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Classes offered at the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley

Workshop – The Art of Shoes with Martha Preston Bring a shoe & unleash all your creativity with paint, jewels, beads, buttons, etc. to create a real conversation piece. Workshop will be on November 15 from 1:00 – 3:30 Fee is \$25 materials \$10

For the Love of Art Make a Valentine for that special someone in your life using mixed media with Martha Preston. January 31, 2009 10:00am – 1:00pm fee \$25 materials \$10

Pre-K Art Day ages 2 – 5 January – December 2009 The 4th Friday & Saturday of each month 10:00am – 11:00am This is an intergenerational program. A parent, grandparent, or guardian is required with child. Class will consist of an exhibit tour &/or talk followed by a related art project. Materials will be provided. Fees: \$5 for non-members per month & \$3.50 for members per month. Please register each month by calling the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley to insure space and materials.

Children's Oven-Baked Clay Workshop for ages 6–12 with Rhonda Whitehurst November 22nd from 2:00–4:30pm Students will learn to make small gifts for family & friends just in time for the holidays. We will even provide wrapping paper & bows. Each child should carry home at least 2 or 3 small gifts. Fee \$10 materials included (repeat class Jan. 24th 2:00pm–4:30pm)

Watercolor Greeting Cards with Toni Bowman Learn simple watercolor techniques to produce unique gift/greeting cards. Finished cards will be original watercolor paintings. The cards can be used as greeting cards or they can be presented as framed paintings as gifts for special occasions. Ages 12 & up. Classes will be Saturday, November 15 from 9:00am – 1:00pm and Tuesday and Thursday nights November 18 & 20 from 6:00 – 8:00pm (will repeat class in February, date to be announced). Fee is \$25 (includes 2 watercolor cards & envelopes) Supply List: Beginner watercolor set from Michaels or Wal-Mart (any brand, pan or tube colors will work for this project) or your watercolor palette that you already own. Be sure the set has all three primary colors (red, blue, yellow & a sienna or umber) a green would be nice but not necessary. #2 pencil, Kneaded eraser, #8 round synthetic brush, ½ in flat (optional) Watercolor palette with mixing space white Styrofoam plates work nicely), Paper towels, Old credit/gift card, Cup/can for water (large soup or vegetable can, cottage cheese container), Watercolor paper cut to size for your envelopes (optional), Photo's of your house/front door (optional) – we will trace the house & paint a wreath on the door. Additional blank Strathmore Watercolor

Cards will be available from the instructor at \$0.50/each.

Introduction to Oil Painting with Vanessa Gourley Students will be advised of the tools and materials necessary for painting in oils, how to prepare a canvas, mix colors, sketch and complete a still life using elements of design – composition, perspective, lighting, value and color. Tuesdays and Thursdays November 4 — December 4. 6:30 — 8:00. 8 classes \$150 plus class materials fee of \$10. 6 classes \$120 plus class materials fee of \$10.

BronzClay Jewelry with Martha Biggar Come learn about one of the newest materials on the market, BronzClay, from well-known instructors Ed & Martha Biggar. This material is soft like clay, but consists of copper and tin, which when fired in a kiln becomes like a solid piece of bronze. Because of its softness, tools needed are minimal & readily available. Students will be able to complete several pairs of earrings or charms & at least two pendants during class (think ahead for the holidays!). No experience is necessary; all materials & tools needed are provided in the fee. Dates & times: November 7th 6:00 – 9:00pm, November 8th 10:00am – 4:00pm (one hour lunch break). Students will be able to pick up finished work on Monday, November 10th. Cost of class with materials is \$95.

Wire Wrapped Jewelry Workshop with Rhonda Whitehurst Students will learn basic wire wrapping to make a copper and glass beads bracelet with matching earrings. Students should go home with completed projects just in time for holiday gift giving. Saturday November 22, 2008 from 9:00am—1:00pm. Fee is \$25, materials \$15 (repeat class Jan. 19th 6:00pm—9:00pm)

Painting in Water Color with Vanessa Gourley Students will learn tools and materials necessary, how to set up and get started, preparing water color paper, arranging a palette of colors, sketching and completing a water color painting. We will explore techniques unique to watercolor. For beginner to intermediate skills. Students are invited to bring photographs or sketches as inspiration of things to paint. Wednesdays November 5—December 10. 6 classes \$120.

Pottery Classes at Rock Fence Pottery with David Stanley Working with stoneware clay, participants will learn basic wheel throwing skills. They may, if they desire, experiment with slab building & hand building pots as well. The course will include several sessions beginning with making the pots, bisque firing, glazing & firing the ware again. The first session will begin at 1pm Saturday, January 17th & will last several hours. The following sessions will be scheduled to fit individual needs. Participants will have an opportunity to come to the studio and work on their own time if they would like. Loading the kiln for each of the two firings will occur after all the ware to be fired is completely dry. The second firing will be scheduled to fit the students' convenience. Opening of the kiln to retrieve the finished pottery will be a couple of days later. The class is limited to 4 participants & the fee is \$90 plus \$25 materials & 2 firings. Classes will meet at Rock Fence Pottery Studio located at 800 East Main Street (Old Rt. 11) Dublin, Virginia.

Holiday Earring Workshop with Meredith McGrady December 6, 2008
from 11am—12noon Students will make three pairs of earrings just in time for the holidays. Class fee is \$40 includes materials. Space is limited so pre-registration is required.

Beginning Violin Classes (mostly Suzuki method) ages 4—6 with Melanie Ondich classes will be on Wednesdays at 5:15 starting on November 12, 2008. Class fee is \$55 monthly, a guardian needs to attend. For more information please call 540-980-0632.

Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes with Nellie Hicks starting November 10, 2008. Monday's 7:00-8:00pm at the Fine Arts Center Annex 44 Fourth Street Pulaski VA. \$35.00 per person for 4 week session. No experience needed. Improve your confidence and social skills. Everyone welcome. No partner required. Get ready for the Holidays!!! Instructor: Nellie Hicks. For information or to register please call the Fine Arts Center.