



THE ARTS:

ALIVE AND WELL ON THE NORTH SHORE

By Matt Beardmore

The arts scene is alive and well on the North Shore! In 2024, you can find a wide variety of special events, fundraisers, anniversaries, parties, exhibits, concerts, and classes for all ages, skill levels and interests as art is shared and celebrated throughout Winnetka, Glencoe, and Northfield.

There are plenty of reasons to celebrate this year at **North Shore Art League (NSAL)** in Winnetka and **The Canvasback** in Northfield as both will reach impressive milestones. NSAL turns 100 this year, continuing its mission of “enriching the human spirit and life of the community through art education

and events.” NSAL will host a 100th Annual Members’ Show from Sept. 24-Oct. 28 and a 100th Celebration Party on Sept. 27. There will also be opportunities to view and purchase art outdoors this summer at the NSAL’s popular juried art fair, *Art in the Village*, which takes place June 22-23 in Hubbard Woods Park.

At The Canvasback, owner Eilene Isaacs has plenty in store in 2024 to celebrate this nationally known and respected needlepoint shop’s 50th anniversary. In the same building for all five decades, The Canvasback will host a lively party the first week of June, and there will be raffles and events all year long, Isaacs said.

If you would like to learn more about art and appreciate some beautiful works of art, the North Shore has galleries for you. At **Vivid Art Gallery** in Winnetka, founders Cynthia Burr and Martha Ruschman provide an environment where no matter if you are an art collector or just an admirer, you will leave with a little more knowledge and a lot more excitement than you did when you walked in. Vivid Art Gallery has several artists who have solo and two-person shows lined up for 2024, including Amie Campbell, David Keel, Lisa Goesling and Bruce Thorn, Tamar Kander, Susan Jacoby, and Jane D’Angelo.

At **Anne Loucks Gallery** in Glencoe and Winnetka, the focus is on contemporary American painting, photography, and works on paper. The Gallery curates 12 exhibitions annually from its two locations: the Glencoe gallery dedicates half of its space to a current exhibition and half to an ongoing display of work by Gallery artists, while the Winnetka gallery is dedicated to a series of solo shows and mounts a new exhibition every six



weeks. There are five remaining exhibitions scheduled in 2024 for the Glencoe Gallery.

CREATING ART OF YOUR OWN

If music is your jam (or if you'd like to find out if it is), the **Glencoe Academy of Music (GAM)** is definitely worth a look. GAM's award-winning faculty of music instructors work with kids, teens and adults and help create a music journey that is tailored to students' interests and goals. You can even record in GAM's music studios, overseen by a Grammy-nominated sound engineer!

And if you'd like to try your hand at creativity, the **North Shore Senior Center (NSSC)** in Northfield could be the spot for you. Art classes take place within the art studio, which has been part of NSSC programming since its beginning in the Winnetka Community Center in 1956. Some of the upcoming classes at NSSC include exploring watercolor, an art workshop, and Dorset button making.

At The Canvasback, you can take Embellishment classes or join in on the weekly no-cost Sit and Stitch sessions. And this fall, the store will be offering a three-session class to learn to stitch a brand-new canvas featuring the Chicago skyline.

If you would like to support a good cause while improving your art skills, consider contacting **heARTS for Heroes – Henry's Heroes Foundation** in Winnetka. Founded by artist Nancy Iida, the HeART studio is "the studio that gives back" as Iida uses art to raise awareness about epilepsy and uses the proceeds to fund research and support programs locally and globally. Iida also works with local kids to raise funds and awareness through a variety of events. Try out one of her weekly drop-in classes or schedule a private small group class with your friends and family.

With so many artistic avenues to explore, the North Shore is sure to spark your creativity.

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Vivid Art Gallery
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Winnetka, IL 60093
(224) 505-5961
<https://vividartgallery.net>

heARTS for Heroes – Henry's Heroes Foundation
964 Green Bay Road
Winnetka, IL 60093
(708) 721-3906
<https://henrysheroesfoundation.org/art-for-heroes/>

GLENCOE

Anne Loucks Gallery
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Glencoe, IL 60022

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NORTHFIELD

North Shore Senior Center
Arthur C. Nielsen, Jr. Campus
161 Northfield Road
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The Canvasback
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Northfield, IL 60093
(847) 446-4244
<https://www.thecanvasback.com>

ARTS & CULTURE

CHILDREN'S THEATRE OF WINNETKA (CTW)

Community House
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childrenstheatrewinnetka.com

Children's Theatre of Winnetka is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to promoting theatrical experiences for New Trier Township children in grades 4-8, who participate both onstage and backstage in two annual productions. CTW operates under the auspices of the Community House. All are invited to help CTW celebrate its 50th Anniversary Season with a Gala Celebration on May 5 in Matz Hall. For more information, visit childrenstheatrewinnetka.com.

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NORTH SHORE ART LEAGUE

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Executive Director: Linda Nelson

Celebrating 100 years in 2024, the North Shore Art League offers art classes, summer



campus, workshops, lectures, special art events and exhibitions for adults and children. Most classes meet in our sky-lit studio on the second floor of the Community House. The League's national, juried summer art fair, Art in the Village, will be held on June 22 & 23, 2024, in Hubbard Woods Park in Winnetka

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WINNETKA CHAPEL

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Theater: 325 Tudor Court
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 (847) 242-6000
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100 Years of Art in the Community




Join us as we kick off our 100th year of bringing arts to the community! Find inspiration with our talented faculty in our beautiful studio and enjoy the camaraderie of NSAL students.

The North Shore Art League is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enriching the human spirit and life of its community through art education, exhibits and events. Founded 100 years ago, the League studios are located on the second floor of the Community House, Winnetka. Classes are held in our sky lit studio reminiscent of Paris art studios so prevalent in the early 19th century – giving artists the coveted *North Light* for their work.



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