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#### SUFFOLK ART LEAGUE OFFERING CLASSES AT THE SUFFOLK ART GALLERY – Fall 2017

The Suffolk Art League will be offering art classes and workshops beginning in September. Classes in mixed media, pastels, fabric, clay, painting, and jewelry are among the programs which will be held at the Suffolk Art Gallery. To register, send the registration form (found on [www.suffolkartleague.com](http://www.suffolkartleague.com)) with student's name, mailing address, daytime phone number, and registration fee to Suffolk Art League, P.O. Box 1086, Suffolk, VA 23439 or drop it by the Suffolk Art Gallery. Checks are payable to Suffolk Art League. You may register with a credit card over the phone at 757-925-0448 or online at [www.suffolkartleague.com](http://www.suffolkartleague.com). For children's classes, please include their age and a parent's name and contact information. For more information about these and other programs, please call the art league office Tuesday – Thursday, 8:30-5:00, at 757-925-0448.

#### **Beginning/Intermediate Pastels**

**Instructor: Debbie Hobbs**

Tuesdays, September 12 – October 17, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Tuesdays, October 24 – November 28, 9:00 – 11:00 am

For ages 14-Adult

Registration fee is \$48 S.A.L. members/\$55 non-members per session.

Registration deadlines are September 5 and October 17.

Pastels are one of the best art mediums for beginning artists, allowing them to improve their drawing skills while learning about uses of color. Beginning students will start with basic drawing and color exercises, quickly building to more complex compositions. All students will continue to improve their drawing skills and understanding of color, value, and composition. No prior experience necessary. A complete suggested material list is available at time of registration. Both class and individual instruction offered.



#### **Intermediate/Advanced Pastel**

**Instructor: Debbie Hobbs**

Tuesdays, September 12 – October 17, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesdays, October 24 – November 28, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

For ages 14-Adult

Registration fee is \$48 S.A.L. members/\$55 non-members per session.

Registration deadlines are September 5 and October 17.

Intermediate and advanced pastel students will continue to improve their drawing skills while working on subjects of their own choice. Classes will include instruction on composition, use of color, and a variety of pastel techniques as well as constructive critiques. Both class and individual instruction offered. A complete suggested materials list is available at time of registration.



## Create Your Own Fabric - Dyeing

**Instructor: Angelia Armstrong**

Sunday, September 17, 1:00-4:00 pm

For ages 14-Adult

Registration fee is \$60 S.A.L. members/\$70 non-members

Registration deadline is September 10.

During this workshop emphasis will be placed on different dyeing techniques for fabric with low water tub dyeing and tie/shibori dyeing on cotton fabrics. Angelia will cover color mixing, tools, material usage, and pattern combinations for dyeing. At the end students will have several pieces of fabric for use in future collage art projects, quilts, and journals. All materials will be supplied for this class: however, students can bring extra natural fabrics to dye. Each student will also need to bring a small grocery bag.



## Homeschool Art Program

**Instructor: Cindy Quesenberry**

Wednesdays September 20, October 18, November 15, December 13

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ages 6 - 14

Registration fee for all 4 sessions is \$45 S.A.L. members/\$55 non-members

Registration fee for 3 sessions is \$40 S.A.L. members/\$50 non-members

Registration fee for 2 sessions is \$30 S.A.L. members/\$40 non-members

Registration fee for individual session is \$18 S.A.L. members/\$25 non-members per individual session

Registration deadline is one week prior to class.

Each month the students will explore a different medium to create their artwork. In September students will do monoprinting on Gelli plates to create multiple textures and colors. Some of these papers will be used in other projects in the spring. October, they will continue to explore monoprinting, only this time on clay. They will explore image transfer while creating a wall hanging. For November, it is Onomatopoeia Pop Art. The final session for 2017 will focus on polymer clay creating holiday items. All materials provided and class is taught by a certified instructor.



## Chain Mail Jewelry – Stacked Byzantine Cuff Bracelet

**Instructor: Beth Netts**

Saturday, September 23, 1-4 pm

For ages 14-Adult

Registration fee is \$40 S.A.L. members/\$50 non-members

Registration deadline is September 16.

Taking the byzantine weave and changing its orientation creates an elegant cuff style bracelet.

Students will be using bright anodized aluminum rings to create this light-weight bracelet. All materials and tools will be supplied.



## Create Your Own Fabric – Printing and Stitching

**Instructor: Angela Armstrong**

Sunday, September 24, 1-4 pm

For ages 14-Adult

Registration fee is \$60 S.A.L. members/\$70 non-members

Registration deadline is September 17.

This workshop's emphasis will be on creative play as the student builds layers of texture and color by printing and creative stitching on fabrics. Participants will start creating a selection of fabrics by exploring a variety of surface design techniques, including stencils and stamps, simple screen printing, appliqué, hand stitching and layering. At the completion of the workshop students will have several samples that can be used as a pillow cover, table mat, or wall art. All supplies and tools provided.



## Tai Chi

**Instructor: Denise Brown**

Thursdays, September 28 –November 16, 2017, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

For ages 14-Adult

Registration fee is \$45 for S.A.L. members/\$55 non-members

Registration deadline is September 21.

Originating in ancient China, Tai Chi provides many health benefits including: increased flexibility and muscle strength, greater fitness, better body posture, integration of body, mind and spirit, and improved flow of Qi (life energy). The movements are slow and gentle and the degree of exertion is easily adjusted for all ability levels. The essential principles of Tai Chi include mind/body integration, fluidity of movement, control of breathing, and concentration. Tai Chi has many styles and forms. The Sun Style is the one we will study. Learn to relax and breathe!



## Watercolor and Acrylic Painting

**Instructor: Barbara West**

Thursdays, October 5– November 9, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

For ages 14-Adult

Registration fee is \$50 S.A.L. members/\$60 non-members

Registration deadline is September 28.

Come learn to paint and tell your story in this open watercolor and acrylic painting class.

The class begins with instruction on basic skills, techniques, and materials used in watercolor and acrylic painting. Students may bring reference materials such as photographs, magazine pictures, etc. from which they can create a painting of their own. A suggested materials list is available at time of registration or pay an additional \$ 20 materials fee. Both class and individual instruction offered. Basic drawing experience preferred.



## Chain Mail Jewelry – Helm Cuff Bracelet

**Instructor: Beth Netts**

Saturday, October 21, 1-4 pm

For ages 14-Adult

Registration fee is \$40 S.A.L. members/\$50 non-members

Registration deadline is October 14.

This cuff bracelet is made by connecting two lengths of the helm weave into one bracelet.

Students will be using bright anodized aluminum rings to create this light-weight bracelet. All materials and tools will be supplied.



## Chain Mail Jewelry – Focus on Gifts

**Instructor: Beth Netts**

Saturday, November 4, 1-4 pm

For ages 14-Adult

Registration fee is \$40 S.A.L. members/\$50 non-members

Registration deadline is October 28.

During this workshop students will be able to create 3 sets of earrings and a pin using anodized aluminum jump rings and jewels. The earrings will use some of the weaves done during the year. No prior experience needed to do this workshop. Colors may vary from images. All materials and tools will be supplied.



## Clay Nativity I and II

**Instructor: Linda Bunch**

Saturday, November 11

Clay Nativity I, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Ages 5 - 12

Clay Nativity II, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Ages 7 - Adult

Registration fee is \$15 S.A.L. members/\$20 non-members per session

Registration deadline is November 4.

In **Clay Nativity I**, students will have the opportunity to make clay figures representing Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus in a manger.

In **Clay Nativity II**, students will have the opportunity to make clay figures representing one of the following choices: 1) two shepherds and two sheep, 2) three kings and a camel, or 3) barnyard animals.

These will be fired and returned to the Suffolk Art Gallery for pick up. All materials and



firings included in the registration fee.

### **Double Your Fun: Making Molds and Reproductions**

**Instructor: Sandy Lupton**

Sunday, Nov. 12, 1-4 pm

For ages 18+

Registration fee is \$60 S.A.L. members/\$70 non-members

Registration deadline is November 4

Learn to play with exciting new materials that allow us to duplicate small objects. When complete, these reproductions can be added to jewelry pieces and mixed media art. Learn to make a 2-dimensional mold of your favorite trinket, pour in fast cure resin, then add color with a variety of mediums to make the piece your own. Students should bring a few small objects: 3/4"-2" jewelry pieces, charms, toys or odd bits to duplicate. Sandy will provide all other materials and will also have a variety of small objects to share. There may be some fumes, so if you are sensitive, please consider this before signing up. We will work with the doors open and a fan on.

