



*"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.*

*~ Edith Lovejoy Pierce*

The ball has dropped and the New Year begins! Whitepine Studios reached new milestones in our growing business. We relocated to a larger space in June, more than doubling our classroom/venue space, while opening a dedicated art gallery to represent local and regional artists. We invited the public to two grand openings and created with more than 250 young artists in our Winter, Spring and Summer Art Adventure Camps. We added monthly workshops for glass fusion enthusiasts, Third Thursdays Ladies' Night Out, ceramic classes, pastel and watercolor workshops, Saturday "Mommy and Me" for working parents, painting pARTys, and a variety of after school classes to now include pottery and acrylic pouring. We hosted over 60 birthday parties and other private events. We created with the Milan Young Adult Program and the Down Syndrome Support Team. Our instructors provided private lessons to students of all ages and abilities. We continue to partner with local businesses to enhance our programming: Brecon Grille, Cottage Inn, and Eleanor's Sweets and Sodas. We had the privilege of co-chairing the annual Saline Cocoa Crawl with Jen McPherson of McPherson Local. The crafter's show was a great success and the day ended with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus who were joined by Elsa and Anna and even the Grinch who brought holiday magic to all the little ones! We are thrilled about what is yet to come in 2024, as we continue to add new classes and workshops for all aspiring artists!

We continue to fulfill our mission to **"Inspire the Artist Inside"**. Wherever you are on your artistic journey, we would love to be right alongside you. Art is a wonderful way to keep our minds active, reduce stress, bring people together to build lasting relationships and community and provides an avenue for self-expression. Make a resolution for this coming year to find time to immerse yourself in the arts! You won't be disappointed.



### **Art Adventure Camps**

Whitepine Studios offers weekly art adventure camps that incorporate art activities, crafts, games, laughter, socialization, and a real day camp experience.

## **Spring Camp** [Ages 5-8](#) [Ages 9-14](#)

Registration is now open. Our theme this year is *Animals in the Movies*. This week will be filled with art inspired by iconic characters in popular movies like the Lion King, Rio, Happy Feet, and much more! If you are planning a staycation, consider signing your child up for a week of creativity and fun.

## **Summer Camps**

We will be announcing summer camp themes in early February. Registration will open in mid-March. We are excited to be offering 10 separate camps for young artists ages 5-14. Sessions will begin the week of June 18th with a new ceramic camp, followed by 9 themed camps ending the week of August 20th. Ceramic camp will be limited to only 20 campers.

## **After school classes** [Registration](#)

We offer a variety of after school classes to include: mixed media, painting, ceramics, and acrylic pouring. (Ages 5 - Middle School)



## **Kids & Adult painting pARTys** [Registration](#)

Once a month we offer an opportunity for children ages 5-12 to join us for a one hour painting pARTy. Each month we focus on a fun theme to paint. Adult offerings are scheduled throughout the year.



## **"Mommy and Me"** [Registration](#)

Classes are offered once a month on a Wednesday morning and on several Saturday mornings where we offer ceramics for children and their caregivers. Moms, dads, grandparents are welcome! Children ages 8 and up may attend without a parent.

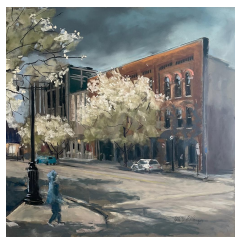


## **Adult Workshops and Evenings Out** [Registration](#)

Friday Fusers, Third Thursday Ladies' Night Out (men invited!), adult painting pARTys will continue to be offered throughout the year.



**Pastel and Watercolor Workshops** led by Mary Jane Erard, an award winning pastelist and sought after teacher, were sold out last year. Mary Jane will be back in the studio teaching additional workshops in pastel and watercolors. Beginners and more experienced artists are welcome. Continue to check back as we add additional classes in the evenings and on weekends. [Registration](#)

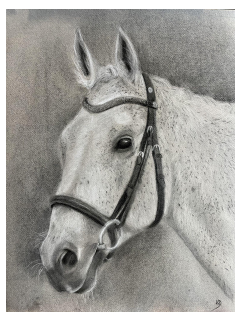


### Gallery at Whitepine Studios

Pastel Painting, *Spring Blooms, Ann Arbor* by Linda Klenczar

The Gallery opened in June. We have created a space one collector described “*an incredible collection of artwork that I can envision any of these pieces in my home*”. Thank you to everyone who purchased original artwork. Our artists appreciate your support.

If you are an artist and would like to exhibit your work at the Gallery: [Submissions](#)



### Commissions

Kaili, Whitepines Co-owner and Creative Director, would like to thank everyone that commissioned her for portraits. She is now scheduling commissions for 2024. More of Kaili’s incredible work can be seen at [kailidenceart.com](http://kailidenceart.com)

### Employment Opportunities

We are now hiring assistant art instructors for our summer camp program. Applicants should have some experience working with kids. An art background is preferable. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please send an email to [info@whitepinestudios.org](mailto:info@whitepinestudios.org) with a copy of your resume. Applicants must be 16 years of age to apply.

### \*Winter Hours

Tues.-Fri. 10 am-5 pm

Sat. Closed

Sun. Closed

\*The studio is open beyond the stated hours above for weekend workshops, private events and private lessons reserved in advance. Email the studio for more information or to reserve your date.

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