

SUMMER 2011

Center Stage Peanut Gallery Presents:

THE TWELVE DANCING PRINCESSES

June 16 - 19

Discover the delightful tale of 12 beautiful princesses, and the mystery their father is determined to solve. A kid-pleasing musical filled with spells, sorcerers, princes and princesses.

Performed by 4th & 5th graders.

See inside for more information.

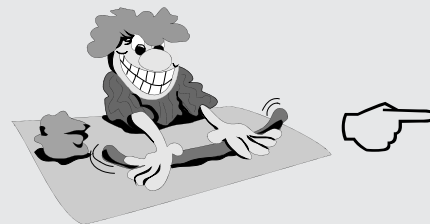


VOICES

Discover the remarkable women whose lives helped shape our community in this exhibit honoring the achievements of local women, past and present, and sharing their stories. See back page for more information.

LET'S EXPLORE! SUMMER CAMPS & CLASSES

There's still time to register! Join us for summer fun! Create, explore, and discover art, science, history, theatre, music and more! There's something for all ages and interests. See inside for more information.



MUSEUM ADMISSION:

(includes admission to the Hall of Ideas)
\$8 Adults | \$5 Children (14 and under) |
FREE to ABDM members

MUSEUM HOURS starting May 29:

Tuesday – Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm

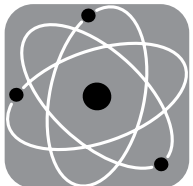
Thursday until 8 pm

CLOSED Sunday, Monday

CLOSED major holidays

The Museum will be closed July 2 – 11

IT'S A GAS!



IT'S A GAS! The Bright Side of Science

On display June 11 –
September 18

Explore the vital role gases play in our lives, from ensuring our survival to making our world a little brighter. Over a dozen fun and interactive science stations encourage all ages to learn more about these important elements from the Periodic Table.

Presented by Alden B. Dow Museum
of Science & Art

THE BRIGHT SIDE OF SCIENCE

Sponsored by The Dow Chemical Company & Dow Corning Corporation

Thursday nights are Family Fun Nights! Museum open until 8 pm!!



THEATRE



THE TWELVE DANCING PRINCESSES

June 16, 17 & 18 • 7:30 pm

June 18 & 19 • 3 pm

Little Theatre

Tickets: \$12 Adults | \$8 Students

Adapted from Grimm's Fairy Tale, this is the delightful story of 12 beautiful princesses who inexplicably wear out their shoes every night. When the King offers a reward to any man who can solve the mystery, an enterprising soldier takes up the challenge. Can he reveal the secret and claim the prize? A Peanut Gallery production performed by 4th and 5th graders. Directed by Penny Padgett.

CHARLEY'S AUNT

August 4, 5 & 6 • 8 pm

Little Theatre

Tickets: \$12 Adults | \$8 Students

A classic, madcap tale of hysterical hijinks as college students Jack and Charles scramble to keep their stories straight, proving that honesty IS always the best policy! Performed by 13- to 21-year-olds.

Written by Brandon Thomas. An Interim Theatre production. Directed by Shawn Finney.



SPECIAL EVENTS

SUMMER ART FAIR

June 4 & 5 • 10 am to 5 pm

Outdoors at Midland Center for the Arts – Rain or shine! **FREE ADMISSION**

Our fine art and craft fair is a popular family destination, featuring artists' booths, local entertainment, a Children's Corner, artist demonstrations and great food – from Greek to the good old American hot dog with the works!

NEW THIS YEAR: Collars for a Cause

Help shelter animals find their "forever" homes by visiting the Human Society of Midland County's Collars for a Cause pet adoption booth, Saturday from 11 am – 2 pm. Or show your support by purchasing a commemorative collar for your own pet.



THE STEPCREW June 10 • 8 pm

Tickets: \$27 & \$30 Adults

\$16 & \$20 Students

Family 4-Pack: \$69

Fall into step with the international dance sensation starring the world's top dance talents and world-class fiddlers backed by an amazing five-piece Celtic music ensemble!

SALUTE TO THE ARTS NIGHT AT DOW DIAMOND

August 23 • starts at 6:30 pm

Join us for fun and creativity at Dow Diamond. All ages will enjoy free activities promoting creativity and exploration in music, art, theatre, science and history. Special offers will also be available that evening.

For ticket information, contact the **Great Lakes Loons** ticket office at **(989) 837-BALL or (888) 678-BALL.**

AUDITIONS

CHARLEY'S AUNT

June 4 & 5 • 1 pm

Location: Lecture Room

Casting: 13- to 21-year-olds

Performance Dates:

August 4 – 6, 2011

In this world-famous farce, comic confusion abounds as Jack and Charles do their best to keep their stories straight, before they blow the cover off their own deception. This play never fails to reach a wide and eager audience. Directed by Shawn Finney.

Audition packets available at MCFTA front desk three weeks prior to auditions.



ANNIE

June 10 • 7 pm (Ages 7 – 15)

June 11 & 12 • 1 pm (Ages 16+)

Location: Rehearsal Rooms A & B

Casting: Mixed cast of adults and children

Performance Dates:

October 22 – 30, 2011

Leapin' Lizards! The timeless tale of Little Orphan Annie is back! Children ages 7 – 15 should attend the "Children's Audition" on Friday, if possible. Age 16 and up can attend on Saturday or Sunday. Auditions will consist of singing, dancing and reading from the script. Directed by Bill Anderson Jr.

Audition packets will be available at the front desk three weeks prior to auditions and will include musical selections for the children to sing. Ages 16 & up should prepare their own musical selection.

LET'S EXPLORE! SUMMER CAMPS & CLASSES



Add PIZZAZZ to your summer!

Midland Center for the Arts offers full- and half-day camps as well as 2- to 3-week classes for ages preschool through adult. Music, Theatre, Art, Science and History: explore it all this summer! Pick up a Summer 2011 Camps & Classes brochure at Midland Center for the Arts or download one at mcfta.org.

- **Learn new musical skills** and improve the ones you already have.
- **Hey, preschoolers!** Two-hour offerings for students ages 3 to 5 build confidence and independence through the exploration of Art, Science, Music and Theatre.
- **Popular camps return:** Threadhead Costume Workshop, Improv, Mixed Media Mania, Marvelous Machines in Motion (I & II), Knights and Armor, Ceramics, Painting, Drawing, Cartooning, Aquatic Biology and the Science and Art of Cooking, and more!
- **NEW THIS YEAR: Teen Studio!** A great way to gather with your peers in a creative atmosphere. Choose from ceramics, drawing or photography – or try all three!

FREE SUPERVISED LUNCHTIMES!

(12 pm – 1 pm) are available for both full-day and half-day registered campers. Pre-registration is required.



ART

Mix up a masterpiece in one of our art camps and classes this summer. With a variety of classes offered for ages 3 through teens, you can make a mess and a masterpiece at the same time in a ceramics class, let your imagination run wild in a drawing or painting class, or learn to take really memorable photographs that you'll use to create fun projects like photo calendars, bookmarks and more!



HISTORY

Make summer fun by taking a trek through time at Heritage Park! Discover what it was like to grow up like a girl in another time at History Girls camps, frolic as in days of olde at Knights & Armor camp, earn hard-to-get badges at Badgopaloozas for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and celebrate a new generation of creative spirits at HERstory Camp, presented in collaboration with the exhibit *VOICES: Extraordinary Women of Midland County*.



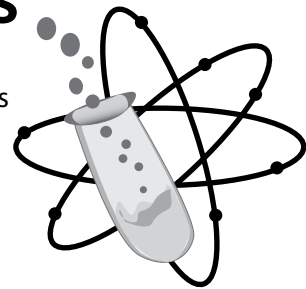
MUSIC

Music is food for the brain for all ages. Now is the time to develop an appreciation for music; kids are never too young to learn notes and rhythm. Learning musical elements helps in other subjects and everyday skills, and our classes make it tons of fun! Get in the groove with fun songs, musical games and rhythm instruments during Rockin' Rhythm and Beat, and polish your musical skills while having fun with Fiddle Style for Strings, Summer Band or Summer Choir, to name just a few.



SCIENCE

Science is HOT this summer! Explore a fascinating watery world in Aquatic Biology, use maps, charts and globes to wind your way to hidden treasures in Find Your Way: Orienteering and Geocaching, use science to help solve mysteries in CSI – Elementary My Dear Holmes!, and discover the magic of cooking in The Science & Art of Cooking. There's a lot more to choose from!



THEATRE

Introduce your child to a life-long love of theatre in Stage Struck Acts 1 & 2. Budding costumers will enjoy Threadheads Costume Redoux, and kids can discover techniques to develop character using props, costumes, make-up and voice in Creating Skits and Characters for Kids. See our brochure for other exciting theatre offerings!



DISCOVERY SQUARE CAMP

Join MCFTA, Dow Gardens, Alden B. Dow Home & Studio, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library and Michigan Molecular Institute for a thrilling week of creative exploration of "Discovery Square" at this community camp. **Registration taken by Alden B. Dow Home & Studio: 989-832-8543.**

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Art from the Heart is Midland Center for the Arts' scholarship fund, assisting under-served groups and individuals in our community. Applications are required; requests will be reviewed and granted based on available funds and seating. Early application is recommended; requests are reviewed in the order in which they are received.

For more information and to download an application, please visit:

www.mcfta.org/Contribute.html#scholarships

COOL EXHIBITS

ALDEN B. DOW MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & ART
1801 W. St. Andrews Rd.

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Hall of Ideas only: \$3
FREE to ABDM members

MIDLAND AREA SCHOOLS ART SHOW

April 30 – May 28
Artwork by area youth showcases the high quality of art education in our local schools and provides insight into the artists' perspective. The works in this exhibition have been provided by local high schools: Bullock Creek, Meridian, Dow and Midland.

THE CURIOUS WORLD OF PATENT MODELS

April 30 – June 19
The Patent Act of 1790 required patent applicants to submit a model of their invention. The model requirement was abolished in 1880, but many still survive in private collections. See for yourself over 50 of these charming curiosities. On loan from the Rothschild Petersen Patent Model Museum.



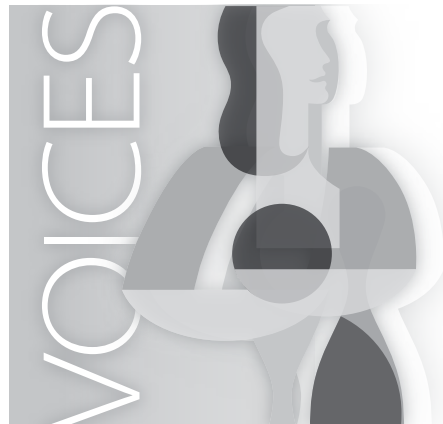
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MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Doan History Center, Heritage Park

Summer Hours:
Wednesday - Saturday: 11 am to 4 pm
CLOSED Sunday – Tuesday



Extraordinary
Women
OF MIDLAND COUNTY

VOICES: EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN OF MIDLAND COUNTY

April 30 – October 29
Discover the inspirational stories of local women and women's groups who made a real difference in the lives of others. Educators, health care workers, homemakers, businesswomen, artists, activists, community volunteers, philanthropists, women of faith and others whose actions have helped shape our community.

MCHS ADMISSION:

\$5 Adults | \$3 Children (14 and under) | FREE to MCHS members

Group tours available by appointment – Call (989) 631-5930 ext 1310



The perfect gift awaits at

Intermission...
The Museum Store at Your Center



Truly unique and beautiful items, from elegant to educational to whimsical – there's something for everyone! Art, jewelry, music, theatre, dance, science items and more for all ages!

CAN'T DECIDE?
Midland Center for the Arts Gift

Certificates are always a great idea! Good for performances, exhibit admissions, gifts, classes – anything the Center offers, all year round! Call the Ticket Office at 631-8250 or visit mcfta.org for more information.

TICKET OFFICE INFORMATION

Hours:

Mon. - Fri.: 12 pm - 6 pm

Sat.: 12 pm - 4 pm

BUILDING CLOSED JULY 2 – 10

Phone:

989-631-8250 or

800-523-7649

Mail:

MCFTA Ticket Office

1801 W. St. Andrews Rd.

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Web site:

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