

The Center for Arts & Crafts

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NEW!

Classes & Workshops Added-REDUCED FEES for PSU Students

MAY 2025 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



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and Involvement

GENERAL INFO

The Center for Arts and Crafts
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003 Ritenour Building
The Pennsylvania State University

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Program Registration opens May 5
Session 1 classes begins the week of May 19

**JULY ART CLASS REGISTRATION WILL OPEN MID JUNE AND
CLASSES WILL BEGIN JULY 7**

ARTIST & INSTRUCTOR EXHIBIT-
March 22 - June 8, 2025
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!

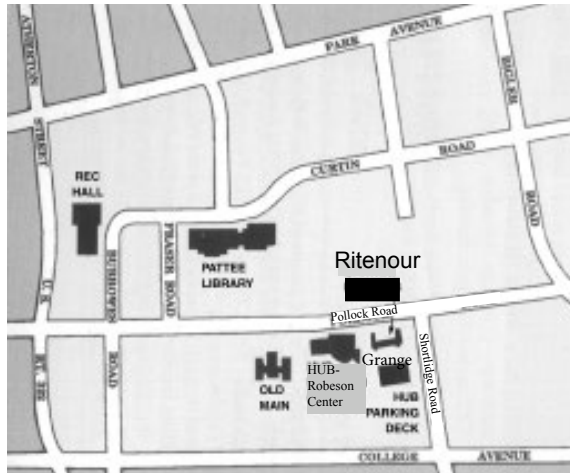
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LOCATION & PARKING

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).



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.

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University Park, PA 16802**

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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

CERAMIC MEMBERSHIPS WILL RESUME FALL 2025

Use of Ceramics Studio and equipment available during posted membership hours beginning September through December.

- 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

DRAWING STUDIO

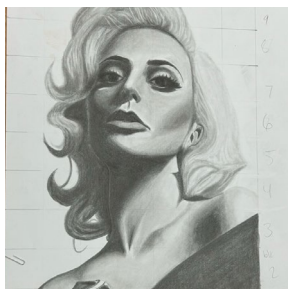
PSU Student \$25

PSU Staff/ Faculty \$90

Drawing has always been a useful visual language to help us think, express, and communicate our emotions and ideas. The primary focus of this class is to improve your ability to draw from life and to work to develop an individual sense of creativity. These goals will be achieved through several different classroom activities as well as examining famous artists throughout history. Be encouraged to learn the basics of drawing techniques such as shading and perspective, and experiment with various media such as pen & ink and charcoal. Meets 4 times.

Instructor: Erica Parsons

Tues. 5:30-8:00 p.m. May 20, 27, June 3, 17



STAINED GLASS, Beginning

PSU Student \$45

PSU Staff/ Faculty \$110

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: Ken Plattner

Tues. 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24

Thurs. 6:15-8:15 p.m. May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 26, TBD



OIL PAINTING

PSU Student \$35

PSU Staff/ Faculty \$110

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, canvases, and some other starter materials will be included. Instructor: Dante Raso

Wed. 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25



ACRYLIC PAINTING

NEW!

PSU Student \$30

PSU Staff/Faculty \$95

This class is great for the beginner level artist looking to strengthen and improve their traditional painting skills. Basic painting techniques, color theory, and color mixing will be discussed. Paint from a still life and from a photograph of your choosing! Instructor: Mary Lambert

Wed. 6:00-8:00 p.m. May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25



CERAMICS STUDIO

WHEEL THROWN 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).

Session I

Sonya Aboud	Tues.	5:00-7:00 p.m.	May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24
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EVENING WORKSHOPS

PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY

Explore your creative side, while sharing a fun time with friends in our evening offerings! Use bright colored glazes to personalize your choice of premade bisque pieces. Pieces and prices are listed on next page under Paint Your Own Pottery. Instructor: Hannah Beebe

Tues. 6:00-8:00 p.m. June 10



CERAMIC HANDBUILDING- MUGS

NEW!

PSU Student \$25

PSU Staff/Faculty \$60

Craft your own distinctive ceramic mug! Learn the essentials of slab building and take away a handmade mug to enjoy daily. The first meeting time will be focused on constructing your mug and then it will be fired. The second meeting time will be spent glazing. Meets twice. *Second meeting will be glazing from 7:30-9:30 p.m.* Instructor: Zemra Lena

Tues. 6:00-8:00 p.m. June 17, 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: Mary Lambert

Tues. 6:00-8:00 p.m. June 10



EXPLORE NATIVE BOTANICALS

NEW!

PSU Student \$15

PSU Staff/Faculty \$45

Learn to identify native Pennsylvanian plants and wildflowers along with their scientific names and descriptions. Sketch outside with pencils, and paint with watercolors as you create a zine-style booklet to take on future nature trips to identify what you see. Instructor: Mary Lambert

Tues. 6:00-8:00 p.m. May 27, June 3



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Explore your creative side, while sharing a fun time with friends! Use bright colored glazes to personalize your choice of premade bisque pieces. If you are unable to join the times listed, contact us at craftcenter@psu.edu to schedule another time! Small groups welcome!

8" Plate	PSU Student \$12 PSU Staff/Faculty \$18
12oz mug	PSU Student \$12 PSU Staff/Faculty \$18
Heart Votive	PSU Student \$12 PSU Staff/Faculty \$18
9" x 11" Paw Print Plate	PSU Student \$15 PSU Staff/Faculty \$30
Pasta Bowl	PSU Student \$13 PSU Staff/Faculty \$22
16oz Mug	PSU Student \$14 PSU Staff/Faculty \$21
Utensil Crock	PSU Student \$20 PSU Staff/Faculty \$35

Wed. 12:30- 2:30 p.m. June 4
Mon. 12:30- 2:30 p.m. June 9



LUNCHTIME WORKSHOPS

LAYERED GLASS PAINTING

PSU Student \$15 PSU Staff/Faculty \$25

A twist on traditional painting! Paint a fun, simple scene in the background with acrylic, followed by adding parts of the painting directly on to the glass in a frame, using paint pens and acrylic.

Instructor: Mandi Gatto

Wed. 12:00- 1:30 p.m. May 28



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

Wed. 12:00-1:15 p.m. May 21



GLAZED CERAMIC TRIVET

PSU Student \$10 PSU Staff/Faculty \$20

Learn a variety of decorating techniques as you glaze a bisque ceramic tile with bright colors, to use in your kitchen. Instructor: Mandi Gatto

Tues. 12:00-1:00 p.m. June 3



TERRA COTTA POT PAINTING

PSU Student FREE (registration required to save a space)

PSU Staff/Faculty \$15

Use acrylics to paint designs on a 6" terra cotta pot. Once dry, fill with dirt and seeds to grow your own flowers! Instructor: CFAC Staff

Wed. 12:00-1:30 p.m. June 11



STEP BY STEP PAINTING- LAKE SUNSET NEW!

PSU Student \$10

PSU Staff/Faculty \$30

Use acrylics on a stretched 11"x 14" canvas and follow along with the instructor as you paint this beautiful sunset scene! Instructor: Mandi Gatto

Mon. 12:00-1:30 p.m. June 2



WOOD SLICE WALL ART TAKE & MAKE KIT

PSU Student \$15

PSU Staff/Faculty \$35

Hand paint a colorful design of your choice on a 9" oval, rough cut wood slice with acrylic paint. Included is a ready-to-hang wood slice, paint set, and brushes. Stop by the art center to pick up your kit.



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

PSU Student \$25 PSU Staff/Faculty \$50

Art Boxes include step by step instructions, all supplies, and are fun to take while traveling or to work on with friends! Limited quantities available.

Email craftcenter@psu.edu if interested!



MASTERPIECES IN THE MAKING

Create 5 different master art projects including a 3D Van Gogh Painting, and recreations of a Gustav Klimt painting and Claude Monet painting!

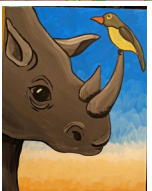
UNDER THE SEA

Create 6 different under the sea art projects including a watercolor resist painting, a lighthouse project and a 3D pop-out of the *Great Wave*!



CELEBRATE OUR EARTH

Create 7 different environmentally themed art projects including a step by step painting of a rhino and an ecosystem painting!



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.

Hannah Beebe is a second-year student majoring in Philosophy and Psychology at Penn State. She fell in love with pottery after pinching a pot from wild clay on a hike and has spent every possible minute attached to a potter's wheel since. When she isn't in the studio, you can find her knitting, listening to CDs, drinking tea, or cooking.

Zemra Lena is a senior in Marketing at Penn State's Smeal College of Business. She grew up in Anchorage, Alaska, and has been practicing ceramics throughout her time in college. She loves making functional pottery pieces and enjoys traveling, being outside, and staying active.

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Mary Lambert is entering her second year at Penn State, working towards a BA in Art History and a BS in Chemistry. She is interested in pursuing art conservation. Mary has been making art since she was little and feels the most like herself covered in paint or clay or mud. She's also involved with the Penn State Student Farm, and loves hiking, kayaking, cooking, and making/listening to/dancing to music

Erica Parsons is a 2011 graduate of Penn State with a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education. She substitute teaches within the local school district and her main artistic interest is in drawing and painting. In her free time, she enjoys camping, reading, and watching Steelers football with friends and family.

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 Penn State graduate 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.

Program Director

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.

Administrative Support Assistant

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.

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NAME: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Major: _____

Penn State Student or Faculty/Staff ID # _____

*PSU affiliation: ☐ Student ☐ Faculty Staff

*PSU affiliation is required to participate in any CFAC adult class or workshop. See page 4.

How many classes have you taken at the CFAC previously? _____

Where have you heard about us? _____

List classes for which you wish to register below:

Day & Time	Session	Class Title	Class Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed payable to Penn State, if mailing in registration			TOTAL
			AMOUNT PAID
			BALANCE DUE

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