



2020 - 2021

# ANNUAL REPORT

LANSING ART GALLERY & EDUCATION CENTER

# A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD PRESIDENT



BARB WHITNEY,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect on the prior fiscal year, we're grateful to our staff, Board, and community for supporting our enduring mission: to provide public awareness, education, and enjoyment of the visual arts by promoting the works of Michigan artists.

We've innovated to provide safe and accessible art experiences, developing and executing a host of events, exhibitions and activities, which were bright spots in an often-bleak year:

- We served 1,500 patrons with appointments and safety procedures.
- We opened a new online shopping experience and saw 75 shoppers purchase over 150 pieces of Michigan-made art.
- We provided art in people's homes with over 600 art supply kits and 150 home-made Sock Creatures.
- We brought art outdoors with Art Path, making the Lansing River Trail a cultural hotspot with over 85,000 visits.

Our Board is proud of our outstanding staff team and their steadfast dedication. We're strategically investing in our talent as we build the Gallery to become a premier employer through: professional development, increased compensation, new technology, and tools.

Looking back on a fiscal year when many local businesses shut their doors, we're grateful for such a supportive community to help us navigate such trying times. The outpouring of patronage and financial contributions increased artwork sales and individual giving, more than 10% each. These, combined with generous grant support, have upheld our mission and brought joy. We're grateful and humbled to serve a community as kind and generous as Greater Lansing.



KEITH ROUSE,  
BOARD PRESIDENT

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barb Whitney".

Barb Whitney

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Rouse".

Keith Rouse

## INCREASED ART-MAKING OPPORTUNITIES AT HOME!



5: VIRTUAL ADULT WORKSHOPS  
217: ART ABILITY BAGS  
325: ART ENCOUNTER KITS

**25**

VOLUNTEERS  
CONTRIBUTED

**530**

VOLUNTEER HOURS

**343**

IN-KIND  
PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE HOURS,  
VALUED AT

**\$33,950**

This fiscal year Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center garnered support and revenue equaling \$482,624 with expenses of \$386,103 and a depreciation of \$6,149

# 2020 - 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS FISCAL YEAR

Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center  
made a difference in the lives of:

**204** → PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS

**909** → EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS

**1,540** → GALLERY VISITORS

**85,824** → ESTIMATED ARTPATH VISITORS



“The staff have done an excellent job in displaying my work and making the Holiday Market ‘THE Place’ to holiday shop. Also, the success of the Holiday Market enhances public desires for unique shopping opportunities.”

-A 2020 MICHIGAN MADE | HOLIDAY ART EXHIBITION ARTIST

Exhibitions for the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year included:

- LAUREN BRADY | UNTITLED
- MICHIGAN MADE | HOLIDAY ART EXHIBITION
- SALLY ROSE & TOM TOMASEK | VESSELS & VIEWS: NATURAL REALITY
- MARK CHATTERLEY | MARKERS OF TIME
- ART SCHOLARSHIP ALERT
- LUZHEN QIU & CATHY JACOBS | DREAMSCAPES
- ARTPATH | PUBLIC ART

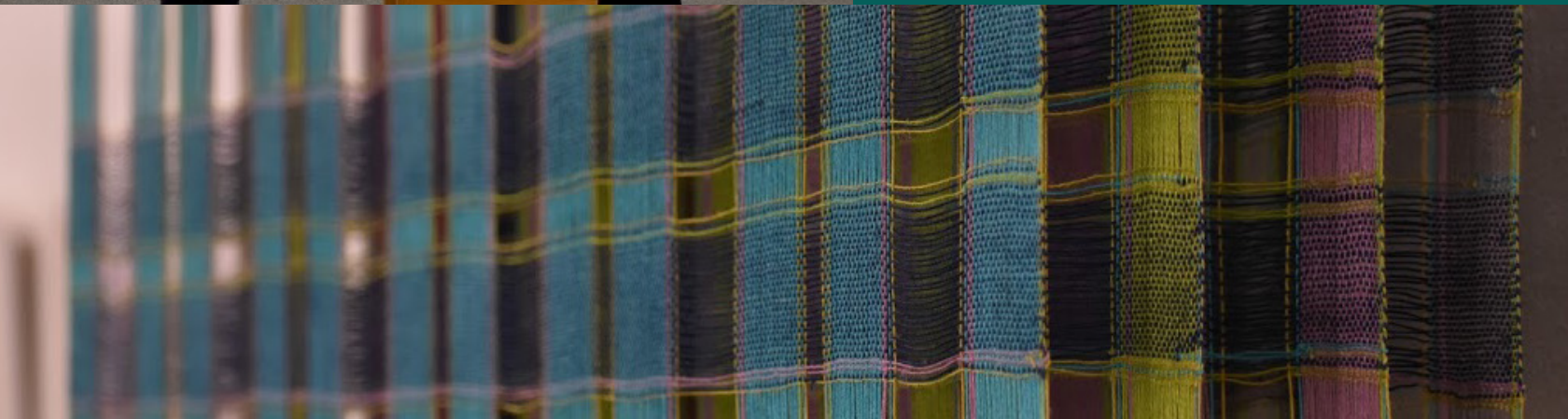
Changing exhibitions showcase a wide range of media, perspective, and diversity of contemporary art currently being made in Michigan. Annual programs include Art Scholarship Alert High School Competition, and Michigan Made Holiday Art Exhibition.





“I enjoy volunteering because of the people I meet and the beautiful art. It’s exciting to see new exhibits every other month, as you never know what the medium will be. It could be sculptures, fiber art, photography, pottery, or woodworking...During the pandemic last year...when other arts organizations were closed, Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center was providing a safe space for the community to view and purchase art...This among other reasons is why I volunteer. I get more out of it than I give.”

**- PAT DANIELS, VOLUNTEER & ARTS PATRON**



# ARTPATH



During the Summers of 2018, 2019, 2020, and now 2021, Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center partnered with the City of Lansing's Parks and Recreation Department to provide a public art display along the historic Lansing River Trail. This temporary, site-specific public art project connected 2.5 miles of artwork by Michigan artists from Old Town to R.E.O. Town. This year the project also included ArtPath Artist Talks, which presented an opportunity for the community and gallery members to gather safely at various sites along the trail and engage with the art and artists.





"I'm so thankful to the Lansing Art Gallery and the rest of the ArtPath team for this opportunity. Not only did it help me grow as an artist, it also brings joy to guests of all ages on the River Trail. It just goes to show how important the arts can be to a city."

-DANIEL HOGAN, ARTPATH ARTIST & TEACHING ARTIST



"The opportunity to engage with the community and share my artwork and message was my favorite part of participating in ArtPath. Everyone I encountered was appreciative and enthusiastic. This was wonderfully satisfying! As well, the beautiful Lansing River Trail is alive with activity and energy which, when punctuated with the art installations becomes even more enriching and vibrant."

-A 2021 ARTPATH ARTIST



**ART ENCOUNTERERS** Art Encounters are interstitials of art-making fun offered to people of all ages. Art Encounters include, hands-on art-making during pop-up events, free art kits for visitors to take home, and virtual art workshops.



“Our family wanted to thank you for this amazing opportunity to participate in the Art Has No Barriers November Art Ability Bag. Josalin had an awesome time creating her masterpiece, and she looks forward to participating for the rest of the year.”

- THE TUCKER FAMILY

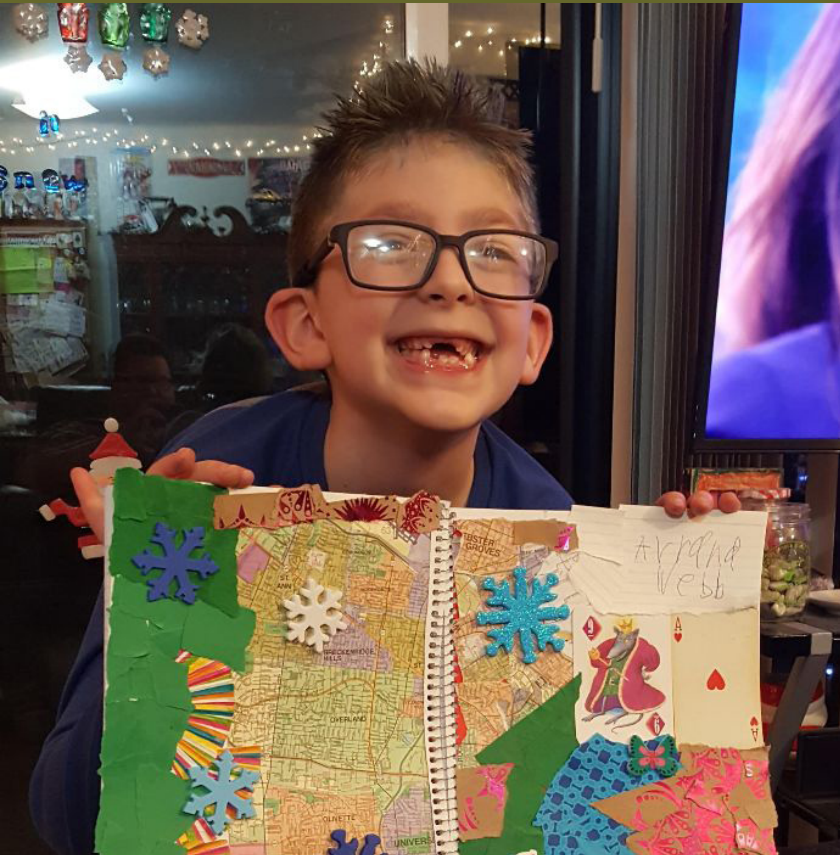
**STUDENT EXHIBITS** Art Scholarship Alert (ASA) and the Ingham County Student Art Exhibit (ISAE) offer students accolades and awards. These juried art experiences give families a personal experience within our professional art setting. In 2021, ASA reached 59 students, and ISAE reached 149 students.





## PECKHAM ART ALLIANCE

The Peckham Art Alliance is our latest endeavor in providing sensory-friendly programming. Located in Lansing, Peckham is a nonprofit community vocational rehabilitation organization. The Art Alliance program invites participating artists to learn from professional artists within the setting and outside of Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center.



## SOCK CREATURES

Hundreds of people created Sock Creatures through Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center with FREE art kits and online how-to video and creative activity using the hashtag: #Sockcreatureslansing



“I am always treated with respect when I visit the Gallery. I have always been encouraged to participate in their activities. The staff treats and sees me as a whole person and not as a disabled person who couldn’t be capable of doing art...Since COVID hit they have been doing art has no barriers activity bags once a month... I would love to see every disabled person that has an interest in art be able to get involved and all it would take is a little more help.”

-JENNIFER LAMPHERE, ARTIST &  
ART HAS NO BARRIERS PARTICIPANT



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT - ART MAKES COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

“Why we ultimately need art is because the arts do something that nothing else does, which is drive more stable communities and build community attachment, social cohesion and civic engagement. And how lucky #LoveLansing is that we have the Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center at the forefront of driving change in our community.”

- BEN RATHBUN, BOARD MEMBER & SUPPORTER





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“I love getting your news emails, it feels like a wonderful activity on many levels, I am sure it is keeping you all very busy, which is rebirth and it is wonderful! It’s like reading the New York Times on the arts, people rejoicing and getting back into art life again!

- BONNIE PALUTKE, GALLERY ARTIST