# LPC News

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## From The President

Greetings to all our wonderful members and fellow art enthusiasts!

First, I want to thank all of you for your continued support of the La Pointe Center for the Arts.

Your donations, whether it be in sharing your time, treasure, or talents, are what allow us to continue to support the incredible arts scene on Madeline Island. You are truly appreciated.

This was my second year on the board of the LPC and my first year as Board Chair. I am proud to lead an organization that supports the cultural enrichment of the island community through our promotion of local art and the work of local artists. In doing so, the LPC strives to foster a sense of community identity, pride, and connection.

This newsletter shares highlights of some of the many programs and opportunities supported by the LPC in 2026. I hope you enjoy reading about the work of our amazing team.

Thank you for your continued support for this wonderful organization.

***Gina Hand-Eoloff,***
***Board Chair La Pointe Center for the Arts***

## Upcoming Events

**August 27 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**
Home Grown Tomatoes

**September 1 @ 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm**
Sip and Paint @ the MIGC clubhouse

**September 3 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**
Local Island Talent Concert

**September 8-23rd**
Anything Goes Community Art Show & LPC Summer Fundraiser @ The La Pointe Center Gallery

**September 12 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00** pm
Anything Goes Community Art Show Reception

**September 15 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**
Madeline Island Book Club – Sept. 2025 – Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

**September 24 - October 17**
Indigenous Art Show

**September 26 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**
Indigenous Art Show Reception

***See our website for all event details!***

# It's Been a Happening Summer!

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## The Performing Arts Affiliate

The mobile stage ("Stagemobile") has been a key LPC asset this year, supporting concerts and performances from June's in-line skate marathon concert to free Thursday night shows at the Rec Center. With help from board member and island musician Steve Law, LPC welcomed groups including Old Country Boys, Dig Deep, and Yazmin & Beat Zero.

The stage also hosted musical performances for Manitou Makoons' "Seeding Kinship" cross-cultural event, August 15–17, featuring LPC grant recipients Ivan Curry and Tayamni Goodshield. Home Grown Tomatoes performs August 27, followed by the final September 3 show featuring local island talent.

## The La Pointe Center Gallery

The La Pointe Center Gallery has hosted several summer shows featuring artists in varied mediums, including work by some of the island's youngest artists, La Pointe Elementary School students. Across the diverse work, a common thread is love for the region's natural beauty, culture, and history.

The current exhibition, "Late Summer Artist Show," runs through Sept. 7 and features ceramics by Andrew Bartram and Sara Rothholz Weiner, along with works by Alan Gomez. Gallery hours are 11am–4pm daily. Two exhibitions then remain: the "Anything Goes Community Art Show" and the "Indigenous Art Show," which closes the season on October 17.

## Winter Workshops

La Pointe Center for the Arts is pleased to announce Winter Workshops, a new arts series running September 2026 through April 2027. Supported by a Wisconsin Arts Board Creative Communities grant, with additional support from the South Shore Community Fund.

The series will offer mixed media collage, needle felting, watercolor, traditional Indigenous art programs, and more. As summer ends, creativity continues—gather with community and make art this winter by signing up for a class. The full schedule will be announced in September.

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## Positivity Children's Theatre

Positivity Children's Theatre returned for its 32nd season with funding from LPC, The Wisconsin Art Board, and South Shore Community Fund. PCT has been enriching island kids for years under Julie Stryker's direction, with support from local parents, partners, and artisans. This year's show, "Ghosts of Madeline Island," written by Howard Dallin, welcomed special guest artist Steven Wendt, a New York hand shadow artist.

Wendt helped the kids add puppets and hand shadows to their retelling of Chequamegon Bay ghost stories, opening the show with a hand-shadow number that set a supernatural tone. The show included a ghostly dance about the 1886 sinking of the Lucerne and ended with "Ghostbusters." Technical and production support came from Sheri Milburn (musical director), Larra Gustus (choreography), Ludlow North (actor; cat herder), Lilah Guertin (stagehand), John Erste (scenic), Kassidy Curtis-Lugo (production), & Marty Curry (set tech).

# Summer Spotlights

## PLEIN AIR MADELINE ISLAND
## SEPTEMBER 20TH - 26TH

Come over and join us for the first annual Plein Air event on the beautiful shores of Madeline Island and the Bayfield Peninsula! Over 25 painters will be participating.

Jack Dant, a St. Paul, Minnesota artist whose painting subjects range from landscape and still life to portrait and figures, will be judging the event.

The primary location for the event will be on Madeline Island at the Bell Street Gallery. Additional painting venues and stations will be available throughout the Bayfield Peninsula. Please check out ***bellstgallery.com*** to stay on top of the most current updates and schedules.

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## The Madeline Island Book Club

The book club continues to bring community readers together through the winter, exploring works by hundreds of authors.With LPC support, members enrich the reading experience through related movie screenings and author discussions.

The next selection, "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt, will be paired with a screening of "My Octopus Teacher," the 2020 Netflix documentary about a filmmaker's friendship with an octopus in a South African kelp forest—echoing Marcellus, the octopus in Van Pelt's novel. To join the Madeline Island Book Club, email us: ***bpweiss@mtco.com***.

# Summer Spotlights

## TAYAMNI GOODSHIELD AND IVAN CURRY: SEEDING KINSHIP MUSICAL CONCERT

This event was held on August 15th at LPC's Mobile Stage. Presented by Diaspora Gardens and Manitou Makoons Gitigaan, the concert featured two of the La Pointe Center's 2025 grant recipients, Tayamni Goodshield and Ivan Curry. They performed pieces from their upcoming album, alongside several other musical artists.

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# Meet Our 2026 Grant Recipients

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Since 1994, the Regranting Program has supported artistic growth, community participation, and educational, entertaining events. The program is supported in part by a Wisconsin Arts Board grant with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts. Read on for 2026–2027 artists and projects.

**Bizy Wygonik** - Congrats to Live Art La Pointe on a successful Puppet Parade Float and Workshop! Led by Bizy Wygonik and other artists, the "Three Sisters Victory Garden and Companion Plant Army" came to life with support from La Pointe Center for the Arts' Regranting Program. The free public workshop took place at The Flicker House on Main Street, across from Joni's Beach, during the two weeks before July 4. Participants could contribute as much time as they wished—even just a few hours—and still create a functional parade piece. Grant funds helped cover artist fees, materials, ferry/transportation costs, and community meals offered during the workshops.

**Kevin Finney** - Kevin Finney's grant will support research, implementation, and teaching of Cedar Bark Mat Weaving using traditional natural dyes and advanced geometric patterns. With 25 years of cedar bark weaving experience, Kevin has worked with Tribal and First Nations communities across the region to develop and teach these skills. The grant includes a research visit to Grand Portage to study woven cedar mats made by one of Isle Royale's last Indigenous year-round elders. Kevin will bring that knowledge back to the island for a late-summer workshop and hopes to invite a full- or part-time apprentice so the tradition can continue. By the workshop's end, 3–4 woven mats and process photos will be offered to the La Pointe Center Gallery for display. Stay tuned for participation details.

**Barbara With** - Barbara With's project, Crossing Over: Stories of Ferries, Ice Roads, & Wind Sleds, is a literary arts and local history project documenting year-round travel to and from Madeline Island by ferry boat, ice road, and wind sled. Through archival research, documentation, direct sources, and interviews, Barbara will collect stories of crossings and island travel. An experienced writer and publisher, she plans to complete the project by next year. The locally sold book will add to Madeline Island's rich historiography. Have a story about ferry or island travel? Contact Barbara With at: ***barbwith@gmail.com***.

**Alex Nelson** - Alex Nelson proposes designing and creating a buildable miniature LEGO model inspired by the Madeline Island Ferry. The project will research the ferry's visual details and history, explore digital brick-modeling, and display prototype stages and design-process elements to show how the model evolved through experimentation. Funding would support creation of buildable models for resale in local shops. Alex also plans to host a free public presentation and interactive exhibition. Stay tuned to learn more about the project and how you can purchase one of the buildable models.

# Support LPC!

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***THANK YOU members! You keep us going year after year!***

The La Pointe Center for the Arts exists because of our members, donors, and community. LPC board members and staff thank you for participating in our programming, sharing your generous support and spirit, and helping sustain a vibrant arts community on Madeline Island.

If you are not already a member, please consider joining today. Annual memberships fuel LPC's work and help keep Madeline Island's arts scene healthy and vibrant. Members also hear first about upcoming events. Learn more at: ***lapointecenter.org/lpc-support-us***

Special thanks to the Wisconsin Arts Board and South Shore Community Fund for their continued support of our mission to uplift the arts on Madeline Island.

## Giving Options

### Membership

**Individual and Family Membership**

Annual memberships from people like you is the fuel that keeps the La Pointe Center for the Arts going strong! Your investment in LPC is a key to a healthy and vibrant Madeline Island arts scene. Join us and be the first to know about upcoming events and more.

***Secure online donation options!***

**Sustaining Membership**

Becoming a recurring donor is a convenient, easy and safe way to support local artists and the LPC. Regular donations allow us the freedom to support more artists and events. Your monthly gift can be as little as $10.00 per month and can be changed at any time.

***Mail-in option!***

**Business Membership**

Business members are a vital part of our community and local economy. Together, we can do more to support one another and in turn keep the arts and our business community thriving. Please consider a business membership.

The La Pointe Center for the Arts is a 501(c)3. Donations are tax deductible within applicable laws.

### Sponsorship

Underwriting an event as a Sponsor is an excellent way to support a specific event or group.

This is a gratifying way to show your commitment to the art community and allows the LPC to bring higher quality events to Madeline Island.

## Gift Memberships

Looking for the perfect gift? A gift membership to the La Pointe Center for the Arts shows you care about your family, friend or loved one, and that you care about what's important to them – the arts on Madeline Island!