SUMMER LOWELL COMMUNITY CALENDAR
JUNE JULY AUGUST

Event information may be out of date due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Please confirm details with event organizers.

OPEN TRAILS – Wittenbach Wege Center – Lowell Area Schools
Trails are open dawn until dusk 365 days a year for foot traffic only. Building currently closed to the public. Feel free to bring your dogs but please keep them leashed at ALL times and clean up after them at ALL times. The WWC is NOT a dog park. To ensure everyone's safety and the preservation of our plants and animals, please stay on the trails and respect the rules. Remember you are nature's guest. Wittenbach Wege Center, 987-2565.

Gilda's Club Lowell
Gilda's Club is a free program and community of children, adults, families, and friends who have been impacted by cancer or have experienced the death of a loved one from any cause, designed to support emotional health. The Gilda's Club Lowell Clubhouse is located at 314 South Hudson Street in Lowell, Michigan. Virtual support groups are available at this time and please check our website for additional information. The free cancer and grief support programs are made possible to residents of Lowell and surrounding communities by the Pink Arrow Project, Lowell Community Wellness and Lowell Senior Neighbors. For more information, please call (616) 897-8600 or (800) 326-1419, or visit www.gildasclubgr.org.

Lowell Area Historical Museum
Now we are open Thursday's 1-4 and by appointment. Lowell Area Historical Museum 616-897-7688

Bowne Township Historical Commission is currently closed but if things change we may be open the 1st Sunday of June, July and August from 2pm-4pm. Check our website: bownehistory.org or on Facebook. If we plan on being open, we will post the date and time on these two sites. You can also contact us at: srjohnson4@charter.net.

Fallasburg Village Tours
Available by appointment for large and small groups all summer. Visit our museums and points of interest. Come take a step back in time. Fallasburg Historical Society, www.fallasburg.org.

Tri River Historical Museum Network. Our "Quilt Trail" can be viewed year round. Obtain a brochure from one of the TRHMN Museums or find the brochure on **Facebook** or at **commoncorners.com**. Bowne Township Historical Commission, srjohnson4@charter.net or 616-868-6424.

For the love of books podcast
Listen in on Fridays to the podcast "For the love of books" on your favorite podcasting app. Indie, small press authors and book industry reps speak out about the writing craft and the one million ISBN independent publishing industry and its future. To become a featured guest on the show or a sponsor contact Emma at emmapalova@yahoo.com. For more info about the podcast go to EW Emma's Writings on http://emmapalova.com

Lowell Senior Neighbors
Senior Neighbors is still closed until further notice due to Covid-19. Still doing outdoor activities on Thursdays. They may call the Center at 897-5949 if they would like to join those activities or need any assistance. Lowell Senior Neighbors, 897-5949 or visit us online at www.seniorneighbors.org.

Through June 12
LowellArts Exhibition: GETAWAY
The exhibit features artwork by 102 artists from Michigan that celebrates the places or moments in time that provide us a chance to retreat, relax, and recharge. Artists ages 14+ were invited to submit artwork, in any medium, that fit this theme. Entries could be either representational or abstract depictions of locations, objects, or an atmosphere meant to inspire, uplift, and transport the viewer to a place of rest or renewal. Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10am-6pm and Saturday 12-5pm. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

ALL AGES Through Aug 7
Summer Wonder at Kent District Library
Our usual celebration of summer with reading, incentives and programming. This year has something new. We are partnering with Kent County Parks for fun outdoor activities for the whole family. Outdoor scavenger hunts, park exploration and more. Explore our great outdoors right here in Kent County! Visit www.kdl.org/summer
Kent District Library, 784-2007

ALL AGES June- August
Virtual Programming
Online programs for all ages. Visit www.kdl.org/events for a listing of activities, then go to www.kdl.org/livestream to watch. Kent District Library-Alto and Englehardt-Lowell Branches, 784-2007

ALL AGES June- August
Take and Makes
Stop by the library weekly and pick up one of these grab and go craft kits, in lieu of programming. Supplies are limited, so check frequently. Kent District Library-Alto and Englehardt-Lowell Branches, 784-2007

YOUTH June- August
Pop-Up Programs
Look for posters in our buildings and follow our Facebook posts to watch for "pop-up" programming opportunities. Depending on MDHSS directives AND Michigan weather, we will be trying to offer some outdoor activities. Kent District Library-Alto and Englehardt-Lowell Branches, 784-2007

June 2, July 7 and Aug 4
ZOOM Night Owls Book Discussion
Book selections: June - “The Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah, July – “The Bear and the Nightingale” by Katherine Arden, August - “The End of Your Life Book Club” by Will Schwalbe. Join us for a virtual monthly book discussion through the online platform ZOOM. Contact program coordinator Jess McLeod at jmcleod@kdl.org for any questions and/or to receive your ZOOM log-in information. Or register online for ZOOM passwords/book selections at kdl.bibliocommons.com/events. Discussion on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007.

June 17– August 26
Lowell Showboat Sizzlin’ Summer Concerts
The Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts are presented by LowellArts and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Thursday evening concerts begin at 7:00pm along the Flat River on the Riverwalk Plaza in downtown Lowell. Concerts are family-friendly and wheelchair accessible. Bleacher seating is available, or bring a chair. Admission to the concerts and parking are free. Enjoy Lowell’s Social District for your adult beverages. Concessions also available for purchase. Concerts are held at Riverwalk Plaza, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell, MI 49331. Check out www.discoverlowell or www.lowellartsmi.org for weekly line up. Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce & LowellArts, 897-9161.
June 17 - Gunnar and the Grizzly Boys
June 24 - Lighten Up Francis
July 1 - Sam's Swing Band
July 8 - The Soul Syndicate
July 9 - The Bronk Bros.
July 15 - Paradise Outlaw
July 22 - Soul Access
July 29 - Madcat Midnight Blues Journey
August 5 - Melophobix
August 19 - Escaping Pavement
August 26 - Nicholas James and the Bandwagon

June 17 – September 9
FARMERS’ MARKET AT IMPACT CHURCH PARKING LOT
10am-3pm. Check out this year’s Farmers’ Market, held every Thursday, from 10am – 3pm at Impact Church Parking lot. Location is 11840 Fulton (W. Main Street, Lowell). We provide area produce and products from local farmers and small-business owners. Support local, shop Lowell Farmers’ Market. Safety and health guidelines will be followed. Market Master, Cinnamin Piggott, 616-916-9193 or go to https://www.discoverlowell.org/farmers-market/ for a vendor application**.**

June, July, August
LowellArts Music: Featured Artist of the Month
The LowellArts Featured Artist of the Month offers audiences a personal, insider’s view into the current music scene from the perspective of West Michigan's talented performers. The series gives West Michigan listeners a chance to meet the people behind the music. Each feature consists of an in depth live-recorded video interview with the artist, an artist profile, and links to past performances. A new featured artist is announced on the first of every month, and the content is available at LowellArtsMi.org.

June 26 – August 14
LowellArts Exhibition: SOLO Together
SOLO Together is an exhibition of the work by 8 exceptional artists from Michigan. A body of work from each artist is on display that highlights the unique perspective of each artist. Artists include: Maggie Bandstra, William Davis, Sandra Hansen, Andrew Kline, Brenna Mahn, Susan Teague, Joan Tweedell, and Jeannette Woltmann. A wide range of styles and media are represented including: painting, photography, mixed media sculpture, metal sculpture, mixed media drawing, tissue paper collage, and woodblock prints. Gallery hours are: Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Saturday 12-5pm. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St. www.lowellartsmi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

June

June 3-June 5
Larry Blovits-The Importance of Light
9:00am - 4:00pm In this workshop, Larry will explain the three unique characteristics of light, and its vitally important tools used to create and control profound statements in paintings. Participants will be directed to experience each one of the characteristics during class meetings to learn and master the components in depth. Cost: $364. Lowell CampusTo find a complete description of this workshop please go to: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/larry-blovits-the-importance-of-light-tickets-131092492173. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

June 3 - June 5
Painting the Clothed Figure with Zhaoming Wu
9:00am - 4:00pm In this workshop, Zhaoming will teach a traditional “painterly” technique of oil painting. It will be applied to figure painting in an “alla prima” approach. Emphasis will be placed on composition, color, and understanding light on form. Cost: $597. Lowell Campus. To find a complete description of this workshop, please click here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/zhaoming-wu-painting-the-clothed-figure-with-zhaoming-wu-tickets-118053913433. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

June 6 – August 29
Schoolhouse Open Sundays
2:00PM – 4:00PM. The Fallasburg Schoolhouse will be open for visitors most Sunday afternoons (Closed 4TH of July) all summer. Come see what life was like in a one-room school, and while you’re at it, take a stroll through Historic Fallasburg Village. Fallasburg Historical Society, www.fallasburg.org.

SOLD OUT. YOUTH. June 7 – 9
Nature Crafts for Kids
Campers will use rocks, nature habitats and other items from nature to create unique crafts. Come and enjoy the great outdoors and bring a little nature back into your home. Cost: $110. https://naturecraftsforkids.eventbrite.com. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

June 7

Tom Lynch- ZOOM Virtual Watercolor Workshop
10:30 am – 5:30 pm The focus of this comprehensive workshop is to go through the building blocks of creating successful FINISHED paintings. Tom takes attendees beyond techniques and guides them from the photograph to the preliminary sketches, and then shows each of the stages in creating beautiful, finished works of art. Cost: $416 Lowell Campus. To find a complete listing of this workshop please go to: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tom-lynch-zoom-series-1-4-day-virtual-watercolor-workshop-tickets-143364929363. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

June 8
FROM Volunteer Orientation
Interested in Volunteering at FROM? We have a number of opportunities available including Re-Stockers, Cashiers/Baggers, Donation Room, Sorters, Cleaning and More! Volunteer as little as once a month or multiple times a week! A number of shifts are available during morning, evening and weekend hours. Attend a volunteer orientation from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at FROM to find out more. Flat River Outreach Ministries (616) 897-8260. RSVP required.

June 9
FROM Senior Food Commodities
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ADULT & YOUTH June 10
All Aboard! Book Discussion
This month we are inviting students to join us as we talk about Gary Schmidt's Wednesday Wars. In 1967, when other students go for religious studies, Holling Hoodhood stay in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of Shakespeare, and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in. This program will be held in Veterans Park, next to the library. Thursday, 10:30 AM. Kent District Library-Alto Branch, 784-2007

June 10 – June 12
Gage Opdenbrouw - Landscape and memory workshop
9am - 4pm Painting outside is a somewhat overwhelming experience due to constantly changing light, shifting clouds, weather, and a myriad of possible distractions. However, these challenges create an experience of chasing the moment that stays with us, and can feed our work in the studio. Cost: $468. To find a complete description of this workshop: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gage-opdenbrouw-landscape-and-memory-workshop-tickets-62785385779. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

June 10- June 12
Katie Dobson Cundiff-"Apuntes" Oil Sketches en Plein Air
9am-4pm The emphasis in this workshop will be on painting accurately and spontaneously and applying basic principles of design, drawing, and painting to produce work with interesting compositions, correct values, dynamic colors and varied edges. Cost: $514.To find a complete description of this workshop: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/katie-dobson-cundiff-apuntes-oil-sketches-en-plein-air-tickets-55222086748. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

June 10 -11
Earthmovers: Black Gold (Worms)
Have you ever wondered what worms do? What are they good for besides fishing? Join us on an adventure to explore the world of earthworms. Cost: $75.
https://earthmoversforkids.eventbrite.com. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

June 11
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June 12
Expo on the Riverwalk
Saturday, 10:00AM – 3:00PM. One of the premier networking opportunities the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce offers our businesses, churches, schools, municipalities, and organizations is the Annual Lowell Community Expo, which has been replaced with Expo on the Riverwalk for 2021. Expo on the Riverwalk is held on Lowell's Riverwalk, Downtown Historic Lowell. This event is an excellent opportunity for the community to increase their awareness of the products and services provided and/or manufactured in the Greater Lowell Area. Exhibitors also gain the opportunity to develop sales, leads and customer contacts. Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 897-9161

June 12
Expo - The Fallasburg Historical Society will have a table on Showboat Row. Fallasburg Historical Society, www.fallasburg.org.

June 17
Volunteer Orientation
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June 19 & 26
LowellArts Class: Plaque Faces
Use your creativity to sculpt and paint a plaque-displayed face using air-dry clay. Ages 15 to Adult | Instructor: Cyn Tennant. Class Fee: $110 ($100 for LowellArts Members). Fee includes materials with $18 value. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

June 21 & 28
LowellArts Class: Painting en Plein Air
Enjoy painting “en plein air” - meaning painting outdoors! Learn the basic principles of plein air painting such as developing strong color and shapes, and how to create different effects using color temperature, composition, and design. Ages 18 + | Instructor: Scott Kenyon. Class Fee: $120 ($108 for LowellArts Members). Fee does not include materials. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

June 21
Volunteer Day – First Day of Summer
The flowers are blooming, but so are the weeds! Can you help us? Lowell Campus. https://firstdayofsummervolunteer.eventbrite.com, Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

June 22 - June 26th
Stan Miller-Painting the Portrait and Landscape in Watercolor
9am - 4pm This workshop will address the importance of drawing, values, color, technique and understanding design and composition. Transitioning from realism to abstraction will be demonstrated and explained. Some experience in watercolor is required. Cost: $747.To find a complete description of this workshop: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stan-miller-painting-the-portrait-and-landscape-in-watercolor-tickets-60593637200. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

June 24 - June 26
Dave Santillanes - Capturing the Atmosphere
9am - 4pm This workshop will focus on painting outdoors. Artists will learn to quickly gather the necessary visual information needed to complete a painting in the field. During the second half of the workshop, they will analyze the information they gathered, interpreting color and value relationships in order to create depth in a landscape painting. Cost: $493. To find a complete description of this workshop:https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dave-santillanes-capturing-the-atmosphere-tickets-120197073683. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

Youth. June 24
LowellArts Youth/Teen Class: Create A Horse!
Ages 7 to 10, create a drawing of a horse using pencil. Learn to draw the correct proportions of a horse and how to use pencil to create values. Ages 11 to 18, create a horse portrait using charcoal drawing techniques. Learn how to create values and blend charcoal to create realism. Instructor: Sharon Brandner. Class Fee: $17 ($15 for LowellArts Members). Fee includes materials. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

Youth. June 26
LowellArts Youth/Teen Class: Create a Monkey!
Ages 7 to 10, create a monkey using basic Chinese brushstrokes. Learn how to handle Chinese brushes using minimal strokes. Ages 11 to 18, create a monkey using Chinese painting techniques. Learn how to use deliberate brushstrokes and simplicity to create an expressive monkey character. Experiment with different kinds of Chinese brushes and rice paper. Instructor: Sharon Brandner. Class Fee: $17 ($15 for LowellArts Members). Fee includes materials. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

June 26
Mobile Food Pantry
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July

July 2-4
BLUEGRASS CAMP & JAM
There will be a Camp & Jam gathering of Bluegrass music musicians and fans at the Lowell Fairgrounds the weekend. Admission is free. Feel free to stop by and join in or just listen to the music that is happening around the camp sites. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy that good ol' down home music. If you wish to camp for any of the nights, the cost is $25/night. Cash or check only. Hope to see you there. If any questions, call Ed at (269) 806-8561. WEST MICHIGAN BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION.

Youth. July 1
LowellArts Youth/Teen Class: Create a Rabbit!
Ages 7 to 10, create a realistic drawing of a rabbit using colored pencils. Fur and texture will be created like the artist Albrecht Durer. Ages 11 to 18, create a realistic drawing of a rabbit using scratchboard tools. Fur and texture will be created like the artist Albrecht Durer. Instructor: Sharon Brandner. Class Fee: $17 ($15 for LowellArts Members). Fee includes materials. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

July 6
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July 7 – July 10
William Schneider - Design / Composition Secrets of the Masters
9am - 4pm. Students learn (usually in this order) shapes, values, color temperature, edges, and ultimately, design. Design trumps all the rest! A painting with good composition but mediocre rendering will still fly off the wall. A painting with wonderfully painted objects that are poorly placed will probably never sell. Cost: $597. Lowell Campus. To find a complete description of this workshop: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/william-schneider-design-composition-secrets-of-the-masters-tickets-127040843583. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

Youth. July 8
LowellArts Youth/Teen Class: Create Roosters!
Ages 7 to 10, create a colorful rooster with paint. Learn how to use water-based paint to create a very colorful rooster with fantastic feathers. Ages 11 to 18, create a rooster using Chinese brushstroke techniques with watercolor. Learn how to use only a few brushstrokes to create form.

Experiment with different kinds of Chinese brushes and rice paper. Instructor: Sharon Brandner. Class Fee: $17 ($15 for LowellArts Members). Fee includes materials. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

July 8, 9 & 10
27th Riverwalk Festival
This 2-night and 1-all day event includes many activities for you and your family to enjoy. Thursday, Friday live concerts, Flea on the Flat River, Run the Riverwalk 5K, Saturday Parade "Beach Party", Riverwalk Cruise-in (classic cars) & Pinewood Derby, Pink Arrow Kidz Zone, Bill & Paul's kayak/SUP/canoe race, food booths, Englehardt Library used book sale, $1500 State Farm Duck Raffle, LMA Worship Service, Laurels of Kent fireworks and much more! Check it all out at www.riverwalkfestival.org or call Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 616-897-9161, for more information.

July 9– July 10
William Mancuso-Work Small Work Often Workshop
9am - 4pm This workshop will be about making time for watercolor and sketching when it feels like there is no time by working smaller and using a travel kit that can fit in a pocket, purse, shoulder bag, etc. Cost: $209. For more information: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/william-mancuso-work-small-work-often-workshop-tickets-126862291529. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

Youth. July 10
LowellArts Youth Class: Create a Leopard!
Create a drawing of a snow leopard using charcoal. Learn about shading and proportion and how to use charcoal pencils. For ages 7 to 10. Instructor: Sharon Brandner. Class Fee: $17 ($15 for LowellArts Members). Fee includes materials. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

Youth. July 10 - 22
LowellArts Youth/Teen Theater Class: On With The Show!
Ever want to know what it's like to perform on stage? Or maybe you've performed before and want to gain some more experience? Brent Alles and Rob Freund will take you through the experience of putting on a show, from auditioning to blocking to performing! The theme of this show is "Kid Superheroes". The parts in this one act production will be given out during an "audition" and then the actors will rehearse, leading up to a final performance for friends and family! Brent and Rob have experience in writing, acting, and directing in many theatrical productions, and they're excited to lead you through a theatrical experience of your very own! Sign-up deadline: June 25. Ages 7 to 18 | Instructors: Brent Alles and Rob Freund from the LowellArts Players. Class Fee: $90 ($88 for LowellArts Members). LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

July 12
Blood Drive
The Lowell YMCA is having a Blood Drive on Monday from 8am-1pm. APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED. Call 616 774 2300. 33% of all blood collected goes to cancer patients. Each Donation Save 3 lives! You can donate every 56 days and save 18 lives every year! To register, call 616-855-9570 or 616-774-2300. Lowell YMCA, 897-8445.

July 13
Summer Camp 2021
The Lowell Area Historical Museum offers a camp for area youth each summer. The camp is a great way to explore local history this summer. This year's camp explores a variety of Native American Cultures. Campers pick 2 activities to participate in from the following options: Make a model teepee. Make a Navajo hair tie or beaded necklace. Paint a feather, make a pictograph. Braid and twine a cattail mat. All campers will see the Fur Trade Museum in the cabin and go on a guided historical walk in the park. 9:00am-2:00pm. Where: Tuesday at the Lowell Township Park North off Bowes Road behind Walgreens. Who: For youth age 7-14. Cost $10 per camper. Bring your own lunch, water provided. Registrations accepted until full. To Register: Call the Museum at 897-7688. Lowell Area Historical Museum, 897-7688.

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July 15
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ADULT July 15
All Aboard! Book Discussion
We'll be discussing Life List by Lori Nelson Spielman. Brett seemed to have a charmed life until her mother passes away, leaving a will with a major stipulation- she must complete her list of life goals compiled when she was 14, in order to receive her inheritance. This program will be held in Veterans Park, next to the library. Thursday 10:30 AM. Kent District Library-Alto Branch, 784-2007

July 15 – July 16
Seth Haverkamp-Portrait: Small Details From Large Abstraction
9am - 4pm By making large shapes progressively smaller, students will begin placing simplified versions of the features, big shapes, until they have a fully developed portrait. The color palette will remain limited, and students will see how to achieve many different "flesh" colors with very few colors on the palette. Cost: $509. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seth-haverkamp-portrait-small-details-from-large-abstraction-tickets-121600748111. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

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Youth. July 17
LowellArts Youth/Teen Class: Create Penguins!
Ages 7 to 10, create a penguin in action using tempera paint. Learn how to show action in painting with penguins sliding on ice and snow. Learn to mix values and how to create a three-dimensional penguin body. Ages 11 to 18, create penguins using watercolor. Learn watercolor painting techniques to create different values and how to blend colors. Instructor: Sharon Brandner. Class Fee: $17 ($15 for LowellArts Members). Fee includes materials. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

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August

August 3
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August 5
LowellArts Class: Needle Felted Bumblebees
Creating these little needle-felted bumblebees is a wonderful introduction for those interested in the art form of needle felting, as well as a fun project for those with previous experience. Ages 10 to Adult | Instructor: Sam Coon. Class Fee: $38 ($35 for LowellArts Members). Fee includes

materials. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

August 6, 7, 8, 13 & 14
LowellArts Theater Production: My Dearest Friend
The LowellArts Players presents My Dearest Friend, by Michigan playwright Mary G. Kron. The play chronicles the true story of the lives of John and Abigail Adams. It is a touching flashback of the high points of their life together, making history come alive as it gives new insights into this most modern of historical couples. The performance will be held at LowellArts, 223 W Main Street. Limited seating available for in-person performance. Times and ticket prices are TBD. Tickets will also be available for a live-stream of the performance. Details will be posted at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

August 9 – 12
Pioneer Days (session 2)
Experience some of the activities of our early settlers. Learn how to pan for gold, make soap, go berry picking, use a bow and arrow and more! Cost: $140. https://daycamppioneersaug.eventbrite.com. Campers need to dress for the weather, bring a water bottle and a snack. Who: Children ages 8 – 12. When: 9:00 am – noon. Where: Lowell Campus, 11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell, MI 4933. Contact Sister Mary Paul Moller, FSE at smpmoller@lifeprocesscenter.org or call 616-897-7842 for more information.

August 11
FROM Senior Food Commodities
Senior Food Commodities provides Kent County older adults with a monthly distribution of food during regular food pantry hours. You will need to bring: Proof of all household income, Drivers' license or State ID and your Social Security card. For more information on qualifications, or to register, contact Flat River Outreach Ministries at 897-8260.

August 11 – August 14
TED NUTTALL-Painting Faces from Photographs
9am - 4pm Painting a person in watercolor is every bit as approachable as creating a still life or landscape. Ted Nuttall demonstrates the techniques and discusses the benefits of photographic reference, as well as how to interpret a photo in order to give life and energy to the subject. Cost: $619. Lowell Campus https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ted-nuttall-painting-faces-from-photographs-tickets-61352515024. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

August 11 & 18
LowellArts Class: Drawing the Portrait
Learn how to draw the human portrait using charcoal and a photo of your choice. In this class you will learn how to study the structure and form of the head, neck, and shoulders to develop a portrait, as well as discuss the details of drawing facial features and how to emphasize values, shape, and edges. Ages 18 + | Instructor: Scott Kenyon. Class Fee: $120 ($108 for LowellArts Members). Fee does not include materials. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

August 12
LowellArts Class: Needle Felted Frog

Create a small frog sculpture using wool and barbed felting needles. If you're never tried needle felting, this is a wonderful class to begin with. Ages 8 to Adult | Instructor: Sam Coon. Class Fee: $38 ($35 for LowellArts Members). Fee includes materials. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

ADULT August 12
All Aboard! Book Discussion
Join us to discuss Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear. Masie goes into domestic service at age 13. When her intelligence is noted, an apprenticeship leads to her adult career: M. Dobbs, Trade and Personal Investigations. This program will be held in Veterans Park, next to the library. Thursday 10:30 AM. Kent District Library-Alto Branch, 784-2007

August 13
Annual Chamber Golf Scramble
9am. Come join the fun on Friday, August 13, at Arrowhead Golf Course. This annual event benefits the Ivan K. Blough Scholarship Fund. The Lowell Area Chamber members and community win through your contributions to this fund. The proceeds from the Event Holes, Tee Box sponsorships and silent auction all benefit the scholarship fund after expenses. Registration: 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start: 9:00 a.m. $75 per person includes 18 holes, cart and lunch. Event Hole sponsor: $125. Tee Box sponsor: $100. Attend Luncheon only: $15. Contact Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Office: 616-897-9161 or register online at https://discoverlowell.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/1445

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August 14
LowellArts Class: Painting Poppies with Wool
Though paint is not involved in this wet felting project, dyed Merino wool will be used to create poppies with a similar watercolor-like effect. Ages 14 to Adult | Instructor: Sam Coon. Class Fee: $75 ($68 for LowellArts Members). Fee includes materials. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

August 18– August 21
Kenn Erroll Backhaus- Composition and Brushwork
9am - 4pm In this workshop, emphasis will be placed upon developing dynamic and more powerful compositions, teaming this with expressive medium application or what's known as brushwork. The creative process is based on a compilation of fundamentals and principles, which are essential in the development of representational painting. Cost: $607. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kenn-erroll-backhaus-composition-and-brushwork-tickets-124736455095. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

August 19
Volunteer Orientation
Interested in Volunteering at FROM? We have a number of opportunities available including Re-Stockers, Cashiers/Baggers, Donation Room, Sorters, Lunch Buddies, Cleaning, Online Sales

Coordinator, and More! Volunteer as little as once a month or multiple times a week! A number of shifts are available during morning, evening and weekend hours. Attend a volunteer orientation from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at FROM to find out more. Flat River Outreach Ministries (616) 897-8260. RSVP required.

August 19 – August 21
Charlie Hunter-Plein Air Intensive
9am - 4pm This workshop is a three-day immersion in drawing, painting and on-the-fly composition decisions. How do artists engage the viewer? Why is drawing such an important part of a regular painting practice? Charlie Hunter will lead a class focusing on his unique approach to painting and sense of composition. Cost: $571. More Information: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charlie-hunter-plein-air-intensive-tickets-54094874225. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

August 20
Summer Fest Fundraiser
Friday 6-9:00pm. Support the Lowell Area Historical Museum at the annual Summer Fest event. Stroll the galleries and garden at the Museum while enjoying a local band, local food and drinks. Call 897-7688 for tickets or visit the Museum website or Facebook.

August 21
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Youth. August 21
LowellArts Class: Painting with Wool Prefelts
Create a lovely picture using colorful prefelts placed on a prefelt background and learn the wet felting process. This class will cover the entire wet felting process through instruction and demonstration. Ages 8 to 13 | Instructor: Sam Coon. Class Fee: $35 ($32 for LowellArts Members). Fee includes materials. LowellArts is located at 223 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. Register for classes at LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

August 26
Volunteer Day – Preparing our Memorial Plantings
Help us spruce up our beds for a very special event. Lowell Campus. https://memorialplantingvolunteer.eventbrite.com. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

August 28
Mobile Food Pantry
FROM, along with local churches and volunteers, provides a monthly distribution of healthy food (produce and other groceries) at the FROM Food Pantry from 10:00 a.m. to noon. There is no charge and pre-registration is not required. Flat River Outreach Ministries (616) 897-8260

August 31– September 2
Pocket Sketching with Kath Macaulay, as seen on PBS
9am - 4pm This is the perfect technique for travel journaling, hiking, biking, sauntering, and sitting in a cafe or in the airport. Capture what you think that you see in 25 minutes or less using a water soluble pen, a 4 X 6 inch pad of paper, and a small paint set. Cost: $410. More Information: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pocket-sketching-with-kath-macaulay-as-seen-on-pbs-tickets-143452545425. Franciscan Life Process Center, 616-897-7842.

SAVE THE DATE.

September 18 & 19
Fallasburg Arts Festival 2021, presented by LowellArts
The 53rd Annual Fallasburg Arts Festival is a 2-day festival held in picturesque Fallasburg Park in Lowell, featuring 100 unique fine art and fine crafts booths, food booths, and a children's craft area. Timeless craft demonstrations take place inside a large pavilion while musicians perform on an outdoor stage. Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm. Admission is free. Location: Fallasburg Park, 1124 Fallasburg Rd, Lowell, MI 49331. LowellArtsMi.org. LowellArts, 897-8545

September 25
Lowell Community Clean-up
Saturday, at the Kent County Fairgrounds, 8am to 11am. www.discoverlowell.org/government/. Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 616-897-9161

Fallasburg Covered Bridge 150TH Anniversary Celebration, 1871 – 2021. TBD. www.fallasburg.org.

"Christmas in Fallasburg", A Community Celebration, Saturday, December 11, 6:00PM – 8:00PM, Fallasburg Schoolhouse. www.fallasburg.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Fallasburg Historical Society
The Fallasburg Historical Society welcomes new volunteers; as village docents, tradespeople, landscapers, and laborers. Contact us for more information and we'll find a way for you to help that fits with your availability. www.fallasburg.org

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Treasures Thrift Shop is in need of cashiers and baggers. No experience needed as you will receive on the job training. Cashiers and baggers work together to scan items, ring up transactions and bag items. A variety of days and times are available Tuesday-Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Cashiers must be at least 14 years old. All volunteers must attend a Volunteer Orientation. For more information call Diane at (616) 897-8260 ext. 123

LOWELL BUCKS

Area residents are being encouraged to give their family and friends a gift that supports the local community. Lowell Bucks work much like a store gift certificate by allowing the recipient to choose what they want to spend it on. The biggest difference being that it is local, said Liz Baker, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. “The money the giver spends helps keep the currency in Lowell. It is not going to a big corporation or company. It is community currency,” Baker said. “It is purchased here and it stays here. Your friends and family will appreciate your thoughtfulness, love choosing their own local gifts, and both of you can say you are supporting local.” There are more than 40 businesses Participating businesses are Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce members, which is the only criteria to be a part of Lowell Bucks program. The Chamber covers the costs that equal about eight cents on the dollar to cover software and credit card fees.

Lowell Bucks can be purchased online. For larger orders or those who prefer not to buy online, Baker said they can call the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce to make their purchase during the organization’s business hours.

For more information or to see the complete list of participating vendors, visit https:// www.discoverlowell.org/ lowell-bucks/ or contact the Chamber at (616) 897- 9161.