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Guilford Art Center offers a wide selection of art classes and workshops for children, teens, and adults of all skill levels.

Whether you are new to our program or a returning student, our diverse program includes beading, drawing, fiber arts, glass, leather, metals, painting, photography, printmaking, sewing, special interest classes, and weaving. We are also proud to offer some of our most popular programs: blacksmithing & bladesmithing classes and ceramics classes.

Adult classes are open to all levels unless otherwise noted; adult classes open to ages 18+. Make sure to view full class descriptions on our website when you register; there may be required supplies for a class not listed in this catalog.

Registering for classes is simple and convenient. Browse and enroll online for adult, youth, and teen classes and workshops, or explore our catalogs and link directly to class registration. If you need assistance at any point, our staff is always happy to help—call (203) 453-5947 or contact us by email, info@guilfordartcenter.org

TUITION ASSISTANCE
Tuition assistance is available for adult and youth students. See page 17 for details. Deadline is December 18.

BECOME A MEMBER
Save 10% on Classes, Workshops, Shop Purchases plus FREE Craft Expo tickets!

HAVE QUESTIONS?
We're here to help. Visit our School Information & Policies or contact us by email info@guilfordartcenter.org or at (203) 453-5947, Monday through Friday, 10 AM–4 PM. We look forward to connecting with you.



BLACKSMITHING

Students will need safety glasses, dust mask or respirator, leather work gloves, (welding gauntlets not needed) and should wear jeans, a non-flammable cotton shirt and/or jacket, and closed-toed boots or leather shoes. Our forge is an outdoor building that is only semi-enclosed; please dress accordingly. For full-day workshops, please bring a lunch as there may or may not be time to get food during a lunch break. Classes and workshops are open for all levels including beginners unless otherwise indicated.

INTRODUCTION TO BLACKSMITHING/OPEN FORGE: SESSION B

Mace Vitale
4 Wednesdays beginning February 3
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Learn the fundamentals of blacksmithing in this beginner-friendly workshop, or continue previous projects. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, you'll build confidence at the forge while learning to heat, shape, and forge steel using a hammer and anvil to create a variety of projects. **Fee payable with tuition $45.00.**

Tuition: $300.00
Members: $270.00

FORGING SPEARS

Aidan Garrity
4 Thursdays beginning January 7
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Forge a 9–12 inch socketed spearhead using the traditional rolled socket method, creating a one-piece blade and socket that can be fitted to a haft. Learn essential blacksmithing and bladesmithing techniques, including drawing, beveling, and grinding, and complete a finished spearhead by the end of the workshop. **Fee payable with tuition $75.00.**

Tuition: $300.00
Members: $270.00

WORKSHOP

INTRO TO THE HAND FORGED BLADE WORKSHOP

Mace Vitale
Saturday – Sunday, January 9-10
10:00AM to 4:00PM

Learn the fundamentals of bladesmithing by forging, grinding, heat treating, and sharpening a small utility knife. The workshop also covers knife design, fit and finish, sharpening, and care. Students will forge several blades and complete at least one functional knife by the end of the weekend. **Fee payable with tuition $45.00.**

Tuition: $300.00
Members: $270.00

WORKSHOP

FORGING A TOMAHAWK WORKSHOP

Aidan Garrity
Saturday – Sunday, January 16-17
10:00AM to 5:00PM

Forge a traditional tomahawk from start to finish using the slit and drift method to shape the head and create the eye. Learn essential blacksmithing techniques, including handle fitting, grinding, polishing, heat treating, and sharpening, while gaining an understanding of when and why different forging methods are used. **Fee payable with tuition $50.00.**

Tuition: $350.00
Members: $315.00

WORKSHOP

TRY YOUR HAND AT BLACKSMITHING

Mace Vitale
Saturday – Sunday, January 23-24
10:00AM to 4:00PM

Come learn the basics of forging steel in the GAC blacksmith forge. Geared towards the absolute beginner, this workshop is designed to be educational and enjoyable for everyone. Learn techniques to build confidence in the forge under the guidance of experienced instructors. Students will shape and forge hot steel using a hammer and an anvil to complete a variety of projects. **Fee payable with tuition $45.00.**

Tuition: $300.00
Members: $270.00

BLACKSMITH, CON'T

WORKSHOP

HAND-FORGED KITCHEN KNIFE WORKSHOP

Mace Vitale
Friday – Sunday, February 5-7
10:00AM to 5:00PM

Craft a hand-forged steel kitchen knife with a custom wooden handle. Learn essential blacksmithing skills including forging the blade to shape, precise grinding to refine the edge, and expert sharpening techniques to achieve a razor-sharp finish. The class also covers handle design and fitting, heat treating for durability, and finishing techniques to create a knife that is both functional and beautiful. **Fee payable with tuition $60.00.**

Tuition: $525.00
Members: $472.50

♥ WORKSHOP

BLACKSMITHING VALENTINE'S DATE NIGHT: FORGING STEEL HEARTS

Marsha Trattner
Friday, February 12
7:00PM to 9:00PM

Forge lasting memories with your special someone this Valentine's Day. This unique date night experience lets you learn the basics of blacksmithing together while creating a one-of-a-kind keepsake to cherish. Share the fun of hammering, shaping, and finishing metal in a hands-on, memorable activity that's perfect for couples looking for something different. Please note: For safety, all participants must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. Protective gear and materials are provided. **Fee payable with tuition $10.00.**

Tuition: $60.00
Members: $54.00

♥ WORKSHOP

FORGING ROSES WORKSHOP: SESSION A

Marsha Trattner
Saturday, February 13
10:00AM to 4:00PM

FORGING ROSES WORKSHOP: SESSION B

Greg AmEnde
Sunday, February 14
10:00AM to 4:00PM

Forge iron roses to give as a gift or incorporate into your own projects. Roses are iconic in forged ironwork, architectural metal accents, and as standalone sculptures, and this workshop encourages your own unique interpretations. Explore key blacksmithing techniques including sheet metal forming, riveting, symmetrical bending, and slitting to bring your rose to life. **Fee payable with tuition $45.00.**

Tuition: $168.00
Members: $151.20

WORKSHOP

THE WAR HAMMER WORKSHOP

Mace Vitale
Saturday – Sunday, February 20-21
10:00AM to 5:00PM

Forge a historic war hammer while learning essential blacksmithing techniques, including hot punching, splitting, shaping, and forging a spike. Finish your piece by fitting a hickory handle, heat treating the head, and grinding for durability. Workshop concludes with hands-on testing to experience the balance and power of your hammer. **Fee payable with tuition $60.00.**

Tuition: $350.00
Members: $315.00

WORKSHOP

SIMPLE JAPANESE STYLE KNIFE WORKSHOP

Mace Vitale
Saturday – Sunday, February 27-28
10:00AM to 5:00PM

Students will forge a small Japanese-style tanto, a blade profile historically carried as a sidearm by the samurai. The blade will be heat treated, ground and sharpened then finished off with a cord wrap. **Fee payable with tuition $45.00.**

Tuition: $350.00
Members: $315.00

CERAMICS WORKSHOPS

CRYSTAL GLAZE WORKSHOP

David Frank
4 sessions beginning January 16*
1:00PM to 4:00PM

Intermediate and advanced students can explore the process of creating crystal glazes using controlled cooling: throw porcelain pieces designed to showcase these unique glazes, incorporating catchers to contain the flowing glaze; experiment with glaze combinations and firing techniques to create one-of-a-kind ceramic pieces. **Fee payable with tuition $30.00.**

This class meets -January 16, January 23, February 13, and February 20.

Tuition: $180.00
Members: $162.00

WORKSHOP

♥ VALENTINE POTTERY DATE NIGHT WORKSHOP

Claudia Schiavone
Friday, February 12
6:30PM to 9:30PM

For adults ages 21+. Get down and dirty with your Valentine at GAC. Hand-build your own clay creations side by side. No wheel, no pressure, just laughs, wine (BYOB.), and something special you'll shape together. **Fee payable with tuition $15.00.**

Tuition: $55.00
Members: $49.50

CERAMICS

GAC's ceramics classes and workshops welcome beginners and experienced students alike. Skilled instructors guide you through wheel throwing, handbuilding, design, and glazing as you create functional pieces and sculptural work while exploring your personal style. Classes are named by day and time for easy scheduling and cover the same core material unless otherwise noted. Tuition includes two scheduled open studio sessions per week. Clay must be purchased in class ($32–$35 per bag; cash, check, or PayPal accepted). Lab and clay fees cover firings and glaze materials.

MONDAY MORNING CERAMICS WITH ALICE CHITTENDEN

Alice Chittenden
8 Mondays beginning January 4
9:30AM to 12:30PM

Please note: NO class on January 18
Fee payable with tuition $30.00.

Tuition: $360.00
Members: $324.00

MONDAY NIGHT CERAMICS WITH DEBORAH STAUB LUFT

Deborah Staub Luft
8 Mondays beginning January 4
7:00PM to 10:00PM

Please note: NO class on January 18
Fee payable with tuition $30.00.

Tuition: $360.00
Members: $324.00

TUESDAY AFTERNOON CERAMICS WITH DAVID FRANK

David Frank
8 Tuesdays beginning January 5*
12:30PM to 3:30PM

Fee payable with tuition $30.00.

Tuition: $360.00
Members: $324.00

TUESDAY NIGHT CERAMICS WITH CLAUDIA SCHIAVONE

Claudia Schiavone
8 Tuesdays beginning January 5
6:30PM to 9:30PM

Fee payable with tuition $30.00.

Tuition: $360.00
Members: $324.00



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CERAMIC SCULPTURE

Lisa Wolkow
8 Wednesdays beginning January 6
9:30AM to 12:30PM

For experienced students who would like to work sculpturally in clay, taking full advantage of everything a ceramics studio can offer. Students will be introduced to ways of experimenting, working and thinking as sculptors, as well as techniques for constructing forms, building surfaces and firing. Those with a background in wheel work may want to explore hand building skills in conjunction with thrown forms. **Fee payable with tuition $30.00.**

Tuition: $360.00
Members: $324.00

THURSDAY NIGHT CERAMICS WITH LOUISE HARTER

Louise Harter
8 Thursdays beginning January 7
7:00PM to 10:00PM

Fee payable with tuition $30.00.

Tuition: $360.00
Members: $324.00

FRIDAY MORNING CERAMICS WITH ANITA GRIFFITH AND ROBERT PARROTT

Anita Griffith, Robert Parrott
8 Fridays beginning January 8
9:00AM to 12:00PM

Fee payable with tuition $30.00.

Tuition: $360.00
Members: $324.00

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CERAMICS WITH JUSTIN GERACE

Justin Gerace
8 Fridays beginning January 8
2:00PM to 5:00PM

Fee payable with tuition $30.00.

Tuition: $360.00
Members: $324.00

DRAWING



DRAWING FOR ALL

Scott Paterson
8 Mondays beginning January 4
10:00AM to 12:00PM

Students will draw with graphite pencil, learning about line, dark and light values, composition and more. We will turn the ordinary into the sublime, working from a still life (and other things) of each student's own design. Please bring a few soft pencils (6B to 9B) and a 9 x12 sketch pad to the first class. Please note: no class on January 18.

Tuition: $224.00
Members: $201.60

BASIC DRAWING

Patricia Meglio
8 Tuesdays beginning January 5
9:30AM to 11:30AM

Brush up on drawing skills and learn how to draw a variety of subjects. Look for shapes in everyday objects, gain knowledge on linear perspective, and apply shading. Draw seascapes, landscapes, everyday objects and portraits using photos provided. Instructor will provide photo choices for each scene and some still life setups. **This class has a required materials list.**

Tuition: $280.00
Members: $252.00

PAINTING OR DRAWING THE PORTRAIT

Scott Paterson
8 Wednesdays beginning January 6
10:00AM to 12:00PM

Become more confident as a portraitist and capture the personality of your subject in your art. Students already confident in a medium other than graphite pencil (e.g. oil, acrylic, pastels, etc.) should feel free to bring them to class. Otherwise, prepare to draw with pencil and bring a 9 x12 sketch pad, a few soft pencils (anything from 6B to 9B), and, preferably, a kneaded eraser.

Tuition: $224.00
Members: $201.60

CRAFTING YOUR GRAPHIC MEMOIR

Megan Jeffery
8 Thursdays beginning January 7
10:00AM to 12:00PM

Discover the power of sequential art to celebrate your life story. Students will learn to design a personal cartoon avatar and turn memories into comics. This course offers a unique space for reflection and connection. No prior experience required. **This class has a required materials list.**

Tuition: $224.00
Members: $201.60

WORKSHOP
TRY YOUR HAND AT PAINTING & DRAWING WORKSHOP: SESSION A

Scott Paterson
Saturday, January 9
10:00AM to 1:30PM

TRY YOUR HAND AT PAINTING & DRAWING WORKSHOP: SESSION B

Scott Paterson
Saturday, February 6
10:00AM to 1:30PM

This workshop is geared towards the absolute adult beginner. Learn the basics of painting and drawing in a supportive, judgment-free session. Spend the morning in the GAC studios and learn about basic techniques, materials and approaches to working creatively in two dimensions. Come discover your creative potential. **Fee payable with tuition $5.00.**

Tuition: $49.00
Members: $44.10

WORKSHOP
START WITH A MARK: DISCOVERING CREATIVITY ONE LINE AT A TIME

Shilo Ratner
Saturday, January 23
10:00AM to 12:00PM

Start with a single mark and see where it leads. Through playful drawing exercises, explore line, rhythm, repetition, shape, and pattern while allowing each mark to respond to the one before it. Let go of expectations, follow your intuition, and discover how a simple line can become something unexpected. **This class has a required materials list.**

Tuition: $28.00
Members: $25.20

WORKSHOP
DRAWING PORTRAITS OF FAMOUS PEOPLE WORKSHOP

Patricia Meglio
Saturday, February 27
9:30AM to 12:30PM

Drawing portraits of famous people is fun. Even if think you can only draw stick figures, anyone can learn to draw a beautiful portrait. Instructor will provide reference photos, individual and class instruction. **This class has a required materials list.**

Tuition: $42.00
Members: $37.80

WORKSHOP
DRAWING IN PEN & INK WITH WASHES

Lisa Arnold
Saturday, January 30
10:00AM to 1:00PM

It's all about the beauty of line and line representation when you work in pen and ink. Your pen will lend itself to delicate line work when you use Speedball pens, nibs, and Higgins Inks. Cross hatching, hatching, and stippling will be demonstrated by the instructor. It's a great way to work when drawing landscapes, trees, florals and more. **This class has a required materials list.**

Tuition: $42.00
Members: $37.80

WORKSHOP
PASTEL COLOR EXPLORATION WORKSHOP

Lisa Arnold
Saturday, February 20
10:00AM to 1:00PM

What better time to work in pastels than in the winter? It's an organic and colorful time to work in a gentle style. Working in pastels can almost feel like "soft painting," and blending colors smoothly and quickly gives you a chance to really develop a great sense of mood. There is a sense of rhythm and motion when working in this medium; color can move about smoothly and the blending process is very forgiving. **This class has a required materials list.**

Tuition: $42.00
Members: $37.80



FIBER

WORKSHOP
CLASPED LOOP TRIVETS

Diane Villano
Saturday, January 16
10:00AM to 1:00PM

Learn advanced color blocking on a 10" metal peg loom to weave a large trivet featuring both warp and weft loops clasped together. Prior trivet weaving experience recommended. Materials fee includes 100% cotton loops, printed patterns, and use of the loom and hooks. **Fee payable with tuition $18.00.**

Tuition: $42.00
Members: $37.80

WORKSHOP
BYOB SIP & PUNCH: PUNCH NEEDLE EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP

Peggy Esposito
Friday, January 22
6:00PM to 9:00PM

For Adults 21+. Relax and sip a glass of wine while you learn the basics of the trending punch needle embroidery, creating loops that form a textured design. Gather your friends for a fun experience while you learn something new. Bring a friend, date, and your favorite beverage. **Fee payable with tuition $20.00.**

Tuition: $42.00
Members: $37.20

WORKSHOP
LEARN TO SEW A CROSSBODY BAG

Tina McKim
Saturday, January 23
12:00PM to 3:00PM

Learn to sew your own custom crossbody bag with a magnetic snap. Basic sewing experience recommended. **Fee payable with tuition $12.00.**

Tuition: $42.00
Members: $37.80

WORKSHOP
WEAVING MUG RUGS WORKSHOP

Diane Villano
Saturday, January 30
10:00AM to 1:00PM

Weave a coordinating set of four mug rugs on the traditional size peg loom with your choice of color ways. Complete four tabby patterns inspired by classic fabric arts, including the nine-patch quilt block, plaid, gingham, and bordered square. Printed weaving charts and 100% cotton weaving loops included in materials fee; bring embroidery scissors. Metal peg loom and hooks available for $20 purchase. **Fee payable with tuition $12.00.**

Tuition: $42.00
Members: $37.80

WORKSHOP

SWEETHEART TWILL WEAVES WORKSHOP

Diane Villano
Saturday, February 13
10:00AM to 1:00PM

Using 100% cotton loop materials from a New England family-owned mill and a sturdy metal peg loom, create a coordinating pair of potholders with traditional or contemporary color schemes. Finish at least one potholder in class and complete the other at home. Printed weaving charts and 100% cotton weaving loops are included in materials fee; bring embroidery scissors. Metal peg loom and hooks available in class for $20 purchase. **Fee payable with tuition $12.00.**

Tuition: $42.00
Members: $37.80

♥ WORKSHOP

SEWING A DECORATIVE VALENTINE PILLOW WORKSHOP

Tina McKim
Saturday, February 13
12:00PM to 3:00PM

Craft your own decorative Valentine pillow using patchwork, applique, and vintage upcycled fabrics. Basic sewing knowledge is recommended. **Fee payable with tuition $12.00.**

Tuition: $42.00
Members: $37.80

WORKSHOP

BYOB CRAFT & SIP: HOOK LATCH MINI-RUGS

Peggy Esposito
Thursday, February 18
6:00PM to 9:00PM

For Adult 21+ Step back in time and learn the retro art of Latch Hooking, which is making a tremendous comeback! You will learn to read a pattern and utilize the hooking tool. Sip, socialize, and create a plush mini rug or a wall hanging. Perfect for a friends' outing or date night. **Fee payable with tuition $20.00.**

Tuition: $42.00
Members: $37.80

METALS & JEWELRY

Step into the studio and learn to form and finish metal by hand in GAC's Metals & Jewelry classes and workshops. A $30 lab fee, payable with tuition, covers studio consumables. Materials and metals are sold in class at market price.

INTERMEDIATE METALSMITHING: SESSION A

Marie Murphy
8 Mondays beginning January 4
9:30AM to 12:30PM
Please note: NO class on January 18

INTERMEDIATE METALSMITHING: SESSION B

Marie Murphy
8 Wednesdays beginning January 6
9:30AM to 12:30PM

INTERMEDIATE METALSMITHING: SESSION C

Marie Murphy
8 Wednesdays beginning January 6
5:30PM to 8:30PM

Building on foundational skills, this intermediate course focuses on precision, design development, and stone-setting techniques. Students will refine soldering, fabrication, and finishing methods while exploring advanced fabrication, surface treatments, forming, and stone setting. This repeatable course offers new techniques and project focuses each session. **Fee payable with tuition $30.00.**

Tuition: $336.00
Members: $302.40

METALS & JEWELRY: SESSION A

Linda Edwards
8 Tuesdays beginning January 5
10:00AM to 1:00PM

METALS & JEWELRY: SESSION B

Connie Pfeiffer
8 Tuesdays beginning January 5
6:30PM to 9:30PM

Learn to create fine metal art, from jewelry to small sculpture, through demonstrations and hands-on instruction. Explore tools and techniques including sawing, filing, soldering, forming, fabrication, stone setting, and surface texturing. Students will develop design skills and creativity while working with copper, brass, and silver. Please attend the first class and bring a notebook and writing utensil. **Fee payable with tuition $30.00.**

Tuition: $336.00
Members: $302.40

GLASS

WORKSHOP

LAMP WORKED GLASS BEADS WORKSHOP

Stephanie Maddalena
Saturday – Sunday, January 30-31
10:00AM to 4:00PM

Students will learn to use a torch to melt glass rods, creating personalized colorful glass beads. Many glass decorating techniques will be demonstrated, including enamels, metal foils, flowers and more. **Fee payable with tuition $25.00.**

Tuition: $325.00
Members: $292.50

GUIDED INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN METALS

Linda Edwards
8 Thursdays beginning January 7
10:00AM to 1:00PM

For students with metalworking experience to focus on their own interests. Select and design your own projects with guidance. Focus on enriching design skills and addressing artistic intent. **Fee payable with tuition $30.00.**

Tuition: $336.00
Members: $302.40

WORKSHOP

STONESETTING WITH SILVER METAL CLAY

Nancy Karpel
Sunday, February 7
10:00AM to 4:00PM

Take your Silver Metal Clay designs to the next level; complete and take home at least two unique silver and colored-stone jewelry pieces. **Materials fee* of approx. $160 is payable at class** includes metal clay supplies and handouts. Additional materials will be available for purchase. Basic metal clay tool kit, including portable work-surface, are required and will not be provided. A small tool kit may be rented in class for $3.00. Prerequisite: at least one other metal clay class/workshop. **materials fee is subject to change with metals market.*

Tuition: $185.00
Members: $166.50

WORKSHOP

DISCOVER SILVER METAL CLAY WORKSHOP

Nancy Karpel
Sunday, January 10
10:00AM to 3:30PM

Explore Silver Metal Clay, a versatile material that transforms into pure silver when fired. **Materials fee of $135 payable to the instructor** includes metal clay, tools, supplies, and handouts. Fee subject to change based on metal market prices. This class has a required materials list.

Tuition: $170.00
Members: $153.00



PAINTING

CONTEMPORARY WATERCOLOR - FOLLOW THE LEADER

Alexa MacCrady
7 Mondays beginning January 4
9:00AM to 12:00PM

Create fresh, inspired watercolor paintings while exploring the subtle beauty of color, light, and mark-making. Build your work step by step—from broad washes to fine details, from light to dark tones—developing a process that brings your vision to life. Experience the luxury of working with sable brushes for luminous, transparent washes and Japanese natural-hair brushes for drawing and layering color. Please note: NO class on January 18. This class has a required materials list.

Tuition: $294.00
Members: $264.60

CREATIVE PAINT STUDIO - AN EXPRESSIVE ART CLASS FOR ADULTS

Marcy LaBella
8 Mondays beginning January 4
1:00PM to 3:00PM

Creative Paint Studio is a relaxed, supportive class where students explore acrylic, watercolor, gouache, and mixed media techniques including collage, printmaking, and art journaling. Projects introduce artistic principles while encouraging experimentation, creativity, and personal expression. Ideal for beginners, returning artists, or anyone seeking to develop their unique style. Please note: NO class on January 18. Fee payable with tuition $10.00.

Tuition: $224.00
Members: $201.60

PAINTING, CON'T

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF PAINTING

Patricia Meglio
8 Tuesdays beginning January 5
12:00PM to 2:30PM

Explore the vibrant colors, textures, and timeless beauty of oil and acrylic paints. Learn about values, color mixing, texture, edges and composition. Instructor will cover paint, brushes, surfaces, and medium and demonstrate a variety of painting techniques. Individual and class instruction and handouts will be provided. **This class has a required materials list.**

Tuition: $280.00
Members: $252.00

NO FEAR PAINTING: LETTING GO AND MAKING ART

Leonard Moskowitz
8 Thursdays beginning January 7
1:00PM to 4:00PM

Spark your creativity through vibrant painting, mixed media, and collage explorations. Inspired by artistic movements such as cubism, pointillism, and fauvism, students will experiment with bold color, composition, and expressive techniques. Open to all levels, this course encourages creative discovery, playful experimentation, and the freedom to embrace your unique artistic voice.

Tuition: $336.00
Members: $302.40

ACRYLIC PAINTING

Scott Paterson
8 Fridays beginning January 8
10:00AM to 12:00PM

Do you have a bit of background in drawing and/or painting, but want to move beyond your current level? This class will help. We'll cover various approaches to developing compositions, become more aware of tonal values and make color a friend. We'll employ a host of technical tips, as well as allow time for critiques. **This class has a required materials list.**

Tuition: $224.00
Members: $201.60

WORKSHOP

♥ VALENTINE PAINT & SIP DATE NIGHT

Shilo Ratner
Friday, February 12
7:00PM to 9:00PM

Open to adults 21+. Bring your favorite beverage and paint your favorite person at this creative paint night workshop. This workshop is BYOB. **Fee payable with tuition $5.00.**

Tuition: $28.00
Members: $25.20



PHOTOGRAPHY

INTRO TO DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Briget Ganske
6 Thursdays beginning January 7
9:30AM – 12PM

Learn how to take better photographs with whatever kind of camera you have (cell phone, DSLR or mirrorless camera). You'll learn about exposure, depth of field, and shutter speed. We'll discuss how to create an effective composition. Fun weekly assignments coupled with in-class discussions will help you troubleshoot problems and develop a creative eye.

Tuition: $210.00
Members: $189.00





PRINTMAKING

BLOCK PRINTING 101

Tricia Damboise
8 Tuesdays beginning January 5
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Students will learn the basics of sketching and carving a linocut block, inking up their block and creating a crisp beautiful print. In this eight week course, students will finish with eight beautiful carved stamps and fun projects like bandanas, iron-on patches and banners. **Fee payable with tuition $60.00.**

Tuition: $224.00
Members: $201.60

WORKSHOP

TOTE-ALLY GALENTINE'S BLOCK PRINTING NIGHT

Tricia Damboise
Thursday, February 11
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Students will sketch a design, transfer it onto a block of linocut and carve their design. Then, they'll learn to roll out the ink and create their very own custom print. Students will leave with a lovely tote bag with their design on it. Students will also have the opportunity to play around with patterns, layering and centering their design onto a piece of fabric. **Fee payable with tuition $33.00.**

Tuition: $28.00
Members: $25.20

WEAVING

LEARN TO WEAVE ON A RIGID HEDDLE LOOM

Robert Aiudi
8 Mondays beginning January 4
6:00PM to 8:00PM

Rigid heddle weaving is a rewarding way to learn the basics of weaving while creating something beautiful and functional. Learn how a rigid heddle loom works and explore simple weaving patterns, design ideas, and finishing techniques. Get personalized, hands-on instruction to leave with a finished project of your choice. Please note: NO class on January 18. **Fee payable with tuition $25.00.**

Tuition: $224.00
Members: $201.60

FLOOR LOOM WEAVING: SESSION A

Linda Edwards
8 Wednesdays beginning January 6
10:00AM to 1:00PM

FLOOR LOOM WEAVING: SESSION B

Eva Polizzi
8 Thursdays beginning January 7
9:00AM to 12:00PM

Beginning students will learn to measure a warp, dress a four or eight-harness loom and draft basic patterns for weaving cloth. After completing a short sampler of traditional weave structures, they will plan, design and weave a project of their own choice with assistance from the instructor. More advanced students will be encouraged to either deepen their handweaving skills or try new methods as they complete their projects. Bench time available. **Fee payable with tuition $15.00.**

Tuition: $336.00
Members: $302.40

SPECIAL INTEREST/MIXED MEDIA

WORKSHOP

EXPERIMENTAL COLLAGE WORKSHOP

Anne Benkovitz
Saturday, January 16
1:00PM to 4:00PM

Let your imagination guide your hands as you create paper and mixed-media collages. Cut, arrange, and reassemble colorful papers, photos, text, and printed ephemera, then embellish with paint, drawing materials, fabric, thread, lace, stamps, or 3D objects. An exploration guide offers prompts, techniques, and inspiration. Materials provided for all. **Fee payable with tuition $20.00.**

Tuition: $42.00
Members: $37.80

♥ WORKSHOP

MY FUNNY VALENTINE CARDMAKING WORKSHOP

Anne Benkovitz
Saturday, January 16
10:00AM to 12:00PM

Create your own custom Valentine's Day cards or postcards. Start with blank cards in different formats and design and customize them with a large variety of provided art materials. Instructor will provide a list of postage guidelines, plus recommended books and websites with handmade card projects for further exploration. **Fee payable with tuition $15.00.**

Tuition: $28.00
Members: $25.20

WORKSHOP

LACE PAINTING ON TEXTILES

Peggy Esposito
Sunday, January 17
12:00PM to 2:00PM

Enjoy a relaxing Paint & Sip while discovering the unique art of painting on lace. Participants will combine traditional textiles with contemporary painting techniques to create a beautiful mixed-media artwork in a fun, social atmosphere. No experience necessary. **Fee payable with tuition $10.00.**

Tuition: $28.00
Members: $25.20

WORKSHOP

BEADED TREE OF LIFE WORKSHOP

Peggy Esposito
Saturday, February 20
12:00PM to 3:00PM

Create a beautiful Beaded Tree of Life artwork while learning basic wire and beading techniques in a relaxed, creative setting. Participants will use wire and natural stone beads to design a unique piece that encourages self-expression, mindfulness, and artistic connection. **Fee payable with tuition $10.00.**

Tuition: $42.00
Members: $37.80





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AGES 5+

WINTER FAIRY & GNOME MAGIC ART

Carole Firth
8 Mondays beginning January 4
4:00PM to 6:00PM

Explore a magical realm of fairy-inspired art. Students will create imaginative projects like enchanted clay luminaries, fairy treasure boxes, winter fairy houses, masks, felt creatures, and more. Join us for magical fun as we explore both real and imaginary worlds. NO class on January 18. **Fee payable with tuition $30.00.**

Tuition: $240.00
Members: $216.00

ART & LITERATURE SERIES: HARRY POTTER RETURNS

Carole Firth
8 Wednesdays beginning January 6
4:00PM to 6:00PM

Create art projects using various mediums with the theme of the magical, intriguing stories of Harry Potter. Follow Harry, Ron, and Hermione's adventures as they navigate the world of witchcraft and wizardry. Make your own sorting hat, screaming mandrake, spectraspecs, spellbooks, wands, and more. **Fee payable with tuition $30.00.**

Tuition: $240.00
Members: $216.00

WINTER POTTERY AND CLAY SCULPTURE FOR KIDS

Carole Firth
8 Tuesdays beginning January 5
4:00PM to 6:00PM

Discover the joy of kiln-fired pottery as you learn hand-building techniques and glazing. Create containers, imaginative sculptures, and seasonal projects like snow people, winter animals, heart boxes, and luminaries. **Fee payable with tuition $30.00.**

Tuition: $240.00
Members: $216.00

AIR DRY CLAY EXPLORER

Carole Firth
8 Fridays beginning January 8
4:00PM to 6:00PM

Explore different types of clay including air dry, salt dough, modeling clay, sand clay, cloud clay - and more. Little artists will have a chance to help create clays and glazes, embellish projects with different materials, and learn a variety of techniques. Projects include winter beads, sculptures, and snow globes. **Fee payable with tuition $30.00.**

Tuition: $240.00
Members: $216.00

TWINKLE & STRING WORKSHOP

Peggy Esposito
Saturday, January 9
12:00PM to 1:30PM

Color meets magic in this fun and engaging workshop. Kids will string colorful pony beads on vibrant colored fairy lights, using their fine motor skills, patience and pattern recognition. Open to ages 6+. **Fee payable with tuition $5.00.**

Tuition: $22.50
Members: $20.25

♥ VALENTINE CARD PARTY FOR KIDS

Carole Firth
Saturday, February 13
11:30AM to 2:00PM

Design your own special Valentines Day cards for your friends and loved ones. We will have a big variety of materials for you to use, including; paints, flowers, lace paper, sequins, stickers, ribbon and glitter galore. Come for some sweet fun and share the love. **Fee payable with tuition $15.00.**

Tuition: $37.50
Members: $33.75

FEBRUARY VACATION: SESSION A

Carole Firth
Monday, February 15
9:30AM to 12:30PM

FEBRUARY VACATION: SESSION B

Carole Firth
Tuesday, February 16
9:30AM to 12:30PM

Explore painting, drawing, collage, sculpture and clay materials during these fun vacation days. We will read stories, play games, and create. We will have a short break to stretch and have a snack. Please bring a water bottle and snack. **Fee payable with tuition $25.00.**

Tuition: $45.00
Members: $40.50

FREE MIDDLE SCHOOL DROP-IN WORKSHOP

Monday, January 25
1:15PM - 3:15PM

Middle School students are welcome to drop in between 1:15-3:15 PM to work on art projects for the afternoon. Students can also do independent exploration with materials on hand. Take an afternoon to enjoy being creative with your peers. Adams Middle School students can walk or take Bus 24 to the Center. No need to register.





AGES 8+

KIDS POTTERY BY WHEEL & HAND

Tori Eodice
8 Mondays beginning January 4
4:30PM to 6:30PM

Students will work on the potter's wheel and learn hand building methods. Beginners will learn all the basics of pottery while returning students will get a chance to improve their skills on new projects. Several finishing and glazing techniques will be taught. **Please note: NO class on 1/18. Fee payable with tuition $30.00.**

Tuition: $240.00
Members: $216.00

PRESS PLAY: PRINTMAKING FOR KIDS

Tricia Damboise
8 Tuesdays beginning January 5
4:00PM to 6:00PM

Students will begin print making using foam and everyday materials to create a print. Use items like bubble wrap for texture, magazine cut outs, stencils and shapes on a gelli plate to make fun, playful designs. They will also design and cut out their own linocut stamps and create fun projects like pencil pouches and coasters. **Fee payable with tuition $60.00.**

Tuition: $240.00
Members: $216.00

CLAY FOR TWEENS

Alice Chittenden
8 Wednesdays beginning January 6
4:00PM to 6:00PM

Explore ceramics through handbuilding techniques including pinch, coil, and slab methods, along with carving, stamping, and clay embellishments. Students will also learn basic wheel techniques and glazing to add color and finish. Guided projects and open studio time encourage creativity and the development of personal ideas. **Fee payable with tuition $30.00.**

Tuition: $240.00
Members: $216.00

♥ WINTER CLAY WONDERLAND

Carole Firth
8 Thursdays beginning January 7
4:00PM to 6:00PM

Come to the pottery room to create winter-themed clay projects. Lean how to use techniques and tools, and get your masterpieces fired in the kiln. Projects include hot chocolate mugs, illuminated houses, Valentine's jewelry boxes, and more. **Fee payable with tuition $45.00.**

Tuition: $240.00
Members: $216.00



TEENS 13+

TEEN METALSMITHING

Marie Murphy
4 Mondays beginning January 4
4:00PM to 6:00PM

Teens will explore the fundamentals of metalsmithing while creating their own wearable jewelry. Students will learn essential hand-fabrication skills including sawing, filing, forming, texturing, soldering, and finishing. Projects will include forged bangle bracelets and stacking rings, with opportunities for students to incorporate their own creative design choices. No prior metalsmithing experience is necessary. **Fee payable with tuition $28.00.**

Tuition: $120.00
Members: $108.00

TEEN BLACKSMITHING: SESSION A

Greg AmEnde
4 Tuesdays beginning January 5

TEEN BLACKSMITHING: SESSION B

Greg AmEnde
4 Tuesdays beginning February 2
3:30PM to 5:30PM

This class will teach teen students basic forging techniques. Students will learn how to build and maintain a coal fire, and use the new skills to make several small projects such as hooks, fire pokers, and hand forged jewelry. **Fee payable with tuition $10.00.**

Tuition: $200.00
Members: $180.00

IN THE GALLERY

Celebrate 60 Years of Creativity

CALL FOR ARTISTS GAC FACULTY & STUDENT EXHIBITION

FEBRUARY 6–28, 2027

As Guilford Art Center celebrates 60 years of inspiring creativity and fostering a vibrant arts community, we're inviting our talented instructors and adult students to be part of a special anniversary exhibition! Adult students must have taken a class or workshop at Guilford Art Center since January 2025 to be eligible to participate.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS: GAC FACULTY & STUDENT EXHIBITION will showcase the creativity, talent and artistic accomplishments of the people who make GAC such a special place. Whether you're an instructor who has shared your skills and passion or an adult student who has explored a new medium, developed your skills or discovered a creative interest at GAC since January 2025, we want to celebrate your work!

FOR MORE, VISIT: Call for Artists under GALLERY, guilfordartcenter.org.

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW TO EXPLORE AT GAC

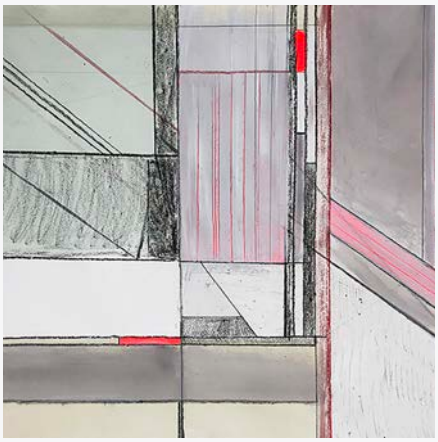
The Winter Semester offers more than a dozen new classes, including:



Simple Japanese Style Knife Workshop



Crafting Your Graphic Memoir



Start with a Mark: Discovering Creativity One Line at a Time



Drawing Portraits of Famous People Workshop



BYOB Sip & Punch: Punch Needle Embroidery Workshop



Sewing a Decorative Valentine Pillow Workshop



Teen Metalsmithing



Block Printing 101



Press Play: Printmaking for Kids

WINTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTER ONLINE
Go to guilfordartcenter.org
for a list of classes
and to register.

TUITION ASSISTANCE
Deadline: December 18

Tuition assistance is available for adults and children based on need and interest. Forms are available on our website (see Tuition Assistance, under SCHOOL tab).

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Registration must be done online. Calling the office will not give students an advantage or guarantee on timing or class priority. GAC staff will be available via phone Monday - Friday 10am -4PM to answer questions and troubleshoot.
- Make sure you are using an updated browser; most often people have issues connecting to online registration because their browser is not supported or updated.
- Renew your Membership in advance of the registration time. This will simplify your registration and speed up the process.
- To activate your Membership, please complete payment and then select the users you would like to designate as recipients for this Membership before returning to your shopping cart for class/workshop selections.

  After purchasing your Membership, you can scroll to the bottom of the "My Account" page to ensure all eligible contacts are selected.

ONLINE REGISTRATION SCHEDULE FOR WINTER 2027 SEMESTER

Sunday, November 15, 8PM: CERAMICS
Monday, November 16, 8PM: METALS & JEWELRY
Tuesday, November 17, 8PM: WEAVING
Wednesday, November 18, 8PM: ALL CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

GUILFORD ART CENTER SCHOOL POLICIES

CLASS CANCELLATION, WITHDRAWAL, & REFUND POLICY: If a class or workshop is canceled due to insufficient enrollment, students will be notified and full tuition will be refunded or may be applied toward another course. Student withdrawals require at least 2 weeks' notice before a class begins for a full refund. Later than that, student withdrawals up to one week before a class begins are eligible for a credit, less a $25 registration and materials fee (if applicable). After that, there are no refunds or credits. Credits are valid for one year and may only be for classes going forward from the withdrawal date received and processed by Guilford Art Center. Students missing a regularly scheduled class will not receive a refund or a makeup class.

Classes not held due to bad weather or instructor's absence will be rescheduled, usually at the end of the semester. Call 203-453-5947 for weather cancellations, which will be announced on the main message line, on the website and our Facebook and Instagram pages.

GUILFORD ART CENTER reserves the right to change its calendar, withdraw or modify course of instruction or substitute instructors at anytime.

Guilford Art Center is committed to your privacy. We will always make sure that any personal information you provide is kept confidential. It will not be sold or shared. Your email address may be used to keep you informed of current and upcoming GAC programs and events.

GAC IS AN ACCESSIBLE CAMPUS. Students who have challenges of any kind—physical, learning, or social—are welcome to participate in our classes. Please reach out to our Education Coordinator to discuss your or your child's needs and suggestions for best meeting them in the classroom.



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- 10% discount on select Gallery purchases
- Invitations to all special events and openings
- Free admission to all 3 days of Craft Expo on the Guilford Green

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SCHOOL

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