

Jan - May 2026

The Arts Center

Expansion is Now Open! Grand Opening Took Place November 13

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Join us for next Perfectly Paired on January 29th, 2026, at 7:00pm for the opening of Micha Bloom "Bloomkin".

This Perfectly Paired event is a fine arts gallery experience coupled with wine & delightful tastings.

Call 251-2496 to sign up for this Perfectly Paired event.



The Arts Center proudly opened its new expansion on November 13, celebrating a major step forward for creativity and community connection in Jamestown. The 4,000-square-foot addition includes a classroom, culinary kitchen, two studios, a gallery commons, office space, restrooms, and storage. The culinary kitchen was developed in partnership with Jamestown Public Schools and the James Valley Career & Technology Center, with students expected to begin using the space in 2026. When not in use by the schools, it will support Arts Center programming and other community needs.

This project was made possible through the "Raising the Bar for the Arts" capital campaign, supported by about 140 generous individuals and businesses. To date, roughly \$2.65 million has been raised toward the \$2.8 million goal, which now also includes phase two: renovating two upstairs studio apartments for visiting artists. With construction led by Hillerud Construction, the expanded facility positions The Arts Center for new programs, stronger partnerships, and continued service to the Jamestown community.



NEWS FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Wow! What an incredible community we live in.

On November 13, we celebrated something truly special—the Grand Opening of our new Arts Center expansion—and you showed up with such enthusiasm, pride, and support that it took my breath away. Thank you.

This new creative space is so much more than a building. It represents what happens when people come together with a shared vision for something bigger than themselves. It reflects the belief that the arts matter—that creativity strengthens us, connects us, and helps our community thrive.

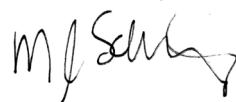
Every corner of this new space exists because artists, educators, businesses, volunteers, donors, and community partners stood behind the idea that Jamestown deserves a place where imagination can flourish. Whether it's through exhibitions, performances, Arts After School, culinary arts in our new kitchen, or new partnerships yet to be formed, this expansion is a testament to what the community can accomplish.

And now, the real excitement begins.

We can't wait to launch new programs, collaborate even more with partners across Jamestown, and welcome people of all ages into a space designed for creativity, innovation, and shared experience. Together, we're not just building classrooms or galleries—we are building connections, opportunities, and a more vibrant Jamestown.

As we look ahead, I'm thrilled to share that our 2026 Gala—Cirque du The Arts—will be held on March 6. This signature event brings together the magic of the arts, the energy of our community, and the joy of celebrating all we've accomplished together. This year's gala promises to be our most exciting and immersive experience yet.

The best is yet to come.



Mindi Schmitz

"Gratitude opens the door to the Power, the wisdom, the creativity of the Universe. You open the door through Gratitude," Deepak Chopra.



Grand Opening Celebration



Scan the QR code to learn more about our expansion!



Community Events

Friday Fun Night

Jan 23, Feb 20, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8 | 6:00 - 9:00pm | Price Varies

Choose from our prefabricated ceramic items. Everything from figurines to lidded pots. Create with acrylic paints, which you can take home the same day or with food-safe super shiny pottery glaze which can be picked up in a week after being kiln-fired. Check out our website or pay us a visit for updated schedule details
prices vary depending on project scale

Wheel Throwing 101

Jan 16, Mar 20, April 3 (returning participants only), May 22 | 6:15 - 9:00pm | \$60/\$48 Members

Discover the art of wheel throwing in this hands-on pottery class! Learn the essentials of centering, shaping, and trimming clay as you create bowls, cups, and more under the guidance of an experienced instructor. Whether you're brand new to pottery or looking to build your skills, this supportive class offers a fun, creative environment for all levels. Join us and see where the spin of the wheel takes you!

3D Wood Pier Painting

January 14 | 6:00 - 9:00pm | \$60/\$48 Members

Wishing for warmer days? Spend an evening at the Art Center daydreaming about those Summer days at the lake and create your own reclaimed wood pier painting.

Upcycling Cigar Boxes

January 28 | 6:00 - 9:00pm | \$50/\$40 Members

A jewelry box? A purse? A catch-all for your favorite rocks? Come upcycle old cigar boxes into a chic new container for whatever you need to store!

Mixed Media: Beach Vacation Painting with Sand and Shells

February 11 | 6:00 - 9:00pm | \$50/\$40 Members

Join Artist Joleen Reiland Lorenz as she guides you through a mixed media beach painting! Participants will learn how to construct a coastal scene complete with real sand and shells.

Couples Wheel Throwing

Feb 13th | 6:30pm - 9pm | \$100 Per couple (Any two people qualify as a pair! Ticket price includes 2 people)

Under the guidance of an experienced instructor, you'll learn the basics of centering, shaping, and trimming clay to create your very own pottery pieces. No experience? No problem! This class is perfect for beginners and those with prior pottery skills alike.

Mixed Media: Sea Glass on Glass with Resin

February 25 | 6:00 - 9:00pm | \$65/\$52 Members

Sea glass? In North Dakota? Join us at the Art Center for an evening of crafting with Seaglass and resin to make an ethereal mosaic like piece of Art.

Sea Glass Birds

March 11 | 6:00 - 9:00pm | \$40/\$32 Members

This class is for everyone from the beginner to the advanced student. During this class you will build on your current skills by learning and improving shading techniques, design principles, color and proportions.

Community Classes

Upcycled Denim Jewelry

March 25 | 6:00 - 9:00pm | \$40/\$32 Members

Have an old pair of jeans you can't wear for fear of public indecency? Give them a new life as material for a piece of upcycled denim jewelry! Learn how to transform those old memories into new ones you'll actually wear.

Stained Glass Luminaries

April 8 | 6:00 - 9:00pm | \$65/\$52 Members

A summer favorite has returned! Join artist Joleen Reiland-Lorenz in creating a stunning Stained Glass on Glass Mosaic.

Earth Month Mosaic Garden Spheres

April 18 | 1:00 - 5:00pm | \$150/\$120 Members

Celebrate Earth Month with something new for your garden! Florals are lovely but nothing makes a statement like something sculptural!

Mom and Me Wiring, Wrapping and Jewelry Upcycling

May 6 | 6:00 - 9:00pm | \$40/\$32 Members

Make this Mother's day special with some handmade jewelry! This project is great for folks who prefer a more unique way to express their appreciation for their moms.

Glass on Glass Wine Bottles or Vases

May 20 | 6:00 - 9:00pm | \$60/\$48 Members

Liven up an old bottle with some glass on glass mosaics! Maybe you're looking for an extra bit of color in your home, or perhaps a dazzling evening luminary. With way you're sure to enjoy upcycling this every day object into something totally new!

Earth Month Series: April - May

To celebrate "Earth Month" The Jamestown Fine Arts Association will be offering a collection of sustainability minded classes for you and your family to enjoy. These classes range from guided upcycling courses to informational project-based workshops. Whether you already consider yourself an environmentally conscious consumer or you're just looking for a better way to use old jeans, the JFAA will have a class with you in mind!

More classes, information, and registration for these sessions will be released on February 1st, 2026. Be sure to check out the Art Center website and social media in February for more details.

NEW Kids Programming

STEP ONE: PreK - 1ST GRADE

Step one is an adventure in early childhood education taking place on the first Saturday of the month. The purpose of Step One is to help practice fine motor skills and introduce young learners to interpreting visual language. Each session will start off with a reading from a children's book followed by a guided crafting activity that utilizes the story as inspiration. Projects are developed for children ages 3 to 6. Register online today at JamestownArts.com.

February 7: Line Sculptures

10:00 - 11:00am OR 1:00-2:00pm | Ages 3 - 6 | \$10/\$8 Member (per child)

Build your own garden of lines! Students will learn to shape the many different forms a line can take and arrange them into a silly, colorful, and complex sculpture.

March 7: Mondrian Art Boxes

10:00 - 11:00am OR 1:00-2:00pm | Ages 3 - 6 | \$10/\$8 Member (per child)

What do all these squares mean? Come learn about the famed artist Piet Mondrian and build your own "modern" trinket box!

April 4: My First Print

10:00 - 11:00am OR 1:00-2:00pm | Ages 3 - 6 | \$10/\$8 Member (per child)

Explore basic shapes, negative space, and the art of printmaking with recycled object collographs!

May 2: Play Dough Color Wheel

10:00 - 11:00am OR 1:00-2:00pm | Ages 3 - 6 | \$10/\$8 Member (per child)

Create your very own play dough in every color! Students will learn color theory by mixing their own dough and creating batches in every color.

NEW Day Out Day Camp: 3rd - 8th Grade

Jan 19th & Feb 13th | 9:00am - 3:00pm | \$50 per day per participant

Ever wanted to make Art ALL DAY? JFAA will host a special all-day Art making extravaganza during the Jamestown Public School District closure. Join us for a full day of fun and creativity!

*Snacks provided, participants will need to bring their own lunch. JFAA Will coordinate a bus ride home for participants.

March 11th and 12th | 9:00am - 3:00pm | \$80 per participant (covers both days)

A two day exploration in clay! Join our Artist in Residence for an extended clay session exploring both hand building and wheel throwing.

*Snacks provided, participants will need to bring their own lunch. JFAA Will coordinate a bus ride home for participants

NEW Kids Programming

SECOND SATURDAY: 1st - 5th GRADE

The Art Center is proud to announce the return of "Second Saturdays" a program designed for grades 1st through 5th. On the second Saturday of each month The Arts Center will offer a class built around a yearly theme. This fall, we'll continue making projects inspired by a figure from art history. Seats are limited so be sure to sign up at least 24 hrs in advance! Register online today at JamestownArts.com.

February 14: Cosmic Treats

10:30am - 12:00pm OR 1:00-2:30pm | Grades 1 - 5 | \$15/\$12 Member (per child)

Take your inspiration straight from the stars and create your own cosmic themed cake pops!

March 14: Alien Plush

10:30am - 12:00pm OR 1:00-2:30pm | Grades 1 - 5 | \$15/\$12 Member (per child)

Create your own alien friend! Come learn the basics of sewing and construct a "newly discovered:" alien life form.

April 11: Terraformed Terrariums

10:30am - 12:00pm OR 1:00-2:30pm | Grades 1 - 5 | \$15/\$12 Member (per child)

Life in a jar! Take on the role of an interplanetary ecologist and build your own self sustaining enclosed ecosystem.

May 9: 3D Print Pens: Field Notes from the Future

10:30am - 12:00pm OR 1:00-2:30pm | Grades 1 - 5 | \$15/\$12 Member (per child)

How will we describe the new creatures we find on distant planets? Through Art of course! Try your hand at "3D drawing" and record the strangest things we might find beyond our solar system.



Kids Programming

ARTS AFTER SCHOOL 3RD - 6TH GRADE | 3:30-5:00pm

The purpose of Arts After School is to provide arts enrichment activities for students to acquire new skills, build confidence, explore a variety of art media and experiment with ways of communication. Learning artistic modes of problem solving increases a student's ability to make decisions in situations where there are no standard answers.

- Program takes place on school days from 3:30 – 5:00 pm
- Students in grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 are welcome
- After school snack is included
- Scholarships are available (Awarded on a case by case basis, Contact the Arts Center for details)
- Bus transportation provided (in town only)
- Pre-registration required. Register online today at JamestownArts.com or stop by the Art Center.

Jan 5 -16: Cardboard Cosplay

3:30 - 5:00pm | Grades 3rd - 6th

"It's dangerous to go alone, take this!" Join the Director of Education for the only time where it's OKAY to make swords during class. Students will work to reconstruct weapons and armor out of recyclable materials.

Jan 20-23 (no class Jan 19): Introduction to Sculpture with Anna Brock

3:30 - 5:00pm | Grades 3rd - 6th

Take your first steps into exploring Art in the third dimension!

Jan 26 - Feb 6: Mosaics

3:30 - 5:00pm | Grades 3rd - 6th

Take your first step into Mosaics with this beginner friendly arts after school Session. Learners will walk away with their own mosaic pots, coasters, and more!

Feb 9 - 12 (No class Feb 13: No Bake Valentines Treats with Anna Brock

3:30 - 5:00pm | Grades 3rd - 6th

Learn to make simple "no bake" valentines treats with the Artist in Residence Anna Brock.

Feb 16 - 27: Mystery Tomes with Linda Roesch

3:30 - 5:00pm | Grades 3rd - 6th

Inspired by projects like "Voynich Manuscript" and "Codex Seraphinianus", create a unique Zine, Fieldbook, Game guide and more with this book making course! Learn the ins and outs of mixed media bookbinding to create your own rare books.

March 2-6: Viral Recipes With Jade Biloff

3:30 - 5:00pm | Grades 3rd - 6th

Join Our latest addition to the Art Center team, Jade Biloff, in making recipes inspired by viral recipes found on Tiktok, Instagram, and more!

Kids Programming

ARTS AFTER SCHOOL 3RD - 6TH GRADE CONTINUED

Register online today at JamestownArts.com.

March 9-12 (no class March 13): Weaving with Dina Laskowski

3:30 - 5:00pm | Grades 3rd - 6th

Warp? Weft? What!? Learn the basics of weaving with Dina Laskowski.

March 16-27: Painting with Acrylics

3:30 - 5:30pm | Grades 3rd - 6th

Artist Linda Roeche will guide students as they make their own acrylic painting! All skill levels welcome!

March 30 - April 10 (no class April 3 or 6): Wheel Throwing with Anna Brock

3:30 - 5:30pm | Grades 3rd - 6th

Your favorite ceramicist is back at the wheel once again! Come shape bowls, cups and more out of clay.

April 13 - May 1: Hand building/ paper mache With Bill Nybo

3:30 - 5:30pm | Grades 3rd - 6th

Three weeks of fun! Join local favorite Bill Nybo in making clay and paper mache forms. A great start for anyone interested in what the Art Center has to offer.

May 4 - May 8: Intro to Oil Painting

3:30 - 5:30pm | Grades 3rd - 6th

Think you've got the patience for Oil painting? Test your skills while exploring water-based oil paints! Artists will practice the long tradition of oil painting with a contemporary twist.

May 11- 15: Summer Snacks

3:30 - 5:30pm | Grades 3rd - 6th

Learn how to prepare delicious treats for long summer days.



Kids Programming



ARTS AFTER SCHOOL 6TH - 8TH GRADE - NEW FORMAT!

JFAA recognizes how busy your middle schoolers are these days! To help provide more arts experiences to your students, we've changed up our 6th-8th schedule. The new 6th-8th grade experience will have more challenging projects that take place over a longer period of time. Students will also be required to meet less often - leaving room in their week for all their other interests (and homework too).

A new class time: Thursdays and Fridays, 3:30 - 5:30pm

At the end of each week students will meet with the monthly instructor to learn the next project, receive feedback on their current project, and/or participate in a class critique. Register online today at JamestownArts.com.

An Open Studio: After the first class of each session, registered participants will have access to the Art Center from 3 pm - 5:30 pm Monday -Wednesday to work on their projects or just catch up on homework. Students don't have to attend open studio days, but the Art Center will be here for those with the time and desire to continue their creative practice.

*a JFAA Staff member will be present during open studio time.

February: Cardboard Cosplay

3:30 - 5:30pm | Grades 6th - 8th

Transform yourself into your favorite book, Film, or Video Game character using cardboard and other repurposed materials!

March: Digital Frontier

3:30 - 5:30pm | Grades 6th - 8th

Let's get digital! Explore the basics of digital media through visual and audio formats. Participants will work together to create their own YouTube channel, podcast, or short films all while learning about production and internet safety.

April: Clay

3:30 - 5:30pm | Grades 6th - 8th

Missing the clay studio? The art center will offer a middle school Clay class perfect for those students seeking a more challenging experience. This time you'll have a whole month to take on projects!

**Only students with prior clay experience will be able to register. Please reach out to the Art Center directly for details.*

Community Theater - 2nd Act Theatre Group

January 23 & 24 | 6:00pm | Dinner and Show \$35

Isobel Lomax and Dolly Biddle are two "mature" cable-access cooking show hostesses who have hated each other for thirty years, ever since Larry Biddle dated one and married the other. When circumstances put them together on a TV show called The Kitchen Witches, the insults are flung harder than the food! Dolly's long-suffering TV-producer son, Stephen, tries to keep them on track, but as long as Dolly's dressing room is one inch closer to the set than Isobel's, it's a losing battle, and the show becomes a ratings smash as Dolly and Isobel top both Martha Stewart and Jerry Springer!



Now Hiring!

Artist in Residence for 26-27 Academic Year

Know an Artist looking for work? Do they have passion for community building? Send them our way! The Art Center is looking for the next Artist in Residence, a creative and caring individual to bring the arts to learners of all ages.

Overview:

The JFAA's Artist in Residence (AIR) program has been in existence since 1982. The program is designed to bring professional artists to the Arts Center to live, work, teach and share their talents with Jamestown's youth and adults.

The Art Center is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 academic year (June to June). Artists will be contracted for one academic year at a time.

The stipend for teaching both Arts After School (AAS) and Arts in the Schools (AIR) is \$25 per hour. In addition, the artist is provided a furnished apartment with studio space to live in free of charge during their residency.

*The living provision is only an option if the artist chooses to stay "on-site" in the Arts Center studio-apartment. If the artist decides to live elsewhere during their stay, the cost of housing is their responsibility.

Responsibilities:

- Teach AIR program from August – May in area schools. This includes Jamestown Public Schools (Roosevelt, Gussner, Lincoln, Louis L'Amour) and St. John's Academy. Occasionally the AIR will service rural stutsman county schools as well (Kensal, Montpelier, Medina).
- For AIR, the artist is expected to arrive in the classrooms prepared for the sessions.
- Teach a minimum of 5 weeks of Arts After School Program (AAS) per semester for students in grades 3-6 at the Arts Center.
- The Artist may also teach additional classes for adults through The Arts Center.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts/ Education preferred but not necessary
- 1-2 years classroom experience preferred but not necessary
- Valid Driver's Licence
- Ability to Pass a background Check

Application:

Please send a Cover Letter, Resume, Artist Statement, and a Portfolio containing 10-20 images of your work to:

Digital: ccarpenter@jamestownarts.com

Physical:

Jamestown Fine Arts Association
115 2nd st SW
Jamestown ND, 58401

Community/Adult Culinary Classes

Get ready to cook, create, and taste your way through the season in our brand-new Culinary Kitchen!

Our upcoming Community & Adult Culinary Classes offer hands-on experiences led by skilled chefs, covering everything from fresh pasta and global flavors to romantic date-night meals and elevated brunch favorites. With a welcoming, state-of-the-art space designed for learning and sharing great food, these classes are the perfect way to explore new techniques, build kitchen confidence, and enjoy unforgettable culinary experiences. Join us this winter and spring as we bring delicious creativity to life—one class at a time!

Pasta Workshop

January 17 | 3:00 - 6:00pm | \$50/\$40 Members

Learn the art of fresh pasta dough and shaping techniques. Prepare a seasonal pasta sauce to complement the pasta. Take home the skills to replicate restaurant-quality Italian food at home.

Indian Cooking Class

January 31 | 3:00 - 6:00pm | \$75/\$60 Members

Learn to make a rich, aromatic butter chicken from scratch. Prepare crispy, golden samosas with flavorful fillings. Explore spices, techniques, and traditions that make Indian cuisine unique.

Date Night Surf and Turf

February 13 | 4:00 - 7:00pm | \$175 per couple/\$140 Members

A romantic class for two, featuring a classic surf and turf entrée. Includes a chef-led appetizer and dessert for a complete dining experience. Perfect for couples looking to cook together and enjoy a special night out.

Southern Cooking Class

February 28 | 3:00 - 6:00pm | \$75/\$60 Members

This hands-on class dives into the best of Southern-style comfort food – crispy fried chicken, creamy mac & cheese, warm honey butter cornbread, and dreamy banana pudding. Come cook, laugh, and fill your plate (and heart) with pure comfort.

Irish Comfort Foods

March 14 | 3:00 - 6:00pm | \$75/\$60 Members

Start the evening with a chef-prepared Irish appetizer to set the tone. Then learn to make Beef in Stout with herb dumplings—a rich, slow-simmered classic—paired with creamy Colcannon (Irish style mash). Finish the class by preparing a bright, elegant blackberry soup with buttermilk custard. You'll take home the techniques and confidence to recreate comforting, restaurant-quality Irish dishes in your own kitchen.



Community/Adult Culinary Classes

Elevated Brunch Basics

March 28 | 10:00am - 1:00pm | \$50/\$40 Members

Begin the class with a chef-prepared welcome bite: mini smoked salmon blini with lemon-dill crème. Then roll up your sleeves as you learn to make honey-butter biscuits with whipped citrus mascarpone, followed by a vibrant spring vegetable frittata with goat cheese and fresh herbs. Finish on a sweet note with lemon ricotta pancakes topped with warm blueberry-thyme syrup. You'll leave with the skills to recreate a bright, elegant, restaurant-quality brunch just in time for Easter.

Kids Pancake Art - Ages 7 - 11

May 9 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | \$20 per child/\$16 Members

Let your creativity flip to life! Kids will learn how to mix colorful batter, use squeeze bottles safely, and create fun pancake designs—from animals to emojis to their own imaginative shapes. They'll practice outlining, shading, and layering techniques, then enjoy eating their edible masterpieces. A fun, hands-on class perfect for young artists and food lovers!

*Check our website, jamestownarts.com for more classes coming soon!

Grit & Grace - Documentary by Derek Fletcher

February 19 | 7:00pm | \$10

"Grit & Grace is the story of Katie Stensgard. At home, Katie is mom. In the Jiu-Jitsu world, she's a world champion. We follow Stensgard as she tries to repeat world titles, this time at purple belt. Along the way, we are introduced to the Jiu-Jitsu community of Fargo and learn about the growing sport. It's a story of triumph, of friendships, and the importance of taking life one day at a time."



Getting to know Jade

JFAA NEW CHEF/FACILITIES COORDINATOR

We're excited to welcome Jade as the newest member of the Jamestown Fine Arts Association team! Born and raised in Jamestown, Jade joins us as both our Facilities Coordinator and Chef, bringing her culinary training, creative spirit, and deep passion for community connection to The Arts Center. With experience as the owner of Painted Palettes and a lifelong love for blending food and art, Jade is eager to help shape the energy of our new culinary kitchen and support the growing programs throughout our facilities. Get to know Jade and the inspiration behind her work in the Q&A below!

Can you tell us a little about yourself and what brought you to Jamestown Fine Arts Association?

I was born and raised in Jamestown, and I'm a culinary-trained chef and the owner of Painted Palettes. I've always loved seeing creativity thrive in our community, and the new additions to the Jamestown Fine Arts Association are so exciting. I think it's going to be such a fun and wonderful thing for Jamestown, bringing even more fun, connection, and opportunities for people to get involved in the arts.



What excited you most about joining The Arts Center team?

I've always seen creativity as the bridge that connects people, whether that's through food, arts, or performance. As someone who lives and works in Jamestown, I've watched the Fine Arts Association create spaces where people can express themselves and feel inspired, and I wanted to be part of that. Through my own business, Painted Palettes, I've explored how art and food overlap, and joining JFAA feels like a natural extension of that passion for color, community, and creativity.

You'll be serving as both Facilities Coordinator and Chef – can you share what each of those roles means to you?

To me, both roles really center around creating experiences. As Facilities Coordinator, I see it as making sure the space is welcoming, organized, and ready to inspire creativity. Whether it's for classes, events, or daily operations. As a Chef, I get to bring that same creative energy into the food side of things, adding flavor and personality to the experiences people have here. Both positions go hand-in-hand in helping JFAA feel like a place where people want to gather, create, and connect.

CULINARY JOURNEY

What first sparked your interest in cooking and the culinary arts?

My love for cooking started early on, spending time around my grandma's restaurant, Lil's. Being in that environment sparked something in me. I was always fascinated by the energy of the kitchen and how food brought people together. When most kids came home from school and turned on cartoons, I'd turn on the Food Network and spend hours watching cooking shows, completely locked in on the techniques and creativity. Ever since then, I've found the culinary arts to be such a fun and rewarding way to express myself and connect with others.

Getting to know Jade

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Do you have a favorite dish or type of cuisine to prepare?

My favorite cuisine to prepare is definitely ethnic food, especially Asian and Indian-inspired dishes. I love the bold flavors, unique ingredients, and balance of spices that go into those styles of cooking.

How do you see food and creativity connecting with the arts?

I've always seen food as its own form of art, people really do eat with their eyes first. The way a dish looks can set the tone for the entire experience, just like a painting or sculpture can evoke emotion before a single word is spoken. For me, food and creativity go hand-in-hand through color, composition, and storytelling. I also enjoy food photography, which lets me blend my love for culinary arts with visual expression.

The new culinary kitchen is such an exciting addition – what are you most looking forward to cooking or teaching there?

It's hard to choose just one thing I'm most looking forward to, because the new culinary kitchen opens up so many exciting possibilities. More than anything, I'm excited to bring unique food experiences to the Jamestown community and opportunities for people to learn, taste, and explore different cuisines together. One class I'm especially excited about, and one of our more adventurous classes is an Indian-inspired cooking class, where we'll make butter chicken, naan bread, and samosas. It's such a flavorful, hands-on style of cooking, and I think it'll be a really fun and engaging experience for everyone who joins

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY CONNECTION

As Facilities Coordinator, you'll also be helping manage classes, events, and rentals. What's your approach to creating a welcoming and efficient environment?

My approach is really about balancing organization with warmth. I think a welcoming and efficient environment starts with clear communication, attention to detail, and a genuine desire to make people feel comfortable and supported. Whether it's a class, event, or rental, I want everyone who walks through the doors to feel excited to be there and confident that things will run smoothly. I take pride in creating spaces that are both functional and inviting.

Are there any ideas or goals you're eager to implement in your new role?

One of my goals is to collaborate with other local chefs and bakers who have so much talent and creativity to share. I'd love to help make the culinary space at JFAA a platform for them to teach, connect, and inspire the community. I think it's important that people see how much passion and skill we have right here in Jamestown, and I'm excited to help bring those opportunities to life.



Getting to know Jade

JFAA NEW CHEF/FACILITIES COORDINATOR

What do you hope visitors and students will experience when they walk into our new kitchen or The Arts Center?

I hope visitors and students walk away with full bellies, new techniques, and a fun, worthwhile experience that leaves them inspired to keep cooking and creating. This new addition to the Jamestown Fine Arts Association is such a wonderful thing for our community, and I'm so excited for people to have something like this to enjoy right here in Jamestown. It's going to be a place where learning, creativity, and good food all come together.

PERSONAL TOUCH

What inspires you most – in the kitchen or in life?

Inspiration comes from a little bit of everything for me – my kids, my community, and the creativity that surrounds food and art. I love learning new things and seeing ideas turn into something that makes people smile, whether that's a great meal or a fun class.

When you're not cooking or coordinating, what do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Honestly, I don't think I'm ever not doing something food-related! Whether it's baking with my kids, experimenting with new recipes, or trying different foods around North Dakota, food is such a big part of my life. I even find myself researching new techniques or cuisines just for fun. Cooking has never just been a job for me. It's something I genuinely love doing every day, in and out of the kitchen.

How would you describe your personal philosophy when it comes to hospitality and community?

I see hospitality as an extension of creativity. It's how we show people they matter. My goal is always to make others feel comfortable, inspired, and part of something special. In a small community like Jamestown, those connections are everything, and I think every act of hospitality, from sharing food to hosting a class – helps strengthen that sense of togetherness. Finally, what would you like our members and supporters to know about you as you begin this new chapter with JFAA? I have a culinary degree and a love for bringing people together through food and creativity. I truly value teamwork and plan to prioritize community connection and collaboration as we grow this exciting new chapter at JFAA.

Giving Hearts Day 2026

February 12, 2026

Giving Hearts Day is just around the corner, and your generosity makes a real difference in our community. Every donation helps sustain our Arts After School program, providing creative learning opportunities for local students, and supports our Raising the Bar Capital Campaign, which is helping shape the future of The Arts Center.

Your gift—big or small—helps keep the arts thriving in Jamestown. Mark your calendar, spread the word, and consider making The Arts Center part of your Giving Hearts Day giving!



K-12TH GRADE ART SHOW

To celebrate "Arts in our Schools" month, the Jamestown Fine Arts Association will begin hosting an annual K-12 exhibition. Enter your favorite thing you've made this year! Whether it's a drawing, sculpture, or an exceptionally well thought out Science poster - we'd love to see it!

REQUIREMENTS:

- You live in Jamestown, Kensal, or Montpelier and are in Kindergarten - 12th grade.
- YOU MADE IT - not your mom, dad, grandparents, or dog
- Your submission was completed in this School Year (August 2025-March 2026)
- Under 24" x 36" in scale (or 2'x2'x2' for 3D work)
- Subject matter must be classroom appropriate

FREE TO ENTER

Applications and Art are due to the Art Center by
March 1st, 2026

JFAA will begin accepting entries on January 5th, 2026
Exhibition Dates: March 19th - April 11th, 2026

Application form available on our website or at the Art Center.

Happening Every Month



Writers Club

2nd Monday each Month | Hansen Studio | 6:30 pm

Join us as we engage in conversation, ask questions, and share writings – open for critique. Our goal is to help and encourage each other. All who are interested, published or unpublished, are welcome to attend the meetings, visit with the group and share their work. Contact Nancy Kuyendall at nancyk57@att.net for more information.



Arts & Crafts Club

3rd Saturday each Month | Hansen Studio | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meet other artisans and crafters and work on your projects in a social setting. Whatever your medium is (crocheting, knitting, sewing, painting, jewelry, stamping, scrapbooking, floral, etc.)



Buffalo City Photo Club

3rd Tuesday each Month | Hansen Studio | 6:30 pm

Join the local band of photo enthusiasts each month for a photography adventure. Topics are focused primarily for DSLR camera users. This club is free and open to anyone. In nicer weather we may venture outside for hands on experiences.



Woodcarvers Group

Every Thursday | Hansen Studio | 6:00 pm

Stop by and whittle away with the Woodchippers club Thursday nights (expect holiday weeks). All skill levels are welcome. This group is always willing to share and advise in your success working with wood. It is free, no reservations are necessary.



Our Upcoming Exhibits

Anita Helman and Jill Edinger "Floral Artistry: Two Perspectives"
December 18 - January 24

A Mixed Media exhibit featuring sculptural bead work and photography. This show is brought to Jamestown in collaboration with the North Dakota Art Gallery Association.

Micha Bloom: "Bloomkin"
January 29th - March 14th

"Arts in our Schools" K-12 Exhibition
March 19th - April 11th

An exhibition highlighting the creative endeavors of all Jamestown students. Whether it's a class art project, a painting made at home, or an exceptionally well designed research poster.



Anita Helman and Jill Edinger
"Floral Artistry: Two Perspectives"

Perfectly PAIRED

Jan 29 | Mar 19 | April 16*

Join us as we open our NEW exhibits in style! Perfectly Paired is a wonderful fine arts experience coupled with featured spirits. These events takes place on the opening nights of our new exhibits at 7:00pm.

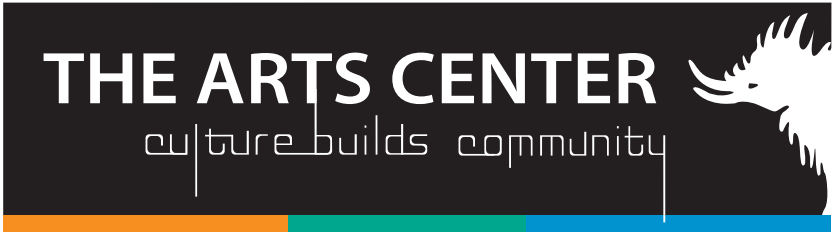
Reserve your tickets online at JamestownArts.com
or call the office at 701-251-2496.

*April 16th will feature Wine tasting with
Sommeliers Karla and Scott Sandness

Sponsors:

Lucy Bardell, Pam Burkhardt, Kewin Dunwoodie, Karla & Scott Sandness,
Alaine & Bob Toso, Sarah Schatz & Thomas McGale, and Mitch Ostlie





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Save The Date Annual Gala

