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At the Charlevoix Circle of Arts Summer Camp held on July 11-15, Lori Bolt's campers recreated the City of Charlevoix from found objects, presenting a stunning exhibition of their work with iconic structures such as the Charlevoix Public Library, the Village Grill, the drawbridge that opens and closes (on the half hour) to allow sailboats to pass; even the Dairy Grill.

"This is truly all that is great in Charlevoix," expresses Gail DeMeyere, Executive Director of the Circle, "What Lori Bolt has brought to these fortunate children is a sense of place. She artfully melded the geography of Charlevoix teaching children to appreciate the businesses that make their hometown special, taught them to think two dimensionally and shift that thinking into three dimensions and blended art, history and environment in the most meaningful way."

The opening presentation was held at noon, Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. For those not able to be present, the work is now on display in the window at 405 Bridge Street next to the Lake House through the run of the Venetian Festival. The work makes one reflect on the simple joys of living in northern Michigan; an afternoon trip to get ice cream, being inspired at the library, shopping, watching sailboats glide through the channel. In the bustle of summer, as we drum our fingertips on the steering wheel to get through town a wee bit faster, we are reminded that perhaps we could turn off the engine and swallow up the beauty around us. This is the gift these children bring through their eyes. Charlevoix is a pretty precious place to be; move slowly.

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is working diligently to provide to the community a place of honor. Exhibitions are crafted with care to enlighten and inspire. Classes are available to all levels of interest in the arts. The Armchair Theatre brings soulful presentations that strike to the heart of small town greatness.

More information about the Charlevoix Circle of Arts can be found online at: [www.charlevoixcircle.com](http://www.charlevoixcircle.com) or call at (231) 547-3554. The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street, one block west of Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix. The summer exhibition series is sponsored in part by the Charlevoix State Bank.