The Center for Arts & Crafts

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Classes & Workshops Added-REDUCED FEES for PSU Students

JULY 2023 Schedule of ART PROGRAMS

SERVING PENN STATE STUDENTS, STAFF AND FACULTY
An outreach program of Penn State Student Leadership and Involvement and Student Engagement Programs

Madhubani Dolphins by Laurel Moyse
GENERAL INFO

The Center for Arts and Crafts
Office of Student Leadership and Involvement
003 Ritenour Building
The Pennsylvania State University

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LOCATION & PARKING

LOCATION: Center for Arts and Crafts headquarters is located in 003 Ritenour Building (Basement Level). Entrance to Ritenour faces Pollock Road. The Ceramics Studio is in LL008 HUB-Robeson Center, lower level.

PARKING: On Campus: HUB Parking Deck located next to Grange Building. $1.00/hour.

Downtown State College: College Avenue metered street parking and Pugh Street Parking Garage (5-minute walk to HUB-Robeson Center).

IMPORTANT DATES:
Program Registration opens June 26
Session 1 classes begins the week of July 10

Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts July 14-17
Arts Fest Children’s Day July 13- Old Main Lawn
join us at our craft tent for arts and crafts activities-
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

ARTIST & INSTRUCTOR EXHIBIT-
May 18 - September 5, 2023
First Floor Display Cases, outside room 103
HUB-Robeson Center

Classes and workshops are subsidized for Penn State students by your Student Initiated Fee and are offered at reduced fees to those with a valid and current Penn State Student ID! Class fees for Penn State students may vary from semester to semester depending upon allocated funds.

Classes and workshops are instructed by Penn State art and art education majors and local professional artists.

Classes and workshops are non-credit, are designed for Penn State college aged students and older, as well as Penn State faculty and staff, and are held in the Ritenour Building or HUB-Robeson Center. Students may be responsible for purchasing some of their own materials. Some materials will be provided. Thanks for keeping class fees low!

The Center for Arts & Crafts (CFAC) program is a Penn State Student Leadership and Involvement program operated by Penn State students; serving students and the Penn State community seven days a week!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@craftcenterpsu)

History:
The Center for Arts and Crafts (CFAC) has a long history of providing an artistic outlet for Penn State students, staff and faculty. It all began in the 1970s and was located on the third floor of the Hetzel Union Building (HUB). 50 years later, the Center for Arts and Crafts is now located in the lower level of the Ritenour Building and the Ceramics Studio is in the lower level of the HUB-Robeson Center.

Learn new artistic skills or improve current skill levels; design, create and appreciate arts, crafts, and performance arts; and develop creative thinking, creative expression, and problem solving. The CFAC provides a wide variety of creative opportunities and offers relaxation and enjoyment through classes, workshops, community outreach events and exhibits.
REGISTRATION INFO

Register in person at 003 Ritenour Building, M-TH, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., beginning June 26. We will be closed July 3 and 4.

Questions call (814) 863-0611 or email craftcenter@psu.edu. Payment by cash or check. Credit cards in person 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs. OR fill out the registration form at the back of this catalog on page 10 and mail with a check to:

Center for Arts and Crafts
003 Ritenour Building
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA 16802

Participants must have a valid PSU ID to register for adult Art Classes, Workshops, and Take & Make Kits at the CFAC. This includes students, staff, and faculty. Registration priority is given to students with valid PSU ID- there may be limited spots for staff/faculty.

Refund Policy:
All class and workshop fees must be paid in full at the time of registration.
FULL refunds issued ONLY if the Center for Arts and Crafts (CFAC) cancels a class or changes a class time or date. Cancellation must be made 3 days prior to the start of class to receive a partial refund ($10.00 fee for cancellation). Any cancellation made less than 2 days prior to or after the start date, a refund will not be issued.
*The CFAC cannot guarantee any class will run; it depends upon the enrollment of the class.*

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals or Global Goals are a collection of 17 interlinked goals designed to be a “blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all”. The SDGs were set in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030. We are committed to creating an environmentally sustainable environment and strive to create classes and workshops that reflect these values. Please check out our workshops marked with SDG (Sustainable Development Goals). All the CFAC programs promote health & wellness and many classes and workshops use donated, found, and recyclable materials.

CERAMICS STUDIO MEMBERSHIPS

MEMBERSHIPS WILL RESUME IN FALL 2023!-
if interested email craftcenter@psu.edu

*Semester Fees: $75 for PSU students: $105 for PSU staff/faculty (Must have valid PSU ID) Use of Ceramics Studio and equipment available during posted membership hours during the fall and spring semesters. *Prices subject to change.

- Eight electric wheels and wedging tables.
- Use of house glazes and free firing of pieces*.
- New and reclaimed porcelain clay for sale- members must purchase clay from the studio
- (New clay is $1.50/lb and reclaim is $1.00/lb. and sold in 5 lb. blocks). *No outside clay permitted in the studio-must purchase clay in-house.
- Three electric oxidation kilns, CFAC staff fires kilns.
- Lockers are assigned on a first come, first served basis, and must be cleaned out by the end of the semester.

Ceramics Memberships are meant to foster a sense of community and we ask that work is created in the studio.

*Additional firing fees may be applied if large quantities of work are produced*

GROUP WORKSHOPS

The Center for Arts & Crafts hosts private art workshops for Penn State student organizations, groups, teams, residence hall floors, and staff as stress relief, team building, and social opportunities! A wide variety of projects are offered including paint your own pottery, canvas painting, decorative frames and more! Email craftcenter@psu.edu to set up an art workshop for your group!
ART CLASSES

ZENTANGLE & MADHUBANI ART
PSU Student $35  PSU Staff/Faculty $95
Explore the relaxing art of Zentangles! Create your artworks with a combination of brush pens, watercolor pencils, and micron pens. Be inspired by Madhubani painting that is mainly practiced in the Mithila region of India and also includes drawing zentangle patterns and doodling. This class is great for all beginners who want to accomplish clean, ink drawing techniques. Learn and get exposure to a combination of tools. Instructor: Elita Wadhwa
Thurs.  5:30-7:30 p.m. July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10

COLORED PENCILS
PSU Student $30  PSU Staff/Faculty $95
Explore how to create value and depth with color pencils through blending techniques and color theory. After these skills are developed students can find their personal style through a variety of work. Learn to draw from still life objects and from photo references. Meets 4 times. Instructor: Nina Burgos
Fri. 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2

STAINED GLASS, Beginning
PSU Student $35  PSU Staff/Faculty $95
Construct an intermediate, 11-inch oval window-hanging using the Tiffany Method of assembly. Learn how to cut and smooth glass into shapes for your project, and piece and solder them together. All materials will be supplied, excluding the stained glass that you will choose to use for your project. (Estimate fifteen to twenty dollars for glass to be purchased outside of class). Instructor: Elita Wadhwa
Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2

WATERCOLOR EXPLORATIONS
PSU Student $30  PSU Staff/Faculty $95
Delve more into watercolor possibilities by creating landscapes, creating texture, special effects, and animal portraits. Experience using gouache to learn about another water based paint. Use paint made from natural items. Prior drawing and watercolor experience recommended. Set of watercolor paints and one round brush included. Instructor: Sydney Turner
Wed. 6:00-8:00 p.m. July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2

PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY
PSU Student $45  PSU Staff/Faculty $110
Six-week introductory class. Enjoy the relaxation and satisfaction of ceramic wheel thrown pottery. Learn the techniques of wedging, centering, pulling, shaping, and basic glazing. Become comfortable at the wheel and gain proficiency in throwing a variety of forms such as bowls and cups. 12.5 lbs. of clay, glazes, and firing are included with class fee. (An additional $13 fee for a pottery tool kit is collected at the time of registration.) All pottery classes are held in LL 008 HUB-Robeson Center (Lower Level).
Instructor: Sonya Aboud
Wed. 5:30-7:30 p.m. July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2

OIL PAINTING, Beginning
PSU Student $35  PSU Staff/Faculty $95
Discover painting with oils in this class designed for beginners. Learn to oil paint from life as well as from your imagination. Through classical techniques, learn to create still-life and landscapes. Study color theory, composition, brushwork, and color mixing while allowing the freedom to explore a personal style. Drawing skills are required. Paints and some other starter materials will be included. Instructor: Dante Rasool
Wed. 5:30-7:30 p.m. July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9

ACRYLIC OPEN STUDIO
PSU Student $25  PSU Staff/Faculty $70
Explore the colorful world of painting with acrylics in this largely self-guided and relaxing class. Bring your own ideas. Canvases, brushes, and paints are included. Instructor will be on hand to help with basic techniques such as composition and color mixing.
Instructor: Benjamin Dworsky
Tues. 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8

PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY
PSU Student $80  PSU Staff/Faculty $200
Create your own pottery masterpiece! Includes glazes and firing. If you are unable to join the times listed, contact us at craftcenter@psu.edu to schedule another time! Small groups welcome!
Instructor: Sonya Aboud
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WHEEL THROWN POTTERY
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LUNCHTIME WORKSHOPS

WOVEN WALL HANGING
PSU Student $5  PSU Staff/Faculty $15
Learn how to weave with a variety of yarns and fabric strips on a cardboard loom. Create a fun, colorful textile wall hanging. Instructor: Mandi Gatto
Mon. 12:00-1:30 p.m.  July 17

INK DYED COASTERS
PSU Student $10  PSU Staff/Faculty $25
Using colorful inks and rubbing alcohol, learn the step by step technique of dyeing tiles to create unique decor for your home! Create a set of four coasters. Instructor: Stephanie Gush
Wed. 12:00-1:15 p.m.  July 19

BEACH PAINTING
PSU Student $10  PSU Staff/Faculty $30
Follow along with the instructor as you paint a vibrant beach scene on a stretched 11x14 canvas. Add three dimensional elements including cardboard flip-flops, sand, and sea shells. Instructor: Mandi Gatto
Wed. 12:00-1:30 p.m.  July 19

TERRA COTTA POT PAINTING
PSU Student FREE (registration required to save a space)
PSU Staff/Faculty $10
Use acrylics to paint designs on a 4” terra cotta pot. Once dry, fill with dirt and seeds to grow your own flowers! Instructor: CFAC Staff
Mon. 12:00-1:30 p.m.  July 24

HANDMADE SOAPS
PSU Student $10  PSU Staff/Faculty $20
Create hand-molded soaps in a variety of scents, colors, and shapes. Make your own labels and packaging to give a completed look to your creations. Instructor: CFAC Staff
Mon. 12:00-1:15 p.m.  July 24

WINE GLASS PAINTING
PSU Student $5  PSU Staff/Faculty $15
Use glass paint to customize your own set of two wine glasses! This is an open workshop with design ideas on hand! Instructor: Stephanie Gush
Wed. 12:00-1:30 p.m.  July 26

GLAZED CERAMIC FLOWER TRIVET
PSU Student $10  PSU Staff/Faculty $20
Use bright acrylics to personalize a wood serving tray. Seal with mod podge once complete! Instructor: Mandi Gatto
Mon. 12:00-1:15 p.m.  July 31

STEP BY STEP PAINTING
PSU Student $10  PSU Staff/Faculty $25
Use acrylics on a stretched 9x12 canvas and follow along with the instructor as you paint this beautiful nighttime pond scene! Instructor: Mandi Gatto
Wed. 12:00-1:30 p.m.  Aug. 2

COLORING BOOK TAKE & MAKE KIT
PSU Student FREE  PSU Staff/Faculty $15
Take a break from everything and lose yourself coloring ornate and detailed designs! Includes a coloring book and colored pencils. Stop by the art center to pick up your kit.

ART ACTIVITY BOX
Art Boxes include step by step instructions, all supplies, and are fun to take while traveling or creating outside this summer! Limited quantities available. Email craftcenter@psu.edu if interested!

MASTERPIECES IN THE MAKING
PSU Student $30  PSU Staff/Faculty $55
Create 5 different master art projects and a few of your own paintings!

UNDER THE SEA
PSU Student $24  PSU Staff/Faculty $44
Create 6 different under the sea art projects!

CELEBRATE OUR EARTH
PSU Student $30  PSU Staff/Faculty $55
Create 7 different environmentally themed art projects!
STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

INSTRUCTORS

Sonya Aboud has been teaching ceramics for over twenty years. Teaching adults wheel thrown pottery and hand-built pottery has been fulfilling. She minored in ceramics at George Washington University in D.C. She is Trinidadian, and has traveled to England, France, Italy, Turkey, Rhodes, Crete, St. Kitts, Aruba, and other Caribbean islands.

Nina Burgos is a senior at Penn State studying elementary and early childhood education. When she’s not in class she loves to work at a local elementary after-school program. She spends her free time hiking, playing Frisbee, and reading. Her favorite kinds of art to create are drawings, collages, and prints. Nina can’t wait to combine two of her interests, teaching and art, and lead a colored pencil class this summer!

Benjamin Dworsky is from State College, PA, and is a senior at Penn State studying Community, Environment, and Development. He is also minoring in Art and Civic and Community Engagement. He enjoys painting most with acrylics, oils, and watercolors, and sketching. Some of his favorite art themes are portraiture, abstract and landscape.

Ava Krouse is a third year art education student pursuing a minor in psychology at Penn State. She is from Bucks County, PA, where she began her art journey in 2015 through ceramics. Despite having the amazing opportunity to explore numerous forms of media at Penn State, pottery has always played an important role in her artistic endeavors – and she is excited to continue learning through a new environment!

Ken Plattner has studied at the University of Maryland, in Munich, Germany and at Penn State. In 1977, he opened his own stained-glass studio on Beaver Avenue in State College. Ken began teaching stained glass for the CFAC in the late 1970’s.

Dante Raso is a rising fifth year Penn State student majoring in Astronomy & Astrophysics as well as Fine Arts with a focus in Painting & Drawing. Although disparate disciplines, Dante always looks for ways to combine them in ways that inform each other. He grew up in Bucks County, PA. In addition, Dante enjoys playing guitar, writing music with his band, and attending local music shows.

Sydney Turner is a recent graduate of Penn State, with a double major in advertising and art with a minor in entrepreneurship and innovation. Born and raised in Central, PA, She is an artist, entrepreneur, and creative who works in watercolor, oil, gouache, graphite, natural dyes, and natural inks. Much of her work focuses on bringing the portraits of animals to life in watercolor, but she also is an avid plein air painter focusing on capturing the landscape and environment around her.

Elita Wadhwa is a junior at Penn State, majoring in psychology, with a neuroscience option. She is from India and is an international undergraduate student. She is a national record holder for the fastest recitation of Hanuman Chalisa (a Hindu hymn) by a teen. In her free time, she loves drawing, dancing, singing, and playing guitar. She loves playing with dogs and collects funds to feed stray animals in India.

Administrative staff

Stephanie Gush enjoys working with Penn State students to develop and promote art programs for all ages! She began her career with the CFAC as an instructor for youth art camps and after school art classes and continues to find excitement in creating opportunities for exploration and expression through art. She freelances in graphic design and illustration, paints, enjoys hiking, and volunteers in the administration of community art events. She has experience teaching printmaking, bookmaking, and drawing/painting to children and adults. She is a graduate of Penn State with a degree in Art, with an emphasis in printmaking.

Mandi Gatto is a Penn State graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Integrative Arts, with a focus in drawing and painting. She joined the CFAC in 2006. She teaches a variety of craft workshops to adults through the CFAC, and is also the Administrative Support Assistant, creating ads, maintaining email lists, and helping PSU students, staff and faculty sign up for art classes. She enjoys spending time with her family and doing anything crafty, such as scrapbooking, drawing, and painting.