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DRAWING

Drawing for the Beginner
#101 | Wednesdays | 6:00pm-8:00pm | $114/$102 | Gary Schmidt |
Join artist and teacher Gary Schmidt for this class designed to provide artists of all abilities and experience with drawing skills, the basis for all visual arts. Acquire techniques that will help you build a foundation for continued development. Portraits and perspective will be addressed along with progress into choice of other mediums.

Classical Drawing
#129 | Wednesdays | 10:00am-1:00pm | $170/$153 | Peter Green |
Open to all levels, this class will focus on the fundamentals of representational art, and will constitute observational drawing from life. Topics covered will include; perspective, proportion, gesture, the study of light and shadow, and material handling. Here classical means how the "old masters" approached drawing, so we will occasionally look to their works for both reference and inspiration. This class will be emphasizing value and line to describe form, as such no color will be used. Supply list; drawing pencils of your choice either graphite or charcoal pencils, kneaded erasers, x-acto knife or razor, fine grit sandpaper, 18x24 drawing/sketch paper, large clip board to hold drawing pad. (Note regarding pencils; if graphite choose HB-2B range, if charcoal choose 2H extra hard and HB hard)

Soft Pastels with Linda Merchant Pearce
#135 | Mondays | 6:30pm-8:30pm | $114/$102 | Linda Merchant Pearce |
Join award winning artist Linda Merchant Pearce for this "how to" class on the versatile medium of soft pastel. Grow as an artist in this fun and creative course by using a combination of drawing and painting techniques while focusing on the various ways to layer pastel to create vibrant color, enhance your compositions, create mood and develop your own unique style.

Life Drawing and Painting with George Kozmon
#142 | Mondays | 2:30pm-5:30pm | $195/$176 | George Kozmon |
This Life-drawing/painting class is focused primarily on individual growth in seeing, working on and understanding the depiction of a figure. This class allows you to develop the skills you need to create a work of art from a nude model. Poses will include short, two-minute gestural drawings, as well as longer poses ranging from twenty minutes up to two hours in length. Each participant will receive individual instruction and all skill levels are welcome. Demonstrations will be presented both one-on-one as well as to the class, as appropriate. Techniques and materials will be student's choice, with instruction on best uses. Minimum necessary materials to start: 18”x 24” Newsprint paper pad, charcoal and/or soft Conte Crayon, pencils, erasers, and drawing papers of your choice. Cost of the model is included in the class fee.
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WATERCOLOR

Watercolor Intermediate to Advanced
#201 | Mondays | 10:00am-12:30pm or 1:00pm-3:30pm | $141/$127 | Darlene Jackson |
Bring your own unique personal experience and creative style to this class. Create a painting in class from a still life, sketchbook; or work from photos you have taken. Your paintings will be strengthened with the use of elements and principles of design and composition making your creations more painterly. Demos and critiques will be part of this class. Register for the afternoon class too, bring your lunch and stay for the day! Supply list available online.

Watercolor with Jan Mettee
#202 | Tuesdays | 9:30am-12:00pm or 1:00pm-3:30pm | $141/$127 | Jan Mettee |
Increase your knowledge of design from those first preliminary sketches to your watercolor paintings. Through demos and individual critiques, Jan will help you to “see” and build upon a style that is uniquely yours. Two classes are taught on Tuesdays, so register for both and spend the entire day! Teacher will contact the students with the supply list.

Watercolor All Levels
#203 | Tuesdays 10:00am-12:30pm | $141/$127 | Darlene Jackson |
This is for those of you who are not beginners, have mastered some of the techniques and want to develop your own personal style. We will be working through the elements and principles of design. Learn the importance of your sketch book in working through your compositions. Demos and critiques will be part of this class. Supply list available online.

Watercolor for Intermediate Beginners
#204 | Wednesdays 10:00am-12:30pm | $141/$127 | Darlene Jackson |
Learn basic techniques and how to work with watercolors. Demos and critiques will be part of this class. We will learn from each other and build confidence. Supply list available online.

Watercolor Open Studio with Jan Mettee
#208 | Wednesdays | 9:30-12:00 | $118/$106 | Jan Mettee |
This open studio format will encourage students to further explore their watercolor creating potential. Use this time to finish up existing pieces or create something new. Share the studio atmosphere with other artists while receiving individualized attention from Jan. This session will be 5 weeks with no class May 6.

Beginning Watercolor with Kathy Oravecz
#214 | Mondays | 2:30-4:30 | $114/$102 | Kathy Oravecz |
Learn the basics of watercolor painting from an award winning artist. Develop your skills through the creation of projects in this class. All skill levels are welcome. Supply list available online. For more information about this artist visit: kathysabbathoravecz.com
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ACRYLIC/OIL PAINTING

**Concept Based Oil Painting**
#404 | Mondays | 10:00am-2:00pm | $220/$198 | Bud Deihl |
This course, with a four hour format, is for serious artists of all levels from beginning through advanced. Enrollment will be limited to twelve students, with individual attention available whenever needed. Guidance will be given on technical issues including composition, color, value, tools, and techniques, but the emphasis of the course will be on thinking creatively. Students will be encouraged to choose their own subject matter and painting style, and will be responsible for bringing all necessary materials, including any desired photographic reference (but not of someone else’s art!), beginning with the first class. The course will conclude with a group discussion of the students’ paintings. Bring your own lunch. A supply list is available online.

**Landscape Painting with Rob Crombie**
#408 | Saturdays | 1:00pm-3:30pm | $141/$127 | Rob Crombie |
This class is designed to focus on landscape painting with the intention of keeping loose in style and technique while exploring the importance of composition, color and creativity. Bring 3-6 photos to review with Rob to create your own masterpiece. A list of suggested supplies is available online.

**Painting and Mixed Media**
#862 | Thursday | 6:30pm-8:30pm | $134/$121 | Yesi DeLeon-Mettee |
This class is designed for all levels. Use this time to finish existing pieces or experiment with something new. We will focus on personal growth and process over product. This class is designed to help you develop as an artist by learning the basics of painting and mixed media. Supplies are not needed for the first class.

See Our Painting Open Studios Listed in the #900 Series of Classes
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POTTERY

Everything But the Kitchen Sink Pottery
#502 | Tuesdays | 7:00pm-9:00pm | $160/$144 | Joan Rusek |
Learn wheel-thrown pottery and advanced hand building techniques to create your own dinnerware safe pottery, gifts, and decorative sculpture from a local award-winning potter. All skill levels are welcome. Materials and tools are provided. Students can access the studio through the Pottery Studio Door in the Basement of VAC.

Clay Basics
#534 | Mondays | 6:30pm-9:00pm | $195/$175 | Laura Ferrando |
If you’ve ever wanted to try your hand at ceramics, please join us for a beginning-level class. You will learn the basics of hand-building, wheel throwing and glazing. Instruction will be tailored to each student’s abilities and interests. The focus will be on process and enjoyment in a supportive and relaxed atmosphere. Students can access the studio through the Pottery Studio Door in the Basement of VAC.

Thursday Morning Pottery
#535 | Thursdays | 9:00am-12:30pm | $266/$240 | Joan Rusek |
In this 3.5 hour class, learn wheel-thrown pottery and advanced hand building techniques to create your own dinnerware safe pottery, gifts, and decorative sculpture from a local award-winning potter. All skill levels are welcome. Materials and tools are provided. Students can access the studio through the Pottery Studio Door in the Basement of VAC.

Friday Morning Pottery
#536 | Fridays | 9:30am-12:00pm | $195/$175 | Joan Rusek |
In this 2.5 hour class, learn wheel-thrown pottery and advanced hand building techniques to create your own dinnerware safe pottery, gifts, and decorative sculpture from a local award-winning potter. All skill levels are welcome. Materials and tools are provided. Students can access the studio through the Pottery Studio Door in the Basement of VAC.

Pottery Open Studio
#539 | Thursdays | 6:30pm-9:00pm | $195/$175 | Carla Guseilo |
Looking for more time in the pottery studio while advancing your skill level? This new offering will provide those with a basic proficiency in clay extended time to work on projects from class or to begin a new journey in clay. Join with a community of potters to develop a more thorough understanding of the construction methods and varied techniques to move your visions to finished product. Wheel and hand-building support will be provided throughout the session with weekly demonstrations on techniques and tips to advance your work.
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JEWELRY

Jewelry and Metals
#601 | Tuesdays | 6:30pm-9:00pm | $180/$162 | Cathy Davies Paetz |
In this open studio class, learn about jewelry design and construction. Guided instruction will include fabrication techniques like sawing, hammering, forming, soldering, stone setting, and finishing to make your own jewelry pieces. Learn to use specialty tools like a rolling mill and FlexShaft. Equipment provided. Many supplies are available from instructor. All skill levels welcome!

Precious Metal Clay Jewelry (All Levels)
#604 | Thursdays | 2:30pm-5:00pm or 6:30pm-9:00pm | $180/$162 | Cathy Davies Paetz |
Create silver jewelry using Precious Metal Clay (PMC). Microscopic particles of fine silver are suspended in an organic binder with water, making a pliable, clay-like material which can be formed into jewelry. During kiln firing, the binder burns away leaving a pure silver creation. Explore many different ways to express your jewelry ideas. All levels (including beginners) are welcome. Advanced techniques are offered as students gain experience. Materials fee for your initial package of PMC between $45-60 (cost dependent on price of silver.)

ART of Beaded Jewelry Design for BEGINNERS
#628 | Saturdays | 9:30pm-12:30pm | $170/$153 | Kim Mettee |
This class is a great introduction to making your own jewelry. Learn basic design and technical skills to create unique and personalized adornments. Kim will help develop individual direction while also providing one-on-one attention to any student who requires extra guidance. Students are encouraged to utilize traditional components along with recycled objects such as buttons, hardware, old jewelry and items from nature. Attendance at the first class is mandatory and a materials list will be provided at that time. Feel free to contact Kim directly with any questions via her email. kim@kimmetteedesigns.com

ART of Beaded Jewelry Design Open Studio
#629 | Thursdays | 10:00am-1:00pm | $170/$153 | Kim Mettee |
Are you a collector of beads, etc? Do your collections have collections? Thinking of downsizing and want to be creative in the process? This class is for you! Dig out your stash and bring it all to class. We can sort through your treasures and decide how to transform them into unique finished wearable jewelry. Bring your ideas, unfinished projects and loads of enthusiasm. Basic knowledge and understanding of design and fundamental technical skill is required. Students will be responsible for bringing the necessary tools and making supplies. Feel free to contact Kim directly with any questions via her email. kim@kimmetteedesigns.com
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PHOTOGRAPHY

Intermediate Digital Photography
#712 | Mondays | 6:30pm-8:30pm | $114/$102 | Tessa Dicker |
This class will build on the basic skills taught in Digital Photography for the Beginner. We will continue to explore how to set your film speed, aperture and shutter speed. We will take most of the pictures on the manual settings. This class will spend half of each session photographing in beautiful downtown Chagrin Falls. We will explore taking pictures of landscapes, close-ups, people, animals, action and of course the waterfall.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mixed Media: Expressive Layers
#837 | Wednesday | 2:00pm-4:00pm | $124/$111 | Judy Bennett |
Learn how to use imagery and color as elements for art making to create uniquely personal visual statements. Explore the relationships between ideas, personal experiences, and creativity by using a wide variety of materials. Students will be asked to bring in printed images, papers, drawings, and fabric, as well as found objects and something personally meaningful to incorporate into their ideas. The challenge is to develop a theme linking each of the mixed media pieces to the next, creating a personal statement within the works of art.

Abstract Expression
#838 | Monday | 6:30pm-8:30pm | $124/$111 | Judy Bennett |
Feeling stuck or frustrated with your art? Do you need to feel you have a recognizable style of your own? Abstract Expression is more than a technique, it is a way to break out of your comfort zone and think about art as a state of mind. Experiment with different materials to help you think outside of the box. Bring a large Bristol Board or mixed media sketch book, vine charcoal, any other supplies you like to work with and an open mind.
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PAINTING OPEN STUDIO

Open Studio with Judy Bennett
#938 | Fridays | 10:00am-12:30pm | $141/$127 | Judy Bennett |
Join experienced multimedia instructor Judy in sharing the studio space with other artists while working in the medium of your choice. Open critiques and encouragement will be offered. Brainstorm ideas to climb out of the creative rut. Bring your current project to class to finish or start something new.

Thursday Open Studio with Victoria Wagner
#945 | Thursdays | 1:00pm-3:30pm | $141/$127 | Victoria Wagner |
For any beginning to advanced artist familiar with and working in any 2 dimensional media! (Watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, etc.). Do you wish to advance to another level? Would you like to share the studio experience with other artists, hear friendly critiques, get individual attention and demonstrations? Then this class is for you, taught by an instructor with over 40 years of experience in painting. Bring your current project to class.

Friday Open Studio with Victoria Wagner
#946 | Fridays | 1:00pm-3:30pm | $141/$127 | Victoria Wagner |
For any beginning to advanced artist familiar with and working in any 2 dimensional media! (Watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, etc.). Do you wish to advance to another level? Would you like to share the studio experience with other artists, hear friendly critiques, get individual attention and demonstrations? Then this class is for you, taught by an instructor with over 40 years of experience in painting. Bring your current project to class.

Saturday Open Studio with Victoria Wagner
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Have an idea for a class? Let us know!
We are working on creating new offerings all the time.
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Open to all levels, this class will focus on the fundamentals of representational art, and will constitute observational drawing from life. Topics covered will include; perspective, proportion, gesture, the study of light and shadow, and material handling. Here classical means how the "old masters" approached drawing, so we will occasionally look to their works for both reference and inspiration. This class will be emphasizing value and line to describe form, as such no color will be used. Supply list; drawing pencils of your choice either graphite or charcoal pencils, kneaded erasers, x-acto knife or razor, fine grit sandpaper, 18x24 drawing/sketch paper, large clip board to hold drawing pad. (Note regarding pencils; if graphite choose HB-2B range, if charcoal choose 2H extra hard and HB hard) supply list.

Classical Oil Painting
#410 | Saturdays | 2:00pm-6:00pm | $220/$198 | Peter Green |
Students will learn to develop an oil painting from start to finish, in a traditional manner following both the French Academy methods and the Venetian methods. These techniques will encompass indirect painting; a method of slowly building up layers using glazing and scumbling (as opposed to the Alla Prima method of finishing the painting in one sitting). The student will first learn a “grisaille” method of painting in black and white only, to facilitate media handling and brushwork before jumping into color. The color palette finally used will be the “Zorn palette”, a limited color gamut made famous by the painter Anders Zorn. Beginner to advanced students welcome. Curriculum will start with basic fundamentals and progress from there. supply list.

Watercolor Intermediate to Advanced
#201 | Mondays | 10:00am-12:30pm or 1:00pm-3:30pm | $141/$127 | Darlene Jackson |
Bring your own unique personal experience and creative style to this class. Create a painting in class from a still life, Increase your knowledge of design from those first preliminary sketches to your watercolor paintings. Through demos and individual critiques, Jan will help you to “see” and build upon a style that is uniquely yours. Two classes are taught on Tuesdays, so spend the morning, afternoon or the entire day! Teacher will contact the students with the supply list.

Watercolor All Levels
#203 | Tuesdays 10:00am-12:30pm | $141/$127 | Darlene Jackson |
This is for those of you who are not beginners, have mastered some of the techniques and want to develop your own personal style. We will be working through the elements and principles of design. Learn the importance of your sketch book in working through your compositions. Demos and critiques will be part of this class. Supply list available online. supply list.
SUMMER COURSES: ADULT AND TEEN

SUMMER SESSION June 15- August 1 (no classes week of July 4)
Many course supply lists are available on the Valley Art Center website www.valleyartcenter.org on the class schedule page.

Watercolor for Intermediate Beginners
#204 | Wednesdays 10:00am-12:30pm | $141/$127 | Darlene Jackson |
Learn the basic techniques and how to work with watercolors. Demos and critiques will be part of this class. We will learn from each other and build confidence. Supply list available online.

3 Week Watercolor Open Studio
#209 | Monday 10-12 or 12:30-2:30 | Wednesday 10-12 or 12:30-2:30 | $65/$58 | Darlene Jackson |
Are you planning on taking the summer off? Do you want to get back into the swing of it before fall classes start? This Open Studio class will give you the chance to put the final touches on those almost finished pieces, or give you a chance to start something new. Sign up for the morning or afternoon, pack a lunch and stay for both. This is a 2 hour Open Studio Format for 3 weeks.

Watercolor with Jan Mettee
#212 | Tuesdays | 9:30am-12:00pm | $86/$78 | Jan Mettee |
Bring your own unique personal experience and creative style to this class. Create a painting in class from a still life, sketchbook; or work from photos you have taken. Your paintings will be strengthened with the use of elements and principles of design and composition making your creations more painterly. Demos and critiques will be part of this class and weather permitting some plein air painting offsite too! Class is 4 weeks 7/7-7/28.

Everything But the Kitchen Sink Pottery
#502 | Tuesdays | 7:00pm-9:00pm | $160/$144 | Joan Rusek |
Learn wheel-thrown pottery and advanced hand building techniques to create your own dinnerware safe pottery, gifts, and decorative sculpture form a local award-winning potter. All skill levels are welcome. Materials and tools are provided. Students can access the studio through the Pottery Studio Door in the Basement of VAC.

Thursday Morning Pottery
#535 | Thursdays | 9:00am-12:30pm | $266/$240 | Joan Rusek |
In this 3.5 hour class, learn wheel-thrown pottery and advanced hand building techniques to create your own dinnerware safe pottery, gifts, and decorative sculpture form a local award-winning potter. All skill levels are welcome. Materials and tools are provided. Students can access the studio through the Pottery Studio Door in the Basement of VAC.

Art of Beaded Jewelry Design Open Studio
#629 | Thursdays 6:00-9:00 | $170/$153 | Kim Mettee |
Are you a collector of beads, etc? Do your collections have collections? Thinking of downsizing and want to be creative in the process? This class is for you! Dig out your stash and bring it all to class. We can sort through your treasures and decide how to transform them into unique finished wearable jewelry. Bring your ideas, unfinished projects and loads of enthusiasm. Basic knowledge and understanding of design and fundamental technical skill is required. Students will be responsible for bringing the necessary tools and making supplies. This session will start on 6/25 and have class on 7/2. Feel free to contact Kim directly with any questions via her email. kim@kimmettedesigns.com