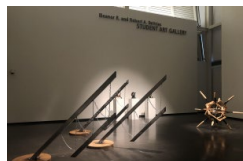
Sunday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Sep 24, 2021 - Oct 10, 2021 at 02:00 pm, 07:30 pm

General Admission is \$20, Seniors are \$18, Western Michigan University students are \$6

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

James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take everyone's favorite storybook characters and bring them together for a timeless, yet relevant, piece... and a rare modern, music theatre classic. The Tony Award-winning book and score are both enchanting and touching. This Sondheim classic will be performed outside in the new, York Courtyard Theatre by the Gilmore Theatre Complex.



VISUAL ARTS

[Annual Frostic School of Art Student Exhibition 2021](#)

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

Apr 23, 2021 - Apr 22, 2022 at 12:00 am

Presented by [WMU Gwen Frostic School of Art](#) at [Online/Virtual Space](#)

The Richmond Center for Visual Arts is pleased to announce the 2021 juror for the Frostic School of Art Annual Student Exhibition, Tyanna Buie.

[About the event](#)

[Online Gallery](#)

A Chicago, IL and Milwaukee, WI native, Tyanna Buie is Assistant Professor/Section Chair of Printmaking at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, MI. A nationally recognized visual artist, she earned her BA from Western Illinois University and her MFA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Buie has attended such Artist-in-Residency programs as the Joan Mitchell Center in New Orleans, LA; the Women's Studio Workshop in Rosendale, NY; and the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, VT. She maintains a close connection to the community by hosting printmaking workshops and demonstrations, while participating in Healthy Neighborhood Initiatives through the production of public art created for underserved neighborhoods and communities in Milwaukee, and Madison, WI.

Buie has been a visiting artist lecturer in Tennessee, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Alabama, Wisconsin, Kansas, Missouri, Rhode Island, and Arizona, while continuing to exhibit her works in numerous juried, group and solo exhibitions throughout the country. Her extensive exhibition record includes The Contemporary Invitational Print and Drawing exhibition at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, The Haggerty Museum of Art, The Racine Art Museum, The Red Bull House of Art, N'NAMDI Center for Contemporary Art, the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, The Milwaukee Art Museum, The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, The Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, the Wriston Art Center, the Museum of Wisconsin Art, and the Alice Wilds.