

Corey Bechler  
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Medium: Pointilism paintings  
Services: Commission paintings  
Price Range: \$400 and up  
Audience: (you) - All

Artist Statement: We were all children at one time or another. We remember those hot summer days walking on the beach, skipping stones, and making sand castles. Using hand-mixed paints, Bechler creates paintings using tiny dots of various colors. His paintings are very textured with some areas containing up to fifteen layers of paint and taking upwards of six months to complete.

Shirley Dawe Bishop  
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Medium: Watercolor  
Services: Commission paintings  
Price Range: \$250 – 850

Artist Statement: Benzie County painter Shirley Dawe Bishop is compelled to capture the natural beauty of places she has experienced. Her work is evolving towards an alive awareness of light and color. She shares her love for the media by teaching classes at CLAC. Work available: CLAC Member's Gallery, Mecca in Benzonia, and Betsie Bay Furniture in Frankfort.

Colin Bohash  
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Mediums: Acrylic painting, wood carving  
Services: Custom door carvings, commission work  
Price Range: Paintings - \$100 – 1500, Custom Doors - \$10,000

Artist Statement: I do whimsical themes as well as work based in historical tradition. I want my work to speak to a wide audience and include ambiguity to that end. Whatever you feel, see or however you respond, is what my work is about. If I can evoke an emotion, then the work succeeds.

Carol Bowman  
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231-882-9764 edenfell@coslink.net  
Mediums: painting- watercolor and mixed medium  
Services: Commissions  
Price Range: \$175-\$350

Artist Statement: Nothing makes a day better than when I am drawing or painting- always trying to catch the beauty of light and shadow. I like the shadow of a building and the light of children; there is so much to see. I hope to always have this chance to try and capture the beauty around me.

Susan Burks  
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Mediums: Painting, photography, sculpture

Price Range: \$200 – 1500

Audience: Private, corporate

Artist Statement: I use various artistic methods to keep my approach fresh. I have an open ended approach with several mediums to use in a colorful palette. Much of my work is experimental and I enjoy the challenge of creating in an innovative way.

Judy Coats  
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Mediums: Charcoal, pastel-colored portraits, painted acrylic animals on rocks

Services: Pet portraits on rocks, children's portraits from photographs (pastel and colored pencil)

Price Range: varies

Artist Statement: Art has always been a major love of mine and after receiving a mixed arts degree from Eastern Michigan University I spent many years incorporating art into everyday teaching. I returned to beautiful Benzie County ten years ago and continue taking art classes and workshops. Socializing with other local artists and enjoying the beautiful scenery has kept my creative desires alive and growing.

Gretchen Eichberger-Kudlack  
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Mediums: Musician- pianist, vocalist and choral director

Services: Weddings and other ceremonies

Price Range: \$75 – 150

Artist Statement: Ms. Eichberger is a classically trained pianist and vocalist with a Bachelor of Arts from Western Michigan University. She is the co-founder of the Manistee-Benzie Area Children's Chorus. Presently, Ms. Eichberger is pursuing graduate studies in Historic Preservation from Eastern Michigan University.

Jennifer Flynn  
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Medium: Batik

Services: Gallery of Empire, offers picture framing and gallery space for local artists. Artist receptions and demonstrations take place during summer.

Price Range: \$20 – 600

Audience: Children from 8 – 108

Artist Statement: I have been playing with hot wax and dye baths for 18 years. I am inspired by nature and imagination. Fairies and fairy tales play throughout my work along with many other fantasy creatures. My batik is done on cotton, silk, rice paper and tiles.

Ron Gianola

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Medium: Oil painting

Artist Statement: Rather than depict the specific, I work in a personal, poetic manner using a harmony of forms from observed, created, and remembered sources in their own color universe. I paint with enough content that the mind and imagination are pleased, and with enough literal image that the eye is also satisfied.

David Green

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Mediums: Painting, drawing, sculpture (welded steel, plaster, and concrete castings)

Services: Welding jobs, experienced teacher of plein air painting

Artist Statement: Studio will be operational in fall of 2006.

Susana Green

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Mediums: Painting, drawing, stained glass, ceramic tiles

Services: Can teach stained glass (adults) and ceramics (kids) with experience

Artist Statement: Studio will be operational in fall of 2006.

Bill Gross

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Beulah, MI 49617

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Mediums: Stained glass

Price Range: \$25 – 400

Judy Heit  
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Mediums: Acrylic paintings, ethnic jewelry

Artist Statement: I'm an abstract painter that yields to the primitive traditions of the indigenous peoples of the world. Modern cultures and modern art owe these people an enormous debt. It is with this as a background that I approach the canvas. Most of my work is hard-edged that uses color as a juxtaposition to black.

Elizabeth Rodgers Hill  
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Mediums: Fiber, weaving, hand-dyeing, kumihirno braiding

Services: Occasional beginning weaving lessons, commissioned wall hangings, demonstrations

Price Range: Wall hangings - \$100 per square foot

Artist Statement: The thrill of working with the colors and textures of fibers began in 1970 and has not diminished over the years. I love painting and dyeing yarns to be woven into functional fabrics and artistic hangings, and also love the infinite possibilities of woven pattern. I have been active in weavers' guilds since 1977 and through them have been able to participate in numerous workshops with internationally known weavers. I have attended and taken classes at Penland, Arrowmont, at several regional weavers' and fiber arts conferences, and at the biennial national conference, Convergence. I am a member of the Normland Weavers Guild and the Michigan League of Handweavers.

Mark Kalis  
14940 Lincoln Ave.  
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Thompsonville, MI 49683  
231-378-2469

Mediums: Oil, pastel, charcoal, mixed media

Services: Distill Life Art & Design Studio – Owner/Artist, portraiture, commission work, design, signage

Price Range: Variable

Artist Statement: Art made sincerely, without malice or prejudice may be man's only redeemable pursuit remaining.

Priscilla Kline  
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Mediums: Watercolor, poetry, fiber arts (knitting, spinning)

Services: Demonstrations and/or lessons in fiber arts of spinning, knitting; multi-sensory installations with poetry, visual art and textile

Price Range: Variable

Artist Statement: Art has been an integral part of my life, finding expression through painting, poetry and fiber. My soul seeks creative outlets through these media relating strongly in color, form, texture and emotion to the nuances of life and nature... including chocolate.

Elaine Larson  
3223 River Road  
Frankfort, MI 49635  
231-352-7623

Mediums: Paintings- oil and watercolor

Services: Limited commissions

Price Range: up to \$950

Artist Statement: Ranging from realism to impressionism, surrealism to abstract, my paintings bring beauty, pleasure, peace, calling for a strong response from the viewer. My philosophy: Without the arts my soul would wither and die. With the arts, my soul is filled with a sweet ecstasy that allows me to soar among eagles. "Oh, God, pity the poor, bleak souls who taste not this day."

Meghan Louwsma  
8095 Worden Rd.  
Beulah, MI 49617  
231-882-4573

Medium: textiles

Services: Fabric dyeing and printing classes, at the Art Center or in my studio. One of a kind fabrics for sale to fiber artists.

Price Range: \$25 – 100

Artist Statement: I create one of a kind, hand dyed and printed silk wearables. My designs are inspired by the natural beauty of this area.

Victoria Velting Leubke  
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Thompsonville, MI 49683  
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Medium: Functional fibers, individually designed purses and bags

Price Range: \$8 – 98

Audience: Primarily female, all ages

Carol McAnulty  
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Medium: Musician

Services: Classical guitarist, clarinetist, duo guitar with flute or recorder

Price Range: \$100 minimum and \$60 – 75 each additional hour

Audience: Any

Artist Statement: Receptions, parties, weddings, private lessons, you name it. Bachelor of Music- Performance, Master of Music- Performance. Guitarist in Residence- Northern Michigan University.

Twenty years member, soloist, and recording artist USAF Band Washington DC. Ten years Marquette Symphony, 7 years Superior Festival Orchestra. Freelance musician throughout northwest Michigan and Upper Peninsula.

Joan Miller

598 Michigan Ave.  
Frankfort, MI 49635  
231-352-9955

Medium: Oil painting

Services: I paint landscapes, floral and children.

Price Range: \$50 – 500

Artist Statement: I'm an impressionist painter, using a tonal "rubout" method to start a painting. Using this method tends to give my paintings a warmth and softness.

Holly C. Nelson

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Medium: Photography (color/black & white)

Services: Scanning and printing services available, 10% discount available for Art Center members

Artist Statement: In my photography, I preserve a moment and make it last a lifetime. I know that creativity and technique are both essential in success, so I combine them to create images that express my emotions and capture my vision.

Don Newsom

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Medium: Oil painting

Services: D Newsom Art Studio open to the public May thru October daily, 10am-3pm

Price Range: Prints starting at \$9.95 and original art up to \$2000

Artist Statement: Artist works with heavy impasto oil on canvas. He does local northern Michigan scenes. He also does portraits and landscapes from photographs. Many of his paintings are available in prints. The artist welcomes specialty art requests.

Marcy Patterson-Grudzien

mecca

1084 Michigan Ave.  
Benzonia, MI 49616  
231-882-2583 or 882-5939

Mediums: Watercolor, mosaic, papercraft

Services: Interior design (allied member A.S.I.D.), retail gift/gallery

Price Range: \$15 - \$250

Audience: Anyone who likes the offbeat

Artist Statement: Working in my studio at my gift shop *mecca*, I find inspiration for every media - I will try altering books, embellishing things with glitter, sewing with felt. The word whimsical is not a cliché here.

Daisy Peer  
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Mediums: Photography, poetry  
Price Range: \$30 – 50

Audience: Anyone- “Art is in the eye of the beholder.”

Artist Statement: I am twenty years old and recently found my love for photography. I also write poems, and am working on publishing my own book of poetry. I have spent the past six years taking care of my family, and it’s time to also take care of me. I hope to have the opportunity to turn my passions into some form of income to really live my life the way I know it is meant to be lived.

Sue Rodgers  
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Medium: Textile, art quilts  
Services: Demonstrations  
Price Range: \$150 – 250 per square foot for wall quilts

Audience: Artistically astute home/cottage owners

Artist Statement: My work is informed by the visual excitement of printed fabrics. My favorite quilting method is multi-layered hand appliqué, accented by hand quilting. Most of my work uses printed decorator fabrics, and sometimes I will embellish with braid, thread, beads, and trapunto or stuffed quilting.

Keith Smith  
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Medium: acrylic painting

Price range: \$75-\$600

Artist Statement: Each work I produce is an experiment in design, color and technique, often including subject matter I have an affection for. Using intense colors, sometimes in unusual juxtapositions, I try to convey the energy of life I see and feel- whether it be a horse, hawk or tree-lined hillside

Pam Yee  
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Medium: Mixed media, books, paper

Artist Statement: Pam Yee is a mixed media artist. Over the years she has had her hand in making jewelry, knitting, card making, bookbinding, paper marbling, basket weaving, image transfers, chair making, paper making and book altering. Paper arts seem to call her. Pam teaches book making and altered book classes. She is Co-president of ISABA (International Society of Altered Book Artists), an online non-profit organization whose mission is to promote altered books as an art form.