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**Lane's Thoughts...**

We've celebrated a very successful summer of art including our 60th Anniversary Retrospective while seeing our membership grow with new members.

To ensure more of this wonderful momentum, please look closely at the VGA calendar and plan your next contributions including your art and your time.

- Plan your seasonal art projects like Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the Holiday Boutique.
- Volunteer for our Cedar Mill Farmer's Market booth.
- Sign up to host or do a demonstration at Open Studios.
- Look into joining a VGA Team where you can contribute to the vitality and success of VGA.
- Contribute to our popular free Art Kits distributed at key community outreach venues.

Come to the Gallery each month on the 2nd Sunday 3-5pm for Art Chat and Refreshments. Rub shoulders with other artists and talk shop. I look forward to seeing you there.

—Lane Clem, VGA Interim President

ArtFocus Newsletter

September 2023

Classes for kids & adults!

Village Gallery of Arts offers classes and workshops for children, teens and adults. **Follow the links with each topic for many more details and to reserve your space in the classes.**

**-----FREE Events-----**

There's no-cost fun happening at VGA!

Make a Mask Workshop-

Ages: all!

Instructor: VGA Instructional Team

Date: Oct. 28

Time: 1-3 p.m

Stop in and have some fun creating a face mask! All ages welcome; all materials supplied.

Make a Holiday Ornament**Workshop-**

Ages: all!

Instructor: VGA Instructional Team

11/25- Holiday wood cookie ornament



September New Members Show

Aug. 29 - Sept. 24

September Art Chat & Refreshments

September 10, 3-5 p.m.

Mix, mingle and talk art with our artists at this celebratory September show reception.

Come experience art and meet Gallery Artists!



September Big and Bold

Skewed in Portland by Pam Bradhurst

Medium: Photography printed on canvas

12/2- Kirigami tree ornament
12/9- Holiday ornament (style TBD)
12/16 -Holiday ornament (style TBD)

Time: 1-3 p.m

Stop in any of these four days and have some fun creating a holiday ornament!
All ages welcome; all materials supplied.

-----Classes for Kids!-----

All of our kids' classes are opportunities to exploring a variety of media and approaches while building artistic concepts and skills. The age limits are strictly adhered to because of the wide range of students. No child under the age of 7, or older than 11 will be allowed to register.



September Youth Art Classes

Ages 7-11

Instructor: VGA Instructional Team

Dates: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: Thursdays,

3:45-5:15 p.m.

\$70 for 4 October sessions

Class size minimum: 4 maximum: 8

Class Description: This month we explore Crepe paper flowers, Weaving, Rock painting and more!



October Youth Art Classes

Ages 7-11

Instructor: VGA Instructional Team

Dates: Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: Thursdays, 3:45-5:15 p.m.

\$70 for 4 October sessions

Class size minimum: 4 maximum: 8

Class Description: This month we explore Ceramics, Blackout Poetry, Watercolor—Boats & Birds and more!

Size: 24 in. x 32in.

Price: \$220

"Photos are my canvas; edit tools the brushes; photoart the goal."

Upcoming Events

Last Chance

August show!



Aug Big and Bold
Oregon Birds I - Alaka Sarangdhar

Call to Volunteers:

VGA at the Cedar Mill Farmers Market

Saturday, Sept 23 is our final opportunity this year to have a presence in our Cedar Mill Farmer's Market. If you can spare a few hours, please consider joining fellow members Kathryn Oliver-Garnett and Chris Kondrat. It's fun! It's easy! We need one more volunteer for each shift (9-11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.) If you are interested in doing a demo or distributing gallery information at the booth, please contact **Sharon Dunham**.

And a huge thank you to Ela Shusterman, Diane Smith, Dorena Campbell and Judy Vatne for representing the gallery at the Aug. 19 Cedar Mill Farmers' Market.



November Youth Art Classes

Ages 7-11

Instructor: VGA

Instructional Team

Dates: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30

Time: Thursdays, 3:45-5:15 p.m.

\$70 for 4 November sessions

Class size minimum: 4 maximum: 8

Class Description: This month we explore Pencil Drawing, Sculpture, Tooling Foil, Ornaments

-----Classes for Adults!-----



Introduction to Watercolor

Painting II

—Susan Pfahl

4 Tuesdays:

Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26

6:30-9:30 p.m.

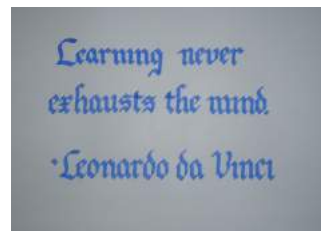
\$120 Members, \$140 Non-members

Class Size: Min.1/ Max. 8

This class takes what you learned in Watercolor I and builds on that. Each class, we will experiment with how the paint and paper and water react together. Then we will paint a simple painting incorporating this "experiment" into our work.

Masterpieces are unlikely, but skills will increase.

Be sure to note the list of supplies to bring when you sign up on the website.



Gothic

Calligraphy—

Susan Pfahl

3 Thursdays:

Sept. 14, 21, & 28,

6:30-8:30 pm
\$60.00

members or \$75 non-members

Class size: Min. 1/6 Max.

Gothic script was used actively from the 800's to the 1400's A.D. It is still used for newspaper mastheads. Today we associate it with Halloween and with

VGA participating in the Washington County Open Studios Tour, Oct 21-22

We need four volunteers to be hosts on Oct. 21-22. These shifts will be 30 minutes longer than usual. This should be a fun time with lots of activity, artist demonstrations, and more visitors than normal to the gallery. The Open Studios Tour hours are 10 a.m.–5 p.m. so shifts will be 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m. and 1:30–5 p.m. Go to sign up sheet [here](#) or contact [Chris Kondrat](#) if you have questions. (503) 880-7832

Are you an artist who would like to offer an art demonstration at VGA during Open Studios? Read on!



VGA Artist in-gallery demos wanted!

We have a **Great Opportunity** for a few artists as VGA participates in the **Washington County Open Studios** this Oct. 21-22. We want 12 artists to demo their art at the gallery on those days. Each shift is 3.5 hours. Don't miss your chance--sign up soon!

- Increased exposure of VGA and its mission, as well as of you as an artist
- It's fun with more people than normal visiting the Gallery
- Possibility of increased sales
- Those offering demos will be allowed to sell more of their art at their table!

Go to sign up sheet [here](#) or contact [Chris Kondrat](#) if you have questions. (503) 880-7832

We need gallery volunteers too so look under the call to Volunteers for those details!

More news to come: Nov.-Dec. outside show

VGA has an opportunity to participate in a Nov.-Dec. outside show at Bethany Frame Central. Exact dates, commission, fees and reception details to come. Watch for details in a more formal call-to-artists in the next few weeks. Stay tuned!

--Sharon Dunham, Outreach/Outside Show Coordinator

We're Building More Art Kits

Christmas music.

This is an introductory class which covers how to create the letter forms in the Gothic script, so you can practice and perfect this script outside of class. No prior experience with calligraphy is needed for this class.



Autumn Wreath

—Jeannine Bamberg

Oct. 7

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

\$35

Class Size:

Min.3/ Max. 8

Let's make an autumn wreath! With the onset of Fall and the beautiful ever changing leaf colors, this class is for nature lovers who enjoy these seasonal shades. Of course, if Spring is your favorite season, feel free to select pastels. Come and create this delightful pinecone wreath in your favorite blend of colorful hues. Bring your glue gun and glue sticks.

Introduction to Watercolor Painting

—Susan Pfahl

4 Tuesdays:

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24

6:30–9:30 p.m.

\$120 Members, \$140 Non-members

Class Size: Min.1/ Max. 8

Each class, we will experiment with how the paint and paper and water react together. Then we will paint a simple painting incorporating this “experiment” into our work. Masterpieces are unlikely, but skills will increase. No pre-requisites required for this class.

Be sure to note the list of supplies to bring when you sign up on the website.



Coiling on a Gourd—Jane A. Wilson

Friday, Oct. 13

9:30 a.m.– 4:30

p.m.

\$50.00

registration; \$35

supply fee

Class size: 6 Min./12 Max.



...it's easy to help!

We need to build more free outreach art kits! If you have gift wrap or thin collage paper remnants that would be suitable for Origami (easy to fold), please cut them into 4 to 8 inch squares and leave them at the gallery for Debbie Teeter.

Got Ideas?

If you have ideas for an Art Kit design, please contact education@villagegalleryarts.org for a template for creating your handout and information regarding assembling a prototype for your kit. If you know of local non-profit organizations that might like to receive our kits, please tell us who! Thanks for your help!

Free to Community Sept. VGA Open Studio

Time

1-3 p.m. each September Saturday (Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.)

Members or non-members, join us for one or all sessions!

Member's Corner

Please give a warm welcome to our newest VGA member:

Amanda Clark - Participating Membership:
Amanda is the director of Sparkplug Productions, a theater company that is renting the classroom for rehearsals from July 31-Sept. 22.

Remember that you can get any member's email address from the [Member Directory](#) in our "For Members" section of the VGA website. So say hello to our new members in person when they are at the Gallery or via email!

Schedule Calendar for Gallery Assistants

Gallery Assistants, you can now view all shifts that have been signed up for and those that are still open for the next couple of months. Go to For Members and click on Resources. Find "Gallery Assistants' Schedule". This is updated every weekend. You can't schedule from here but, hopefully, will give you a view of what shifts are free.



Coiling is fun and easy! Learn how to attach hand-dyed Danish cord to the edge of a gourd, weave open and closed coiling, free-form coil, and attach a row of beads to the coil. Choose from several color combinations of gourds, Danish cord, and waxed linen thread to personalize your own creation. Jane will share her own technique for dyeing the gourd and cording to match. You should be able to finish this project in class. No weaving experience is required.



Intro. to Pet Portrait in Water-Soluble Oil—Jessi Sevy

4 Fridays:
Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
\$200 Members,
\$220 Non-

members

Class Size: Min. 2/ Max. 8

This class is an introduction to using Water-soluble Oil--great for beginner through intermediate. Water-soluble oil paints were invented in 1983. While traditional oil paint is a highly versatile painting medium, some people have concerns about using toxic solvents. In this class, you'll wash oil paint off with just water. Only a few simple tips will allow you to explore the luxury of Oil Painting.



Illuminated Letter Class—

Susan Pfahl
Saturday, Nov. 4
1-3:30 p.m.

FREE CLASS

Class size: 8
Max.

Illuminated letters were popular in the middle ages when there was

no light other than daylight, candle light or fire light. They were made to catch the available light to gain the attention of the reader.

Membership Fee Increase

The annual fee for Active Members will increase to \$60 effective Jan. 1, 2024. We'll keep reminding you so that current members whose memberships will expire in 2023, can remember to renew in 2023 for the next 12 months before the rate increase is in effect. Any renewals or new members on or after January 1, 2024, will be charged the new rate of \$60.

Miss the board meeting but want to keep up to speed? Log in to the [Member Resources section](#) and download the most recent approved meeting minutes.

Member Resources

Members, find lots of useful tools in the log-in Member Resources website!

- [Member Activities Calendar](#)
- [Show Planner](#)
- [Resource Center](#)
- [Preparing your art for VGA- the basics](#)
- [Labeling VGA art for submission to the Gallery](#)

Ways you can support VGA

There are all kinds of ways you can help and many of them don't require you to be artistic (but some of them do!)

Artist? [Join](#) us!

Volunteer your time to keep us running and serve the community

Consider [teaching a class](#)

Shop at VGA and brag to your friends

Become a [financial donor](#)

Speaking of donors....

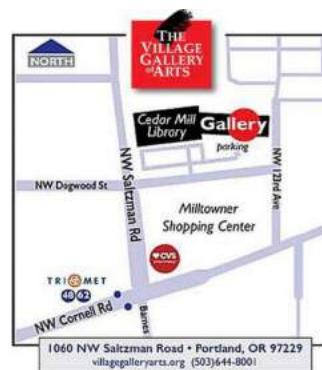
Where would we be without our donors? Our gratitude extends to the [individuals and businesses who financially support our mission](#) to the community! Would you like to support VGA? [Here's how!](#)

Students will create a 4" x 6" on their own or using a template. These letters can be decorated with gold or silver paint and other colors to create a small work of art.

Art Scholarship Available- APPLICATION DEADLINE AUG. 27!

VGA is offering two \$300 art scholarships. High school seniors of the Class of 2023, who are continuing their art studies in college this fall have until Aug. 27 to submit an [application](#) and an example of their art to the Village Gallery of Arts, 1060 NW Saltzman Rd., Portland, OR 97229. All work must be original, not copied. Be sure to read the [full details](#) for specific requirements and for questions, please contact education@villagegalleryarts.org.

Join VGA



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