

# The ORIGINAL Summer Art Program is back for 2018!

Mary Curran, Sarah Burda, and Kyle Kipfer (SHS Art Teachers), 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 9<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>.** 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 uninterrupted. **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** 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:**

**If you have any questions, please contact us directly!**

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**ELEMENTARY ART PROGRAM:** (ages 7-11, entering grades 2-5)

	<b>9-11:30am</b>	<b>Noon-2:30pm</b>
<b>Week 1 (July 9-13)</b>	<b>Clay Club</b>	<b>Painting</b>
<b>Week 2 (July 16-20)</b>	<b>Printed Art</b>	<b>Sculpture</b>
<b>Week 3 (July 23-27)</b>	<b>Clay Bowls/Platters/ Glazing</b>	<b>Animal Art</b>
<b>Week 4 (July 30-Aug 3)</b>	<b>no class</b>	<b>no class</b>

**MIDDLE – ADULT ART PROGRAM:** (grade 6 – 12/adult)

	<b>9-11:30am</b>	<b>Noon-2:30pm</b>
<b>Week 1 (July 9-13)</b>	<b>no class</b>	<b>Clay Open Studio</b>
<b>Week 2 (July 16-20)</b>	<b>no class</b>	<b>no class</b>
<b>Week 3 (July 23-27)</b>	<b>Working Large</b>	<b>Clay Bowls/Platters/ Glazing</b>
<b>Week 4 (July 30-Aug3)</b>	<b>Cartooning</b>	<b>Jewelry</b>

**Class Descriptions:**

**Week 1: July 9-13**

**Morning Session: 9-11:30 AM**

**CLAY CLUB: Week 1/morning**

*Elementary:*

We will have a clayful, playful week of delightfully muddy hands making art with clay! Using pinch, coil and slab techniques and all kinds of tools, we will make everything from mugs to planters to creatures. CLAY CLUB may be taken as a single class, but products will be fired once and NOT glazed. (these pieces will be available for pick up during week 3). If glazing is desired: take the CLAY BOWLS/PLATTERS AND GLAZING class during week 3 with Mrs. Burda!

Instructor: Mary Curran

**Afternoon Session: 12 Noon-2:30 PM**

## **PAINTING: Week 1/afternoon**

### *Elementary:*

YAY for COLOR!!! In this class we explore color in several painting media: water color, tempera, acrylic and mixed media! We will learn amazing ways to work with color and make some incredible and frame-able paintings!!

Instructor: Mary Curran

## **CLAY OPEN STUDIO: Week 1/afternoon**

### *Middle School through Adult:*

If you love CLAY this is the class for you! A fun, creative introduction to handbuilding and/or wheel throwing, all ideas, both sculptural and functional are encouraged!! New specific projects will be demonstrated or use the time purely for your own ideas. We will cover underglazing (applying color to wet clay) and texturing of surfaces.

Finished work will be fired once to be picked up as is (not glazed) week 3, -- or will be stored to be glazed during the Bowls/Platters and Glazing class (week 3).

Come and enjoy the clay studio!

Instructor: Sarah Burda,

## **Week 2: July 16-20**

### **Morning Session: 9-11:30 AM**

**(elementary classes only)**

## **PRINTED ART: Week 2/Morning**

### *Elementary:*

This super fun, hands-on class has something new everyday! We will make Stencils and stamps and use found and funny objects to create exciting, multiple artworks including cards and wrapping paper.... we will even print on clay pots and T-shirts\*!!! (\*Bring at least one plain t-shirt to print on)

Instructor: Mary Curran

### **Afternoon Session: 12 Noon-2:30 PM**

## **SCULPTURE: Week 2/afternoon**

### *Elementary:*

In this fun, exciting, hands on class, we will bring a new "dimension" to our work by exploring the wonderful world of sculpture! We will play with clay, paper mache and many more materials to build amazing sculptures. Bring your imagination and prepare to create!

Instructor: Mary Curran

# **Week 3: July 23-27**

**Morning Session: 9-11:30 AM**

## **CLAY BOWLS/PLATTERS AND GLAZING:**

### **Week 3/morning**

#### *Elementary:*

This IS the class where you can glaze (bright colors that make it shiny!) your creations from Clay Club (week 1), but also is a class TO CREATE some exciting new bowls and platters using mold forms, stamps for pattern and texture, as well as coloring techniques for wet clay. Clay Club is NOT a pre-requisite – this class can be taken just to make new clay pieces! The work created in this class, as well as glazed pieces will be available for pick up at the end of week 4.

Instructor: Sarah Burda

## **WORKING LARGE (painting & drawing): Week 3/ morning,**

### *Middle School through Adult:*

Working in several different painting and drawing media, students will create original work that is LARGE!!! Our focus will include abstract art with physical expression as well as representational work and how to “blow things up”. Whether you are an experienced artist and yearning to get out of your little sketchbook or a novice wanting to try something new, this class is for you!

Instructor: Mary Curran

## **Afternoon Session: 12 Noon-2:30 PM**

### **ANIMAL ART: Week 3/afternoon**

#### *Elementary:*

Do you LOVE animals? Do you love ART? ME TOO!! Animals make great subjects for art and in this critter filled class, we will paint, draw and sculpt to make all kinds of animals! While we create, we will learn new things about funny and amazing animals!

Instructor: Mary Curran

## **CLAY BOWLS/PLATTERS AND GLAZING:**

### **Week 3/afternoon**

#### *Middle school through adult:*

This class is set up to allow time to glaze work created in Clay Open Studio class during week 1, but also TO CREATE some exciting new bowls and platters using mold forms, stamps for pattern and texture, as well as underglazing techniques on wet clay. The Clay

Open Studio class is NOT a pre-requisite – this class can be taken just to make new clay pieces! The work created in this class, as well as glazed pieces will be available for pick up at the end of week 4.

Instructor: Sarah Burda

## **Week 4: July 30-Aug. 3**

(middle-adult classes only)

**Morning Session: 9-11:30 AM**

### **CARTOONING AND ILLUSTRATION: Week 4/morning**

*Middle through Adult*

Experiment with different styles of drawing and cartooning characters for your own comics. Learn some pencil sketching and planning techniques also adding ink outlines, colored pencil, and watercolor! Illustrate and express yourself with words like poetry or stories and create comic strips that could someday inspire a series or animation.

Instructor: Kyle Kipfer

**Afternoon Session: 12 Noon-2:30 PM**

### **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 and gemstones and adding them to chain or leather cord. Personal materials may be brought from home to include in pieces as well.

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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](http://sarahpburda.com)  
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**\*Mary Curran** has taught art at every grade level in public schools 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](http://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.

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