



Spring Classes 2026

ROBERT AND ELEANOR DEVRIES EDUCATION PROGRAMS

ART CENTER OF BATTLE CREEK

**Gallery
and
Gift Shop
Hours:**

**Tuesdays
Wednesdays
Thursdays
and
Saturdays**

**11 am
to
3 pm**

These educational programs are made possible through funding from the Robert and Eleanor DeVries Support Fund at the Battle Creek Community Foundation.

Postcard Salon May 1 to 16

What kind of art can you make within the size of a postcard?

The Art Center is inviting artists to create postcard-sized (4" x 6") works of art in any media for our Postcard Salon exhibition. You can submit an unlimited number of postcards—for an entry fee of \$5.00 per postcard. A kick-off Celebration will take place Friday, May 1st at 6:30 pm. Art Center members will have a five-minute head start to purchase postcards. All postcards will all be priced at \$30 each, with a 50/50 split between the artist and the Art Center. Art work is due no later than April 25th.

Celebrating 250 Artists! June 6 to 27

During the month of June the Art Center will be celebrating our country's 250 Anniversary by celebrating our own local talent! We invite all artists in Calhoun County (18 and over) to submit ONE art work, any media, for the exhibit. You can use a patriotic theme or just submit a piece—can be current or a past creation! To be able to hang all 250 artworks (maybe we will even go over that amount) we need to limit the size of each work to no bigger than 12-inches by 12-inches. All work must be ready to hang and can be for sale or not-for-sale (the Art Center's commission is 40%). Art work is due no later than May 30.

**Check our website, our Facebook page, call us or
just stop in for more information!**

Adult Classes

MONDAY

ADVANCED AND INDEPENDENT CERAMICS

Facilitator: Claudia Houser

If you have ever taken a pottery class, or are a current pottery student - one of these classes may be perfect for you to continue to explore clay and learn fun new techniques - or get back into this creative hobby. Opportunities to throw and hand build, along with increased knowledge about glazes, underglaze painting, kiln tech and firing knowledge are all a part of these classes. A collaborative and creative environment with others who have a love for creating with clay is the goal, while helping each student achieve their personal pottery goals.

SIGN UP FOR AFTERNOON OR EVENING CLASS:

\$30 fee for 25 lbs of clay

Class limit-10 students (18 years +)

6 weeks-MON April 20 to May 25

AFTERNOON SESSION 2:00-4:30 pm (15 hours)

Cost \$ 188.00 members/\$ 223 non-members

EVENING SESSION 6:00-8:30 pm (15 hours)

Cost \$ 188.00members/\$223 non-members

(The break between classes allows the instructors to take a break. Students are allowed into the studios during class time only.)

WEDNESDAY

I JUST WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING

Instructors: Sid Paradine

Perhaps you've always wanted to try clay but don't want to face a steep learning curve until you know if you like it or not. Maybe the last time you made something was that wonky kindergarten pinch pot. This class will be student driven. You tell me what you want to make and I'll do my best to help you make it happen. I'll also tell you if your idea is unrealistic and help you find a new one. You will learn some basic facts about clay, glaze and firing and the next time you have friends over you may be able to say " Why yes, I did make that"!

Class limit-8 students (18 years +)

\$30 material fee for 25 lbs of clay

6 weeks-WED April 22- May 27

10:00 am- Noon (12 hours)

Cost \$ 150 members/ \$ 185 non-members

ACRYLIC FOR BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE ARTISTS

Instructor: Linda Holderbaum

The media of acrylic paint will be explored through various exercises for both beginners and intermediate students. Students can bring their own paints and supplies to try will be available for beginners. Canvases will be provided for the learning exercises.

6 weeks- WED April 22-May 27

Class limit-10 students (18 years +)

10:00 am- Noon (12 hours)

Cost \$ 150 members/\$ 185 non-members

FUSED GLASS

Instructor: Leigh Haroff

Turn glass into art. Fusing is a simple but effective way to play with colors, shapes and textures to create glass art. Learn how to cut and fuse glass to make glass art, jewelry, and home décor. There will be additional expense for purchasing glass.

6 weeks- WED April 22-May 27

Class limit- 10 students (18 years +)

1-3 pm (12 hours)

Cost \$ 150 members/ \$ 185 non-members

THURSDAY

OPEN STUDIO TIME -PAINTING AND CERAMIC STUDIOS ONLY

While an instructor is present they are not there to give individual instruction though they can answer questions.

This time is for students who have to finish projects or pick up completed work. Class limit-8 for Ceramics, 10 for Painting

6 weeks- THURS April 23-May 28

1:00 -3:00 pm (ends promptly at 3 pm)

NO CHARGE-OPEN ONLY TO ART CENTER MEMBERS CURRENTLY ENROLLED in a class.

Ceramic students

Clay for all Art Center classes must be purchased through the Art Center's supply so all the clay being fired in our kiln is compatible when fired. This clay is available at the price of \$30 for a 25 lb bag, includes the cost of the glazes and firing for enrolled students. Only artwork created by students currently enrolled in a class can be fired in the Art Center's kiln. Firing of production pottery work is also limited as space and firing time must accommodate all the ceramic department students. Possibilities need to be discussed with your instructor.

Watch for special workshops added through out the semester! Like us on Facebook- Art Center of Battle Creek for the most updated information!

Our class sizes are small, partly because we have smaller size studios and also because we pride ourselves on providing lots of individual instruction. Our instructors work to build a community of artists within the Art Center and will work with you as much as possible in whatever level of art you are at. If you are planning on taking a class—please register at the desk as soon as possible. Instructors cannot reserve a place in class for you—you need to make your own reservation.

Please register by calling 269-962-9511 or stop in. We are not taking PayPal payments at this time. Payments need to be made to the: Art Center of Battle Creek, 265 E. Emmett St., Battle Creek, MI 49017. We take cash, checks or credit cards (VISA and Mastercard).

Registration is on a first come first serve basis. Payment is due in full at the time of registration. Registrations will be accepted until the second week of class if space is available. Classes that do not have a minimum of five (5) students one-week prior to the start of class will be canceled.

REFUNDS-Refunds will be given ONLY when a registrant withdraws from a class AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR to the first class session. NO CASH REFUNDS WILL BE MADE. Refunds will be in the form of a check. There are no refunds for missed class sessions. No refunds will be given after the first class session. A \$10 service fee will be deducted from all refunds. Please allow one month from the date of request to receive you refund.

CANCELLATIONS- The Art Center reserves the right to cancel any class when there is insufficient enrollment (5 students). Registrants will be notified if a class is not going to fill. We make every effort to reschedule a class when a class does not have sufficient enrollment

INCLEMENT WEATHER— the Art Center follows the weather schedule used by the Battle Creek Public Schools. If BCPS are closed the Art Center is closed. Information will be put on the Center's Facebook page. You can also find closing information on Battle Creek Radio. Classes cancelled for inclement weather will be rescheduled whenever possible and every effort will be made to contact students by phone.

WAIT LISTS- When a class fills quickly, the Art Center will offer registrants the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. Waiting list students will be called when space becomes available or if there are enough students to offer another class section.

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