Yes we can!
Celebrating the Creative Legacy of Artists, Scientists, Scholars, and Community Leaders 80 and Older
Creative 360
Yes We Can...Celebrate Greatness!

Creative 360 has developed an innovative program to recognize and honor those 80 and over in a way that respects their knowledge and taps into their legacy of creativity. This amazing and often overlooked segment of the population offers a wealth of experience and knowledge that should be shared with people of all ages. Our multi-faceted series is open to all ages and offers programs in poetry, music, art, dance and science. It will give participants ongoing opportunities to engage with and learn from a dynamic group of senior presenters and educators. In response to positive feedback and demand for more programs following our inaugural program in the winter 2014, Yes We Can! is now an ongoing signature program for Creative 360.

This group of 70 Great Lakes Bay artists, scholars, scientists and community leaders will share their stories and experiences through performance, lecture, discussion and an exhibition that express and showcase their creative thought process. The events take place from January through May 2015.

Yes We Can! is designed to share the wisdom and experiences of people over 80 while stimulating, encouraging and motivating others to be more active and to realize by example that they also can continue to be contributing community members.

Yes We Can! Art Exhibition Opening Gala

Friday, January 9 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. no charge

Join us for an evening of exceptional art, wine, hors d’oeuvres, and conversation as you meet and mingle with our three artists: Pat Smith (80), The Reverend William T. Elliott (90) and Dale Meier, Ph.D. (92). We will celebrate each artist, their life, process, and work with a luncheon dedicated to them. See the Yes We Can! luncheon section. The exhibit will be on display through February 6.

A Century to Celebrate—with Birthday Cake!

Virginia Sears’ 100th Birthday!

Tuesday, January 27 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. no charge

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Yes We Can… Honor Our Community Leaders!

Luncheon Soirees

Join us in honoring these artists, scientists, scholars, and community leaders.

Pat Smith (80) – Artist, Arts Educator, Administrator

Friday, January 16 – 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. $30
RSVP required by January 12. Space is limited.

Having made her career choice at the tender age of 12, Pat never wavered from her goal. She received her bachelors in teaching, and masters in school administration from Michigan State University. She was an art teacher and art coordinator for Midland Public Schools and she developed PAM (Project Art Museum) for all fifth graders. She is currently an art instructor at Midland Center for the Arts. Her artwork is on display in our gallery through February 6th.

The Reverend William T. Elliott (90) – WWII Veteran, Pastor, Author, Artist, Teacher

Friday, January 30 – 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. $30
RSVP required by January 26. Space is limited.

Bill Elliott is an exceptional watercolor artist who liked to draw and paint at an early age. While in the South Pacific during WWII, he painted oils of the southern islands. He later completed seminary and continued painting in oils. He took a watercolor class at the Midland Community Center and never used oils again. He has won many awards for his work and currently teaches painting classes to a small, loyal group. He was the pastor at St. John’s Episcopal Church for 25 years. His artwork is on display in our gallery through February 6th.
Dale Meier, Ph.D. (92) – WWII Marine Veteran, Scientist, Author, Professor, Artist

Friday, February 6 – 11:30-1:00 p.m. $30
RSVP required by February 2. Space is limited.

Dr. Meier is an award-winning scientist who earned his Ph.D. from UCLA after serving in the Marine Corps during WWII. His long and notable career began at Shell Development Company in 1951 and after 1972 as Professor at the Michigan Molecular Institute for the next 37 years. He has been a visiting professor in Poland, Japan and South Korea and has written over 100 papers and patents. His paper *The Theory of Block Copolymers* was selected as one of the twelve most significant papers published in the past 50 years by the *Journal of Polymer Science*. His artistry in wood has been shown in a three-month long exhibit at Midland Center for the Arts, and will be on display here through February 6th.

Art Sweetheart Luncheon Honoring Eugene Yehle, Ph.D. (94)

WWII Veteran, Scientist, Administrator, Professor, Financial Director Dow Chemical

Saturday, February 14 – 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. $30
RSVP required by February 9. Space is limited.

Each year, Creative 360 honors a Great Lakes Bay Region arts advocate who has made significant contributions through exceptional vision, leadership and commitment to the arts. Our Honor Roll of Sweethearts includes Dorothy Yates, Virginia (Ginny) Morrison, Barbara Prince-Sovereign, Sally Moss, Judy Rapanos, Nancy Barker, Janet I. Martineau, Ruby Iwamasa, Patty Shaheen, Dick and Donna Dolinski, and Ruth and Etcyl Blair. This year we are delighted to announce Eugene Yehle as our 2015 Art Sweetheart.

Dr. Yehle retired as director of investor relations and pension investments at The Dow Chemical Company. Before joining Dow, he was professor of statistics at the Michigan Business School. He is Trustee emeritus of Alma College, and has served as chairman of the Charles J. Strosacker Foundation. Gene serves on various committees at Midland Center for the Arts, and Memorial Presbyterian Church, Midland Community Center, Midland-Morning Rotary Club and other civic and charitable organizations.
How Midland has changed the World with Bill Barker (84) and Friends

Friday, March 6 – 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. $30
RSVP required by March 2. Space is limited.

Long-time Midland resident and former Dow Chemical attorney and business executive Bill Barker is well known to friends and family for his encyclopedic knowledge of almost everything... and of “Dow history” in particular. Some remarkable colleagues may join him in this presentation on “things you never knew” but will be fascinated to know now.

Don Carlyon (90) – President Emeritus Delta College, Visionary, Philanthropist

Friday, March 20 – 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. $30
RSVP required by March 16. Space is limited.

Dr. Carlyon served as president of Delta College from 1964 to 1992 developing and re-developing it into a world class community college. He remains intimately engaged in the school’s activities as an ambassador and attends numerous events each year. Don is currently a member of the Bay County Library System Board of Trustees.

Linnaeus (79) and Phae (81) Dorman – Community Leaders, Philanthropists

Friday, April 17– 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. $30
RSVP required by April 13. Space is limited.

In 1997, the Dormans established two endowed scholarship funds. One in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King and another in honor of Rosa Parks. The scholarships assist students whose leadership and devotion to community issues and academic performance parallel that of Dr. King and Rosa Parks.

Dr. Linnaeus Dorman began his career at The Dow Chemical Company in 1960 and retired in 1994 as a senior associate scientist. He holds patents and publications in the fields of biomedical and polymer science. He has been active in numerous professional and civic activities including the SVSU Board of Fellows for which he was president from 1983 to 1985. Dr. Dorman is included as a “Science Maker” in The History Makers, the nation’s largest African American video oral history archive.

Phae Dorman joined The Dow Chemical Company in 1973 and retired in 1994 as manager of the Business Information Center. She is the author of Chemical Industries: An Information Sourcebook, a guide to the business-related publications of the chemical industry.
Yes We Can… Continue in Creativity!

Enjoy the talents of the area’s most mature and experienced performers and poets as they continue to share their passion far beyond retirement.

Refreshments will be served. Please call to let us know you are coming.

**Eric Torgersen - Poetry Reading**

*Sunday, January 18 – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. $8*

Dr. Torgersen taught Creative Writing at Central Michigan University for 38 years. He has published nine books and chapbooks of poetry, fiction and non-fiction; his most recent is the poetry collection *Heart Wood*, Word Press, 2012.

**Li Tien, Ph.D. (81) – Poetry Reading & Conversation**

*Sunday, February 1 – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. $8*

Dr. Tien was born in China. He retired from The Dow Chemical Company as a Ph.D. engineer. He has poems published in more than a dozen journals including *Blue Unicorn, Green Hills Literary Lantern, The MacGuffin, Mathematical Intelligencer, Nimrod International Journal, Peninsula Poets, and Poet Love and Pudding Magazine.*

**Jerry Hickman (85) and The Midland Traditional Dancers**

*Sunday, March 8 – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. $8*

We will pay special tribute to founding member and “caller,” Jerry Hickman. Still at the helm of The Midland Traditional Dancers, Jerry still calls for these invigorating, fun gatherings. Jerry retired as an electrician at Dow Corning, finishing as an engineer in the Midland Plant Engineering. The Midland Traditional Dancers are part of the Folk Music Society of Midland. There will be a demonstration and you will be invited to join in for a pleasant dance experience for beginners as well as experienced dancers.
Men of Music

Sunday, March 22 – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. $8

Men of Music have been singing since 1936. They have more than 50 members with many singing into their 70's, 80's, and 90's. It is always a treat to hear this fabulous men's chorus! Grace Marra, Director. Laurie Habeldank, Accompanist.

Betty Baxter (83) in Concert

Sunday, April 12 – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. $8

Betty Baxter’s life is music—or, her music is her life. As a performer she is engaging; her personal style is infectious; and her musicianship is impeccable. Betty lives in Lansing and is well known in central Michigan having performed at the East Lansing Summer Solstice Jazz Festival, Lansing Old Town Jazz Festival, the Michigan Festival, Lansing Riverfest, MSU Jazz at the Museum, and the Lansing Downtown Arts Festival.

River Junction Poets

Sunday, May 3 – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. $8

The River Junction Poets began in 1974 as The Poets Workshop. Their mission is to appreciate and improve their talents, to share their work, and communicate the joys of poetry with everyone. They are generous with their time and talents throughout the Great Lakes Bay region.
Yes We Can... Tuesday Tributes

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Tribute to Papa Joe Lubbehusen (90)

Tuesday, April 21 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. $8

Come celebrate the 90 ½ birthday of Papa Joe Lubbehusen. Tea and refreshments will be served as we pay tribute to Papa Joe. He will share his humor and beloved positive philosophy with us. The art of Joe’s late dear wife Marjorie will be displayed. Proceeds go to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Remembering Mother Tea

Tuesday, May 5 – 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. $8
RSVP required by April 30. Space is limited.

Join Linda Z. Smith and Karen Gruber for this special memorable tea where we will be remembering and honoring our mothers. If you can, bring your mother, but if that is not possible, bring photos and mementos. There will be poetry, songs, and remembrances, with assorted teas served from a fantastic collection of over 350 teapots.
Yes We Can… Experiment, Explore and Move!

SMART (Science Meets Art)
February 2, 9, 16 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. no charge
Registration required by January 28.

Join scientists from the American Chemical Society (ACS) and artists from Creative 360 for hands on science and art experiences. Creative 360 and ACS have joined together for the past two years to bring this unique program to Delta College’s Possible Dream program. The engaged excitement and enthusiasm of participants and presenters has inspired us to offer it to participants age 60+. Join us for these interactive “wow – that’s amazing!” experiments. Space is limited, so pre-register early! The Midland Section of ACS is one of 189 across the nation serving more than 160,000 members. Visit www.midlandacs.org.

A Matter of Balance
Wednesdays, Jan 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18 – 10:00 to noon. $20 suggested donation
Reservation required by January 21. Space is limited.

Many adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. This award-winning program is designed to manage falls with practical strategies and increase activity levels.

YOU WILL LEARN TO: view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, exercise to increase strength and balance. (Program based on Fear of Falling: A Matter of Balance, ©1995 Trustees of Boston University.)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: anyone concerned about falls, anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength, anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns, and anyone who is interested in becoming a coach for “A Matter of Balance.”

Coaches: Kelli Jankens and Lori Coppola of MidMichigan Health.
Creative 360 is a community-based, nonprofit arts organization co-founded in 1994 by Linda Z. Smith and Cynthia Keefe to provide a supportive environment to enhance the development of physical, mental and spiritual wellness in our community through the arts and humanities.

Our mission is to create an environment for people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, events, art exhibitions, concerts and outreach programs.

Please visit our website or call for more information on our creative classes and events.

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