

Your favorite Summer Art Program is back for 2019!

The SHS Art Teachers, Sarah Burda, Mary Curran and Kyle Kipfer, along with special guest teacher, Ryan King, will once again be offering specialized art instruction for

Elementary students (entering Grades 2-5)

Middle school students (entering Grades 6-9) and

High School/Adults students (entering Grades 10-Adult)

The schedule will run for four weeks from July 8th through August 2nd. The courses will be offered in week-long, half day sessions with **morning (9:00a-11:30 am) and afternoon (12:00-2:30 pm) schedules.**

All classes will be held in the art wing of the high school, in rooms 164 and 166. We will use the outdoor (Band) exit in the rear of the building for coming and going and will be closing off the art/music wing to allow the normal cleaning activities of the building to continue un-interrupted.

If you choose to take a morning and afternoon class together, we will have a supervised ½ hour lunch break – bring your own lunch. Feel free to bring a snack to eat during any class and we can take snack breaks. The HS building closes early in the summer so please plan for prompt pick-up at 2:30!

All classes are **\$110** and have a separate **materials fee of \$15** (unless otherwise noted) to be paid **directly to the teacher** at the first class.

The materials fees include ALL project materials and equipment use and cannot be added to the class payment online.

Classes are limited to 16 students each, and will be cancelled three days before start date if enrollment is less than 4 students.

The schedule will run as follows:

ELEMENTARY ART PROGRAM: (ages 7-11, entering grades 2-5)
9-11:30am Noon-2:30pm

Week 1 (July 8-12) **Clay Club (am):** **Clay Club (pm):**
Dragons, Fairies and **Birdhouses, Bowls**
Fantastical Creatures **and Boxes**

OR

Cartoons, Comics and
Characters

Week 2 (July 15-19) **Robot Art** **Animal Crazy**

Week 3 (July 22-26) **Light and Lights** **Clay Club:**
Sculptural Magic
with Mugs, Cups
and Containers

Week 4 (July 29-Aug 2) **Teeny Tiny** **Colorful Nature**

MIDDLE – ADULT ART PROGRAM*: (grade 6 – 12/adult)
9-11:30am Noon-2:30pm

Week 1 (July 8-12) **(no class)** **Power Drawing**

Week 2 (July 15-19) **All Natural** **Cartooning/Illustration**

Week 3 (July 22-26) **(no class)** **Altered Books**

Week 4 (July 29-Aug2) **Paint, Paint Paint!** **Wire wrapped Jewelry**

*** Open Studio Time:** Somers High School art students, with prior arrangement with an SHS art teacher, may register for any summer session for (completely) INDEPENDENT work. This open studio time is limited to a maximum of 2 students per session. Materials fees will be charged according to prior arrangement with the SHS teacher.

**Note: Mrs. Burda would like everyone to know she still has some work from last summer if you are missing it...
Please feel free to stop by anytime during one of her sessions to claim it!

Class Descriptions:

Week 1: July 8-12

Morning Session: 9-11:30 AM

Clay Club: Dragons, Fairies and Fantastical Creatures!

Week 1/morning

Elementary:

We will have an exciting, playful week of creating our favorite imaginary creatures with clay! Using pinch, coil and slab techniques and all kinds of tools, we will make everything from large fire-breathing dragon sculptures and miniature fairy gardens to simple bowls and cups designed with our favorite characters in mind. Our creations can be colored with bright underglazes when possible and/or will be fired to be taken home and painted. Finished work will be available at the end of week 3/week 4 of camp.

Instructor: Sarah Burda

Cartoons, Comics and Characters

Week 1/morning

Elementary:

Create your very own super, silly, strong cartoon characters! Draw a fully colored comic strip. Paint a giant poster! Make a character come to “life” as a sculpture! In this class, we will draw, paint and sculpt our imaginative characters inspired by animals, humans or even objects!

Instructor: Mary Curran

Afternoon Session: 12 Noon-2:30 PM

Clay Club: Birdhouses, Bowls and Boxes!

Week 1/afternoon

Elementary:

Ever wanted to make a special treasure box?... a birdhouse or home for a small animal? ...maybe a large bowl or platter to display your favorite things? We will use nature as our inspiration in this clay camp as we combine pinch, coil and slab techniques

to create whatever your imagination has in mind! Our clay pieces can be underglazed before firing to produce subtle or bright color combinations, and then a final firing will occur after completion. Finished work will be available at the end of week 3/week 4 of camp.

Instructor: Sarah Burda

Drawing Power!

Week 1/afternoon

Middle School through Adult:

If you already love to draw, or even if you'd love to learn, this class will push your drawing skills higher! Drawing is a foundational skill of a good artist...plus it's super fun! We will march through some "boot camp" style exercises that will pump up your artistic muscles and experiment with a variety of media, such as ink wash, pen and ink techniques, charcoal and graphite. We will dabble in color drawing media as well with chalk pastel and colored pencil! Get ready to be an art star!!!

Instructor: Mary Curran

Week 2: July 15-19

Morning Session: 9-11:30 AM

Robot Art

Week 2/Morning

Elementary:

In this super fun, hands-on class, we will create crazy robots using a bunch of materials! We will draw, paint, print and build big and small robots. Using traditional art materials and found objects and parts, we will make fun robot friends! We can even print one of our robot designs onto a t-shirt*!

(*Bring at least one plain t-shirt to print on)

Instructor: Mary Curran

All Natural

Week 2/Morning

Middle School through Adult:

Do you love nature? Then you'll love this class! Share in my passion of the great outdoors and learn all about making art about nature, using nature in art, animals in nature, and more! Study plants and animals like the historical botanical artists, paint outside like Claude Monet, observe the beautiful abstract forms in nature like Georgia O'Keeffe. Not only will you be able to play with drawing and painting, but also

printmaking, mixed media, sculpture, and fibers. If you love nature, whether you are an experienced artist or a developing student, then this is the class for you!
Instructor: Ryan King

Afternoon Session: 12 Noon-2:30 PM

Animal Crazy

Week 2/afternoon

Elementary:

Are you crazy about animals? I AM TOO! Let's explore the world of animals and draw, paint, print and sculpt them!!! We can look around the world for different animals to use for our ideas and see how different people use them in art! We will use colorful drawing and painting materials and some fun sculpture media to build a 3d animals! We can even print a t-shirt with one of your animals*! (*bring at least one plain t-shirt to print on.)

Instructor: Mary Curran

Cartooning and Illustration

Week 2/afternoon

Middle through Adult

Experiment with different styles of drawing, painting, and cartooning characters for your own comics and illustrations. Learn lettering styles from calligraphy to graffiti as well as shading 3D shapes and drawing environments in perspective. Techniques and tools used will include pencil sketching, inking with pen and marker, colored pencil blending, watercolor and more! Illustrate and express yourself with words like poetry or stories and create a comic strip and zine that could someday inspire a series or animation.

Instructor: Kyle Kipfer

Week 3: July 22-26

Morning Session: 9-11:30 AM

Light and Lights

Week 3/morning

Elementary:

Let's explore light!!!! In this class we will learn how we can "light up" our art! Using actual sunlight and electric light (battery operated) we will take inspiration from the world

around us to design, draw and sculpt artwork that is all about light!!! We'll make suncatchers, nightlights and even some glow in the dark art! Get ready to lighten up!
Instructor: Mary Curran

Afternoon Session: 12 Noon-2:30 PM

Clay Club: Sculptural Magic with Mugs, Cups, and Containers!

Week 3/afternoon

Elementary:

During this week of clay camp we will use our *IMAGINATION* along with our pinch, coil and slab skills to build a set of fanciful clay cups and mugs (that can actually be used and put in the dishwasher!), as well as a unique lidded container to hold anything from cookies to legos! These functional clay pieces can be underglazed before firing to produce subtle or bright color combinations, and then a final firing will occur after completion. Finished work will be available at the end of week 4 of camp (or the first week back to school).

Instructor: Sarah Burda

Altered Books: Week 3/afternoon

Middle School through Adult:

It's amazing how books can have a second life as art work! In this class we will explore several approaches to making art from old books. Using mixed painting and drawing media, we will learn creative ways to use the printed page as inspiration for incredible works of art. We will also manipulate book bindings and pages into incredible sculptures. Get ready to experiment and create something uniquely yours!!! Feel free to bring some old books of your own (although we have plenty).

Instructor: Mary Curran

Week 4: July 29-Aug. 2

Morning Session: 9-11:30 AM

Teeny Tiny World: Week 4/morning

Elementary:

There are tiny worlds all around us! Some we can see with our eyes, some we can see with a microscope, and some we can only see in our imaginations! In this class we will take some inspiration from things like cells, bugs and even folklore to make drawings, paintings and sculptured tiny things we can play with!

Instructor: Mary Curran

PAINT, PAINT, PAINT!: Week 4/Morning

Middle School through Adult:

If you didn't guess, this class is all about PAINT! Come explore all different types of painting, such as watercolors, acrylic, and tempera. Learn painting techniques used by the masters themselves, ranging from Auguste Renoir and impressionism all the way to Jackson Pollock and action painting! Using our imagination, we will use paint to delve into all sorts of different projects, themes, and art styles. Regardless of how much experience you have, if you want to play with paint come join us!!

Instructor: Ryan King

Afternoon Session: 12 Noon-2:30 PM

COLORFUL NATURE: Week 4/afternoon

Elementary:

Did you know that every color ever "invented" came from something in nature? Let's find out and create artwork inspired by nature! Animals, plants, the sky...we'll explore it all in full color...and even imaginary color! Using different types of paint and colorful drawing materials, we will make some frame worthy art using the natural world for our exciting inspiration!

Instructor: Mary Curran

WIRE WRAPPED JEWELRY: Week 4/afternoon

Middle through Adult

An introduction to jewelry design including beading, wire wrapping, and much more! Students will create rings, bracelets, pendants, necklaces, and anything else imaginable. Students will become familiar with using pliers to manipulate and weave different thicknesses of wire to create jewelry. Wrapping wire around beads, gemstones, or seashells and adding them to chain, cord, or even earrings. Personal materials may be brought from home to include in pieces as well. Students will receive extra wire to bring home and continue creating after class has ended.

Instructor: Kyle Kipfer

Instructor Profiles:

***Sarah Burda** loves spending her time mentoring her Ceramics and Sculpture students at Somers High School. She received her BFA from Syracuse University with a concentration in Printmaking and Ceramics, as well as a MALS fine art from Wesleyan

University. She worked as a book conservator before her teaching career. Her personal artwork (mostly 2D!) can be seen at sarahpburda.com
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***Mary Curran** has taught public school art from Kindergarten through 12th grade since 1981 and currently teaches the advanced 2-d classes at Somers High School. She holds a BFA from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, with a studio focus on printmaking, and an M.Ed from American International College. As an artist, she works in a variety of media with a more recent concentration in ceramics and painting. Her work can be seen at marycurranstudio.com
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***Kyle Kipfer** taught a variety of summer and private art courses while studying Illustration at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. After completing his BFA at UConn, Kyle worked in the field of graphic design before returning to school at Central Connecticut State University to acquire his Art Education teaching certification. Kyle now teaches Computer Art and Animation as well as Intro to Art at Somers High School. Outside of teaching Kyle also coaches freshman basketball and Unified Sports while working as a freelance graphic and jewelry designer. You can see his work at kylekipfer.com
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***Ryan King** is currently pursuing his teaching certification at Connecticut Central State University in the art education program. He has substitute taught in the Somers School District for 3 years and enjoys staying involved with the school system on days he is not attending classes. He received his AFA from Manchester Community College and his BFA from the University of Connecticut, with a studio focus in painting. As an artist, he enjoys working in a variety of media and themes, including paint, drawing, and ceramics. When he is not working on art, he enjoys being outside, reading, fishing, and hiking, amongst other hobbies.
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