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HAPPY 250th U.S.A.



During this Semiquincentennial of the signing the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, the Cultural Centre is honored to host historical and contemporary artists from Minnesota in the gallery. These artists' works showcase their creativity, discipline and skills, and impact you as the viewer. Your interaction with the artwork forms a connection between you and the artist. An anonymous statement regarding the art experience, "earth without *art* is just... *eh*" is mysterious and profound. Whether a cave painting or a contemporary work, humans require creative expression. We hope you enjoy the art selected for you in 2026.

2026 ART EXHIBITIONS TO DATE:

March



April



May



June



July



August



COMING SOON

September



October: Lisa Rau Photography



November/December: Kahler Pottery / Happel Jewelry



TOGETHER WE CAN!

Our partners include the City of Bird Island, BIO Legacy Foundation, Bird Island Lions Club, Our Saviors Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund, Lutheran Social Services, Bird Island Civic and Commerce, Bird Island EDA, Olivia Kiwanis, Minnesota Arts Board, Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, Minnesota Historical Society, Renville County Restorative Justice, West Central Advocay Group, Early Childhood Initiative and Developing Roots.

Who utilizes the Cultural Centre besides art patrons?

- Bird Island Lions Club
- Restorative Justice
- AA
- Social Groups
- 4-H
- Creative Minds Art Experience (Children)
- Bill Underwood Music Lessons
- Island Writers' Group
- Anne Broderius Wellness (Gentle Yoga)
- ACTS & EON
- Private Family Gatherings

Thank you 2026 Donors and Members:

John and Judy Jacobs, Renee Wurzer and Dave Woelfel, Rob and Renae Saunders, Bud Setzepfandt, Scott and Kelly O'Neill, the Papinaho Family, Chris Picquet, Cathy and John Baumgartner, Daniel Roker, David Torgelson, Rosemary Heinitz, *Mark and Rosemary Glesener*, Robert and Dottie van der Hagen, Kim Desotell, Sharon Koopman, Chris Adams, Mary Osterfeld, *Susan Peterson, Michael Sheehan, Brian Sheehan, Connie and Ed Newberg*, Matt and Kristie Haubrich, *Joanne Hanson, White Birch Wind*, Joan Burkart, *Sharon Tuftz, Gene Wenstrum, Prokosch Family*, Glen Rodel, Good Neighbor Garden Club, *Alliance Pipeline, Bird Island Legion Auxiliary, Ron Schmitz*, Timothy Hilgert, *Fred Cogelow*, Kimberly Graczyk, Bill and Connie Jungers, Thom Nolan, Mariah Rabideau, Annette and LaDon Henslin, and Bill Schwandt.

Please note the Tinnes-Baker House Donors are italicized.





Tinnes-Baker House Renovation - Substantial Completion

Before



After



The MN State Historical Society Grant Designer Reviewer inspected the Tinnes-Baker House renovation to date on September 9, 2025 and attested to its substantial completion.

Completed repairs are as follows:

- *Basement asbestos removal*
- *Front porch brick railings*
- *Exterior brick tuck pointing and chimney repair*
- *Front steps and columns*
- *Fir decking and support beams*
- *Basement cement pads for the support posts*
- *Planting beds removal and initial landscaping*

Remaining repairs include the following:

- *Lawn seeding*
- *Bathroom plumbing*
- *Tub and sink restoration*
- *Bathroom floor restoration*
- *Window Upgrade*
- *Plastering, painting and wallpapering*



The **CREATIVE MINDS YOUTH PROGRAM** is designed for your child to experience various mediums, techniques and creative processes. They may be expressing themselves in drawing, painting, sculpting, or folding paper. Rosemary is a guide, encouraging them to express their imagination as they socialize and learn basic art skills. All materials and an after-school snack (fruit(s), vegetables and a sweet treat) is included in the registration fee. Please note food allergies on the registration form. For registration online visit www.birdislandculture.com and click on classes. The website uses Paypal which takes credit cards. Included in this newsletter is a registration form, should you prefer to pay by cash, please drop off the registration during the Cultural Centre's regular hours . You may also write out a check to Cultural Centre in Bird Island. Our address is P.O. Box 434, Bird Island, MN 55310.

CREATIVE MINDS PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2026 – 27

No December Sessions

Art Experience I: This experience encourages the use of imagination and planning in creating art. Projects include mosaics of construction paper, mask making, quilling and beginning drawing. All materials included.

Mondays: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Grades 4 & 5

October 5 ,12, 19, 26 (10/12/26 no school)

Cost: Non-members \$60, Members \$50

Art Experience II: This experience expands on the learned skills of Session I. Projects include “My Little Book” animal drawing (lead and colored pencil) and beginning watercolor brush techniques, color chart, and mixing. All materials included.

Mondays: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Grades 4 & 5

November 2, 9, 16, 30

Cost: Non-members \$60, Members \$50

ART EXPERIENCE III: This experience will focus on paper: pop-up cards using origami, stenciling and watercolor pencils. All materials included.

Mondays: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Grades 4 & 5

January 4, 11, 18, 25 (1/18/27 MLK Day no school)

Cost: Non-Members \$60, Members \$50

Art Experience IV: This class will focus on sculpting using homemade clay and acrylic paint. The projects will include 3-D wall art, coil bowls and an introduction to face sculpting. All materials included.

Mondays 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Grades 4 & 5

February 1, 8, 15, 22 (2/15/27 Presidents Day no school)

Cost: Non-members \$60, Members \$50

Art Experience V: This experience will focus on perspective drawing. Each child will design a small guide book of their perspective instruction to use as a source for their future drawings. All materials included: sketch book, rulers and pencils. Students = 10

Mondays: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Grades 4 &5

March 1, 8, 15, 22

Cost: Non-members \$60, Members \$50

CREATIVE MINDS REGISTRATION FORM

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Bird Island, MN 55310
320-365-1011
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Cultural Centre

Tuesday - Saturday: 10 AM to 5 PM
Weekends by Appointment
www.birdislandculture.com

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

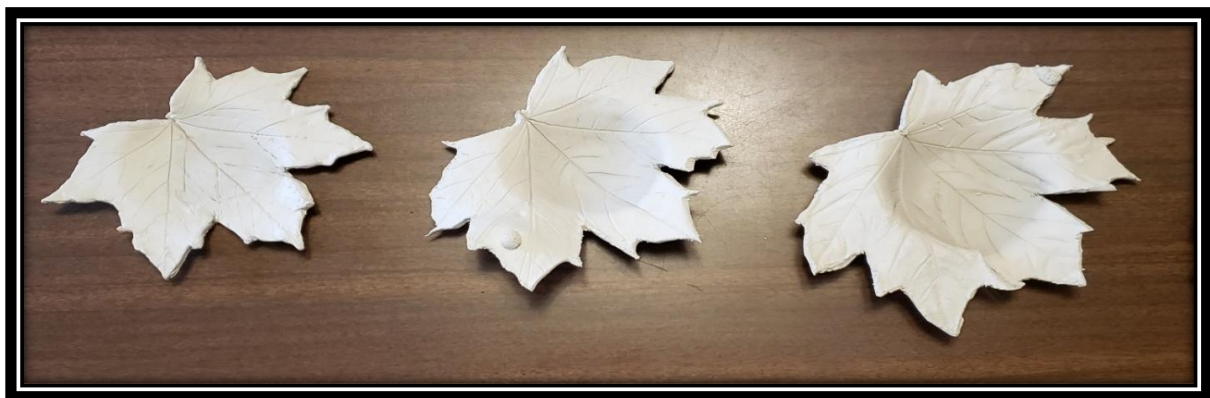
Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Diet Restrictions: _____

Liability Waiver: I/we understand that my child's participation in the Cultural Centre's Creative Minds Youth Program includes a risk of injury; it is impossible to eliminate all risks. The Cultural Centre in Bird Island, its employees, officers and agents will not be liable for personal injuries and /or property damage as a result of my child's participation in the art experience programs.

Signature Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____





The Cultural Centre in Bird Island is grateful to the Minnesota State Arts Board and Southwest Minnesota Arts Council for granting us the ability to be creative with our citizens from ACTS, EON and the community.



HEATHER SMITH'S WATERCOLOR CLASS

Grama's House conference Room

460 South 6th Street, Bird Island, MN 55310

**Weekend Watercolor I October 23, @ 5-8 pm
October 24, @ 9am-4pm**

Tuesdays Watercolor I January 12, 19, 26 @ 5:30-8:30pm

**Weekend Watercolor II February 5 @ 5-8 pm
February 6 @ 9am-4pm**

Tuesdays Watercolor I February 9, 16, 23 @ 5:30-8:30pm

Reserve Your Class by August 1, 2026

Email: birdislandculture@gmail.com

