



SOUTH HAVEN
CENTER FOR
THE
ARTS

Annual Report FY24

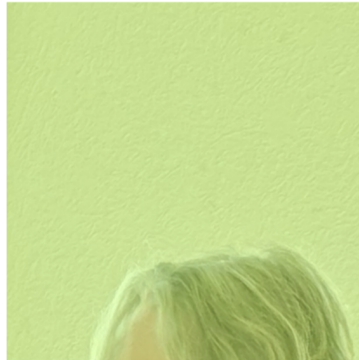
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Note from the Executive Director

The growth we have seen in the programming and reach of the South Haven Center for the Arts in the past year has been the result of the commitment of our staff and volunteers to our mission to enrich our community through the arts. It feels impossible to properly thank and highlight each person who has made a profound impact on our mission, and while you will see names and thank you's in these pages, please know we appreciate each member and individual who has given time and resources over the past year. This being my sixth year as director, I am very proud of this growth we have seen in the past year in engagement at the Center. Through new weekly and monthly programs, the addition of approximately 100 program hours this year over last, the building has been bustling all year, even through three major building restoration projects. Our membership is growing, and our members and students are spending more time at the Center learning, sharing, and making art.

With a new strategic plan, and new partnerships, there will be even more programmatic growth to come in the next year. We look forward to working with our members to sustain and grow our mission. Thank you for being a part of the South Haven Center for the Arts,

Kerry Hagy

Executive Director



Highlights from the year

September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024

Fundraisers:

Toasting the Arts at Modales in May was successful!

Fall Winemakers Charity Dinner hosted by Paul Hix and Michael Morey

Art Fair:

First year shuttle parking – a success! On Saturdays we had 435 rides, On Sunday we had 94 rides, For a total of 529 rides. Strong visitor numbers (tracked using cell phone data) 4,500 visitors, 2.5k more than last year.

Awards:

South Haven Chamber of Commerce 2023 Business Excellence Award Winner
Non-Profit Organization of the Year

Staff:

Congratulations to Noelle Ringer on her five year anniversary with the Center celebrated in 2024! Thank you to Noelle for all the contributions she has made to our mission over the last five years, and for her perpetual kindness!

Hailey Baskin joined the Center in 2024 after her internship and has been focusing on marketing. With expanded programming, Thank you to Hailey for her work on graphic design, the website, newsletter, and growing our social media presence.



Capitol Projects

January and February Bathroom Repairs

The bathrooms had suffered water damage in 2021 and 2022 due to roof leaks. The bricks within the wall had become completely damaged and needed to be replaced, and as well as the wood framing and drywall. Insulation was added, wainscoting was removed and walls were repainted. These updates were added to improvements made in 2021 which included new toilets and ventilation.

Remodel of the Pocket Gallery

The pocket gallery, which features seven exhibitions a year and is scheduled through 2027, received a full remodel in February and March of 2024. Pipes and outlets were removed to make a cleaner wall space, drywall was added for easier exhibition hanging as well as track lighting, the paneled section was replaced with drywall and the floor was flattened and had vinyl installed. This was thanks to a grant for \$19,600 from the Timken Foundation.

Upstairs repair plaster and replace lighting

Additional damage was caused to the walls and ceilings on the second floor of the building from roof leaks before and during roof replacement. While the City funded the repairs, we added 12k funding from the MACC and 10k funding to replace the lighting and paint the entire upstairs. Started in August 2024, finishing in September 2024.





Exhibitions

In our main gallery, the Center featured a total of 116 artists across four exhibitions.

- Experimentation, Exploration, and Exuberance: Give It a Try! juried by Alisa Clark with 43 artists
- Every Picture Tells a Story Member Exhibition featuring 37 artists
- Uncommon Folktales, a group exhibition of four artists
- Fantastical juried by Aubrey Jewel Rodgers featuring 32 artists

Pocket Gallery

- Featured eight exhibitions from September 2023 through August 2024, exhibiting fourteen artists

Student Exhibitions in March and April

- Exhibited work from South Haven, Bangor, Covert, and Bloomingdale Public Schools as well as St. Paul, St. Basil and the VBISD. We added more family programming and framed work for extended display at the South Haven Memorial Library.



Had a year of strong art sales all totaled and solid visitor-ship.

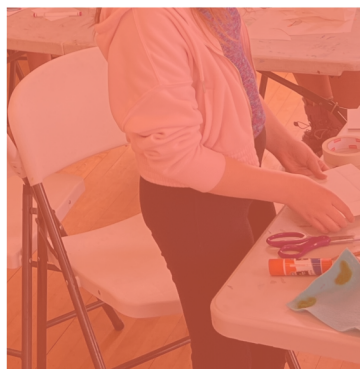
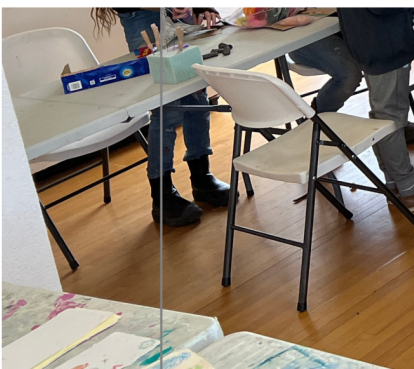
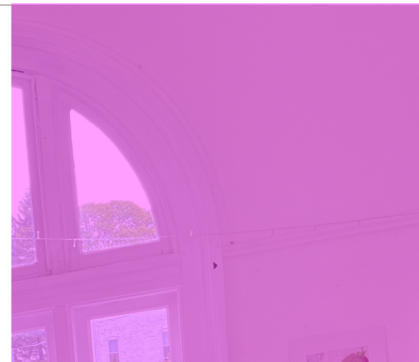
We expanded gallery hours to five days a week.

Expanded Children's Programming Highlights

- Started a year-round after-school program called Center Studio on Wednesdays for 8-12 year-olds, served 62 young artists served over 25 weeks.
- Five week adult and child open studio for 4-8 year-olds over the summer
- Skill based classes for teens including four week charcoal still life class with Kayla Ridley and four week water color class with Robin Reva
- Six weeks Friday summer classes lead by Romy Ransom and intern Keara Moore

"My daughter is always excited about the projects she does in class, and keeps doing art when she gets home. She is learning new ways to create!"

Center Studio Parent



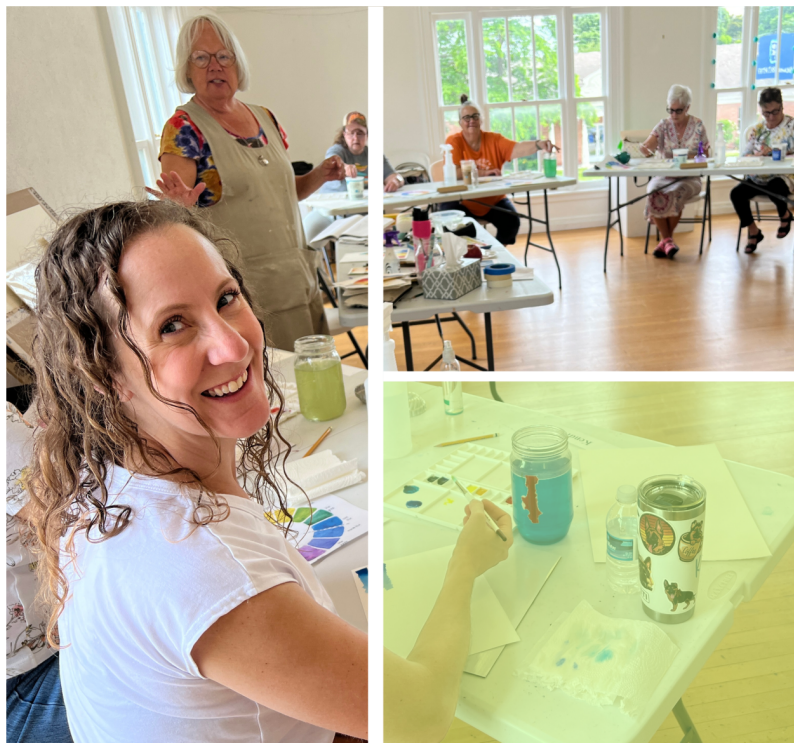
Adult Programming Highlights

Beginning in January 2024, lead by teaching artist Sarah Rydecki, we have hosted Center Studio the first and third Wednesday evening of each month.

Offered an expanded amount of adult classes this year!

- Handmade Journal class with Katrina Jones in January
- Gelli Printing from Nature with Carol Myers
- Perfect Partners, watercolor and colored pencil, 5 class series with David Baker in the Spring
- Watercolor.. the Basics a beginning watercolor class with Katrina Jones
- Sarah Rydecki has offered a five week drawing class, two needle feltling classes, and a print making class.

“Sarah provides a warm, welcoming environment for all levels. She is extremely knowledgeable and inspiring. I love her classes!” Amy Kilbridge



Community Partners in 2024

South Haven Memorial Library
Van Buren Intermediary District
Van Buren Senior Services
South Haven Public Schools
Covert Public Schools
Bangor Public Schools
Bloomingdale Public Schools
Youth Development Corporation
The Scott Club
St. Basil's School
St. Paul's School
South Haven Visitor's Bureau
Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum
Michigan Maritime Museum
Our Town Players
Foundry Hall
Region IV Area Agency on Aging
Bronson Wellness Center
City of South Haven
Black History Leadership Society
P.R.E.T.T.Y
South Haven Chamber of Commerce

Partner Initiatives

Cook, Book and Create with South Haven Memorial Library and Community Health, Equity and Inclusion Department, Bronson Wellness Center

Arts and Aging Partnership with Region IV Area Agency on Aging, Berrien Community Foundation, Krasl Art Center, Monday Musical Club, Twin City Players, and more

Van Buren Youth Initiative Van Buren Intermediary District, Luc's Light, YDC, Van Buren Mental Health and growing



2024

Financial Highlights

The 2024 fiscal year ended on August 31, 2024. Following our annual review audit this fall, we will update this report with a full financial picture of the fiscal year when all the data is available.

2024
Financial Highlights

Grant income
\$36,250

Women Who Care Donations
\$10,700

Membership Income
\$22,561

Fee Income (includes art fair)
\$49,984

Art Sales
\$26,479



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Capital Grants

- \$10,000 South Haven Community Foundation
- \$12,000 Michigan Arts and Culture Council



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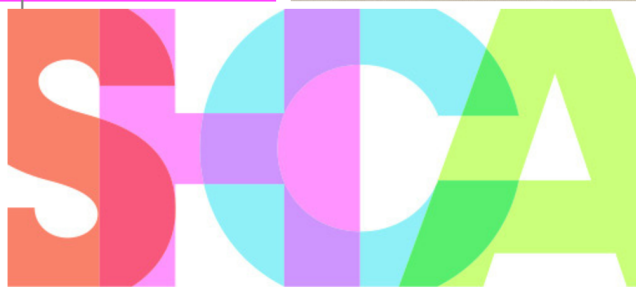
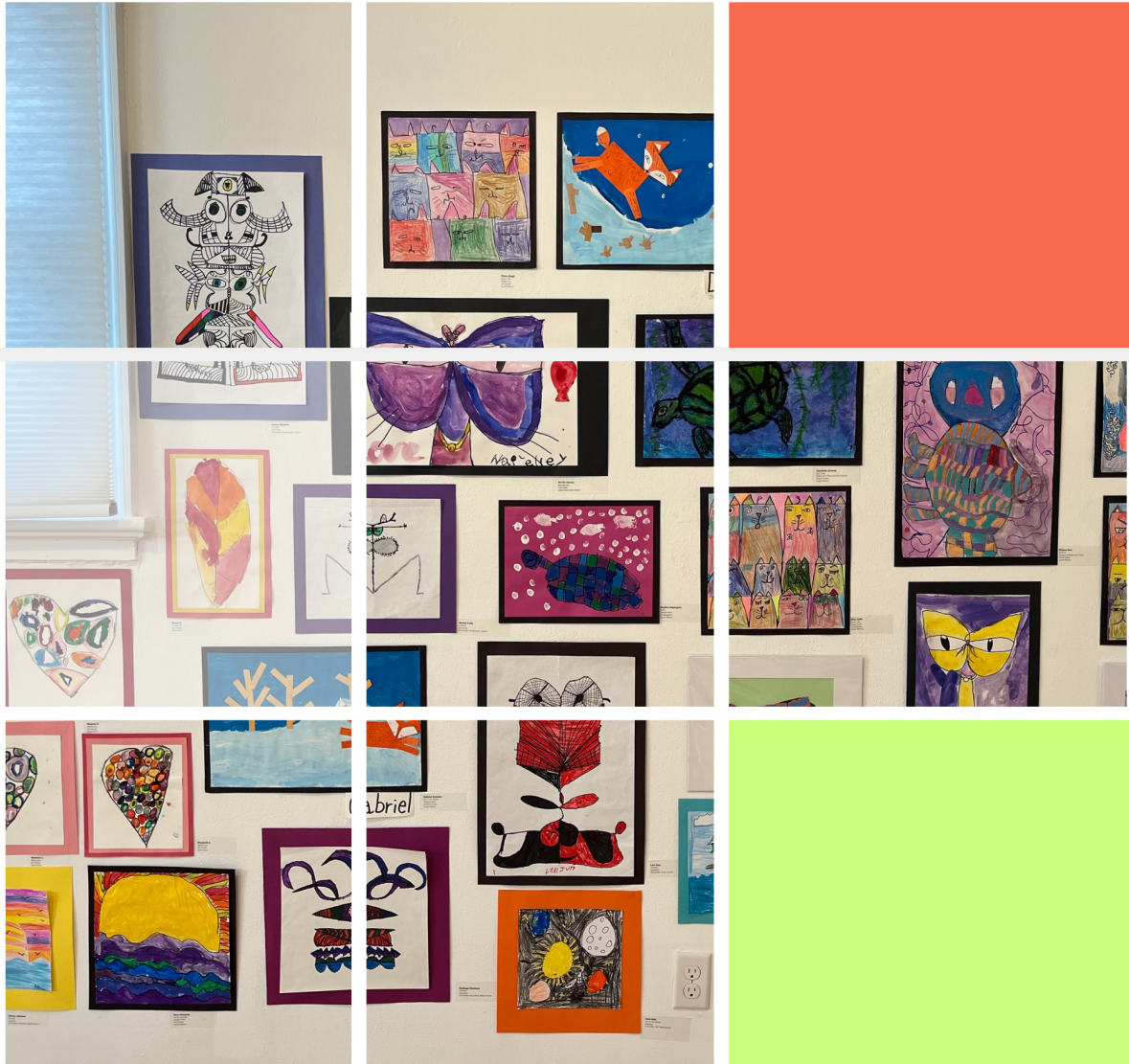
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