2017 has slipped by as another wonderful year for the Art Center of Battle Creek. From ten exhibits to year round classes to our outreach partners we have once again fulfilled our goal: To engage people of all ages and backgrounds in art and culture for education, enrichment and fun. We could not do it without the help of a dedicated board of directors as well as over 50 volunteers who help us throughout the year. Our thanks to all for your support!

And we are asking for your support in 2018—which marks the Art Center’s 70th Anniversary!

We plan to celebrate this anniversary ALL YEAR long and have adjusted our exhibits and events to reflect this celebration. We are proud to have been able to serve this community for so long and plan to be here for another 70 years.

If you are on Facebook watch for daily or weekly “On this day in _____” for interesting tidbits from the Art Center’s past.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Holly Mart is open through December 23. Our artists have some wonderful work for sale! Don’t miss it!

After having been in five different locations since 1948, the Art Center purchased the Christian Reform Church on Emmett Street in 1962 with the help of the Junior League and George C. McKay.
January: 70 Years of Art Instruction

The January exhibit is entitled “70 Years of Art Instruction.” The first role the Art Center played in our community beginning in 1948 was to offer classes for youth and adults. Since that time over 300 talented individuals have shared their knowledge, expertise, time and energy during these past 70 years and have created a very comfortable, safe environment for learning. In honor of those dedicated instructors we will start our year long celebration with an exhibit of their artwork.

Our Winter 2018 semester will start the week of January 15th. We are also welcoming students in the 21st Century program in January and continue to partner with the VA for our Tuesday Veterans Ceramic program. CIR (Community Inclusive Recreation) will start their new semester with us in January with their Wednesday programs. And we are hoping this year to start up a new program: Senior Art Reach!

This exhibit will open January 5 with a reception on Thursday, January 11th from 5-7 pm and will then continue through January 27th.

Winter Classes begin the week of January 15th

CALENDAR:

January 5-27: 70 Years of Art Education Reception: Thursday, January 11, 5-7 pm
Week of January 15: Winter 2018 Class semester starts
February 1-24: Art of Soul, opening reception Sunday, February 4, 2-5 pm
February 6-22: Michigan Art Education Association Student Exhibit-Back Gallery
March 4-24: Class Act-Elementary through High School Art
April 3-28: Adornment Times Seventy
May 8-26: Back to Basics: 70 Drawings=70 Artists