



SOUTH HAVEN
CENTER FOR
THE
ARTS

2026

Annual Report



Mission

Promotes community enrichment through the arts. Provides opportunities to study and appreciate the visual arts for all ages and at all levels. Supports arts in our schools and other arts organizations to ensure South Haven is a community where opportunities in the arts are abundant.

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LETTER FROM KERRY HAGY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Center Members and friends,

2026 has been an amazing year of programmatic reach for the South Haven Center for the Arts. We sustained the growth we saw in programming in 2025, while striving to reach an even more expanded audience through an increase in community outreach. The Center produced unique and meaningful exhibition programs, and continued to build a strongly woven arts community of both adult and youth artists. I am really proud of this work, and excited for the year ahead. While our current afterschool funding through the County is coming to an end, we will be seizing opportunities for new funding that will allow us to expand our programs for elementary students and bring new arts opportunities to our families and community. We hope to see you soon at the Center for the Arts!

—Kerry Hagy,
Executive Director





YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 193+ hours of offsite community outreach programming
- 458+ hours of arts educational programming onsite at the Center
- Over 1175 volunteer hours from over 55 volunteers.
- Over 7065 annual visitors to the South Haven Center for the Arts Exhibitions





Outreach Program Highlights



Art Play Day with SHCA at the South Haven Memorial Library served preschool-aged artists and their families on second Friday of each month with a focus on experiential, process based arts curriculum led by teaching artist Sarah Rydecki.



Teaching Artist, Connie McAllister lead 16 weeks of free watercolor classes at the South Haven Senior Center.



Ceramicist, TJ Schwartz, served as visiting artist to South Haven High School to teach graffiti techniques to both beginning and advanced art classes as part of SHCA's twice annual visiting artist program.

SHARA Summer Camp served of seventy first through fourth graders with arts and enrichment for 6 weeks this summer. SHCA provided two hours of hands on, process based arts programming each day.



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The Scott Club

St. Paul's School

Van Buren Senior Services

Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum

Michigan Maritime Museum

Our Town Players

Foundry Hall

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Youth Development Corporation

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Region IV Area Agency on Aging

Caring Connection

Bronson Healthcare

Van Buren Juvenile Court

Lake Michigan College

Van Buren Youth Initiative

Out-of-School-Time Programming

Covert Public Library, His Place, Luc's Light, Van Buren Mental Health, Foundry Hall, and Van Buren Intermediate School District

Be Your Unique Self Book Bags with Bronson Healthcare and South Haven Memorial Library



Professional Development for Van Buren Public School Art Teachers providing credit in partnership with the Van Buren Intermediate School District

Family Fun Fest at the Michigan Maritime Museum one of many outreach events this summer!



AFTERSCHOOL ARTS PROGRAM

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Offered four days a week,
two hours a day in
2025/2026 School Year
for Middle and High
School Aged artists.



163 days of afterschool
programming for middle and
high school students
(including during the summer).



When asked “What is your
favorite part of the
programming?” participants
replied “My favorite part
was being able to laugh and
draw with my friends,” “the
fact that I feel like there are
people I can relate to,” and
“all of it.”



EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS

This summer we presented Care, a National Juried Exhibition created in partnership with the Region IV Area Agency on Aging, featuring 26 artists from 12 states.



"It was a genuine pleasure to participate alongside such talent, each exploring the theme of care through their own unique lens. While the subject is deeply personal to me, I was moved by the many different interpretations and stories represented throughout the exhibition. You, [Jenna], along with Kerry and your colleagues presented a powerful and engaging collection of work that invites conversation and connection (personally, I have not attended an art exhibit where the featured participants were so open and engaging)."

Exhibiting Artist, Steve Sult



"I have not exhibited all that many times, but I do know when an art center goes above and beyond to make the exhibition something extraordinary."

Exhibiting Artist, Sarah Huizenga



SHCA exhibited over 70 artists across five (5) group exhibitions and seven solo exhibitions.

We also showcased over a thousand student art works from five Van Buren County School Districts.

2026 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Gross
Income**
\$314,066

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2026

Van Buren Youth Initiative income
\$100,927

South Haven Community Foundation
\$10,000

Membership Income
\$27,400

Contributions
\$38,540

Michigan Arts and Culture Grants
\$55,100

2025

Van Buren Youth Initiative income
\$76,073.63

South Haven Community Foundation
\$8,350

Membership Income
\$25,225

Contributions
\$17,860

Michigan Arts and Culture Grants
\$34,461

South Haven Center for the Arts was One in Six organizations Statewide to be awarded additional grant funding from MACC for creative aging projects in 2026!



The fiscal year ended on August 31, 2026. Following our normal practice, we will update this report after our annual fall audit review.

Thank you to our donors who allowed our mission to thrive in 2026

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VAN BUREN YOUTH INITIATIVE AFTER SCHOOL FUN



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“My kids absolutely love the art activities at the South Haven Center for the Arts! The projects are creative, open-ended, and so much fun. The artists are phenomenal—kind, encouraging, and wonderful with children. We’re so grateful to have such a special place in our community!”

Alina, Parent

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