

*Sault Area*  
**ART CENTER**  
*A Gathering Place*

August 14, 2024

Dear Friend,

Thank you for supporting SAAC and for being such a valuable member of our arts community. We appreciate your participation.

Over this past year donor contributions have enabled us to carry out our mission: “To encourage all people to lead more artful lives through opportunities to learn about, create and market the visual arts.”



Our monthly themed Gallery Exhibits featured the works of 265 artists, with Opening Receptions attended by more than 1000 local citizens.

Our reconfigured gallery shop is currently selling the arts and crafts of 214 local artists.

We received three government grants to: 1) support operating costs 2) build capacity in our Board of Directors and 3) hold a month-long, multi-venue series of art history talks, gallery walks and art-making classes.



Our class offerings for children and adults increased fourfold since last year. We had 150 single-day and multiple-session art-making classes, lectures, and weekly small-group dialogues.



The Artist-in-Residence Program hosted four deserving participants from different parts of the United States, further highlighting an increased national awareness of SAAC.



On April 12, a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated our new name and logo: **Sault Area Art Center - A Gathering Place.**



The event was attended by enthusiastic supporters as well as city officials. Their eagerness and optimism motivate us to serve and to provide a venue for residents and visitors to gather, view art, exchange ideas about art and, especially, to experience the exhilaration that comes with creating one's own art.

We anticipate even further growth in the coming years thanks to your support. Please donate, if you can, at [www.saultartcenter.com](http://www.saultartcenter.com) or mail your check to Sault Area Art Center, 217 Ferris St, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783.

With heartfelt gratitude,

*Agatha Colbert*

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