

Fall a Time for “Gathering” at Creative 360

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What: Fall schedule of classes and special events at Creative 360 (formerly Creative Spirit Center), 1517 Bayliss in Midland.

For more information: Log on to www.becreative360.org or call (989) 837-1885 for a printed copy of the 40+ activities offered September through December.

Midland -- Working on the theme of “The Gathering Table,” Midland’s Creative 360 (formerly Creative Spirit Center) is this September through December offering a gathering of 10 printmakers in its gallery and a gathering for weary souls during a weekend retreat at a cottage on the Saginaw Bay.

“You, your friends and family are invited to our cozy fireplace, spacious movement studio, outdoor performance pavilion and welcoming art gallery to reunite after the travels, travails and thrills of summer,” says Creativity Director Sarah Gorman, “to return to the more predictable but warmly welcoming circle of home, school and community.”

Among the 40 “gathering table” events on the roster are:

“5x10: Mid-Michigan Printmaking,” an exhibition showcasing 10 mid-Michigan printmakers creating works in wood block, intaglio, linoleum block, lithography and other techniques. Sept. 18-Nov. 6. Free gallery admission.

“Women’s Weekend Getaway,” three days of unstructured relaxation and cocooning at a spacious Au Gres cabin on the Saginaw Bay. All meals provided. Oct. 9-11. Cost \$150. Limited to 10 participants.

Studio I Battle of the Bands,” with four bands competing each night, from 7-11 p.m., the Saturdays of Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24. The winner receives 50 CDs of their music, professionally recorded at Studio I, as well as 50 custom T-shirts. Log on to www.thosephoenixproductions.com for entry and ticket information.

Artist Soirée With John Palen, featuring dinner and conversation with the former Midland Daily News Editor who has authored seven books of poetry and currently edits Midland Issues, a monthly newsletter covering city government

and public schools in Midland. 7-9 p.m. Nov. 4. Cost \$45, which includes a signed book.

“Delectable Holiday Cookies With Pauline Pittsley,” a morning of making five kinds of holiday cookies and one candy. Each participant will take home about five dozen cookies to freeze for the holidays and a recipe book. 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 12. Cost: \$24 plus \$8 materials fee.

“Songwriting Workshop,” with Midland composer Dan Vaillancourt, who has performed in 33 states and penned hundreds of songs. The 2-4 p.m. Dec. 6 session is open to ages 16 and up. Each participant will write a song. Cost: \$28.

Also scheduled are a concert by Blue Tears of Midland, a performance of the rarely performed Shakespearean play “Pericles” by the Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company of Grand Haven, the making of an edible Halloween house and holiday cards for children, and wellness classes in chair yoga and tai chi.

Log onto www.becreative360.org for more information about the fall roster, or call (989) 837-1885 to request a mailed copy of the printed version.

About Creative 360

Creative 360, formerly known as Creative Spirit Center, is a not-for-profit community arts and wellness organization founded in 1994. The Center’s mission is to create an environment for people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, art exhibits, events, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, mental and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities.

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