



From the Drawing Board

Art Center of Battle Creek
Fall 2011

Holly Mart/Art of Barbie

Holly Mart is up and open so don't forget to stop here when looking for your holiday gifts. We feature the work of over 100 Michigan artists with work on all price ranges--nothing is "made in China". Help our Michigan economy by support Michigan businessmen and women. Coupons are available from the Art Center and at Addington's Café—ask for your receipt from Addington's for lunch or dinner and receive 10% off one item purchased during Holly Mart.



The holiday exhibit this year for November and December is the Art of Barbie®. This exhibit showcases the "life" of one of the most popular toys, Mattel's Barbie® doll. Over 300 dolls are featured from the early 1960s to the present along with members of

Barbie's® family and friends.

Members of the Battle Creek Doll Club will be at the Art Center on Sat. November 19th with more dolls to show and will answer questions on doll collecting. This is free to the public.

The Art Center's hours for Holly Mart and the Art of Barbie® are extending –we are open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Both Holly Mart and the Barbie® exhibit are free to the public.

Did you know that arts education is mandatory in countries that consistently rank at the top in mathematics and science test scores, such as Japan, Hungary, and the Netherlands?

Arts and Ends Shop

Our new Arts and Ends area features art supplies and related items that we are selling at a very reasonable price. This includes old frames, matt board, cutters, jewelry findings, art books and lots more...stop by and check it out!



This area is stocked with items that are donated to the Art Center and the Center receives 100% of the sales. If you have any items you would like to donate for this area, feel free to bring it in! We do sort items to see what we can use in our classes first.

Education Department

Winter Classes will begin the week of January 16th! Look for updates on the Educational offerings and special discounts. The entire schedule will be posted on our website in the near future. You can register through PayPal or call the office at 269-962-9511.

There are some changes within the Education Department as we move forward into our September 1st fiscal year. One change was the elimination of the Education Coordinator's position. We thank **Kelly Parker** for her work in this position and wish her all the best. This position will be "re-sculpted" in the future but at the present time all education department inquiries will be directed to **Linda Holderbaum**, Executive Director.

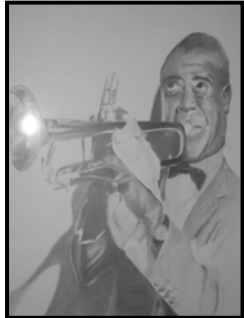
Fund Drive Campaign

The Art Center has started its Fund Drive Campaign. Your donations are so important in keeping the Art Center's doors open to the community. With cuts in grant funding and many more "hands out" looking for support it is vital that we have yours. Please consider giving to the Art Center this year. Some of our board members ask family and friends to donate to the Art Center in lieu of giving holiday gifts or birthday gifts. Memberships and Gift Certificates are also great gifts and help support us as well.

Gift/Gallery Shop

The **Gift/Gallery Shop** is gearing up for a great fall season—it is hard to believe Holly Mart will be here in a couple of months.

Our artists are bringing in new work for us after finishing up summer art fairs and creating new and exciting pieces—don't forget to shop here for your unique gifts.



We have also added several new artists in various areas. We are proud to include the fantastic graphite and charcoal portraits created by **Anthony Odem**.

Growing up in Battle Creek, Antony says "I have no idea what I would do if I could not draw, probably go crazy."

Great Place to Meet

The Art Center facility is available to the community for organization and private meetings and events. The Art Center does not charge other non-profit groups for the use of the building. We have had everything from weddings to boy scout meeting here. Availability of space depends on the current exhibit and what kind of event you wish to hold. Contact Linda at the Art Center if you are interested in having an event here.

2011-2012 CALENDAR

2011

- October 25: Art Center Annual Meeting
- October 29-December 23: Holly Mart
- *The Art of Barbie*—October to December

2012

- January: Work of Dr. Paul Wang
- February: African American Month—featuring DC-BC photography by Lowell McGinnis
- March: *Class Act: Elementary and Secondary School Art*
- April: Michigan Artist Competition
- May: *Unity in Diversity: The Heartbeat and Ties of Many Cultures* exhibit held in partnership with Bridges for Cultural Understanding
- June/July: International Aviation Artists Forum
- September-October: LEGO
- November-December: Holly Mart and Holiday exhibit



The Art Center signed up this year to be **Blue Star Museum**—which means that we allowed free admission to all active service personnel and their families. The Art Center has decided to expand this to offer this free admission year round as our thanks to all those who are serving in the military.

We have some great extra events and other exhibits that the board of directors is working on... more information on those to come.

Of course—during the year lots and lots of other events and programs are added to this calendar. Check the website for more information at www.artcenterofbattlecreek.org, give us a call and also look for the reminder postcards and flyers. We are trying to be "green" at the Art Center. If you prefer email to printed information—please give us a call and we will put you on our email list—it saves us the additional expense of printing and postage and also helps the environment!