

SPRING 2026

class schedule



Mondays

Beginning Handbuilding with Candice and Sue
\$340 | 10 am - 12:30 pm | 3/16 - 5/4 | 8 weeks

This session: **Monsters!** Create whimsical sculptural art for your home or garden using clay. Open to all experience levels. Basic tools required.* 18+. Includes premium materials.

Introduction to Oil Painting with JoDee Slyter
\$TBD | 10 am - 12:30 pm | 3/16 - 5/4 | 8 weeks

This class focuses on learning the fundamentals of oil painting from palette to canvas. Relax and enjoy the process of creating a painting using color blending, brush techniques, and safety. Each participant will complete three paintings, progressing in complexity as the class continues. Materials included.

Beginner+ Skills with Rollie Smith
\$330 | 6 - 8:30 pm | 3/16 - 5/4 | 8 weeks

This class focuses on developing confidence in throwing and forming bowls, plates and cylinders. Demonstrations and individual guided practice each week. Prior experience required. 18+. Includes one 25 lb. bag of clay.

Evening Raku with Doug Dacar
\$330 | 6 - 8:30 pm | 3/16 - 5/4 | 8 weeks

In this Raku class, experiment with firing, surface decoration, and unique additives like horsehair, feathers, copper and glass. Bring bisque-ware to glaze and fire in the first session. Experience required. 18+. Includes one 25 lb. bag of clay.

Benefits

Unless otherwise noted, adult classes include an eight-week open studio pass, 10 firing tickets and a bag of clay. (Participation in an Orientation session is required before using your open studio access.)

Family Clay Sunday

Family Clay Sundays are back on the first and third Sundays of the month, but double-check our calendar to confirm.

Tuesdays

Beginning Handbuilding with Andrea Misbach
\$330 | 10 am - 12:30 pm | 3/17 - 5/5 | 8 weeks

This class focuses on hand-building functional and decorative pieces using slab, extruded, and coil techniques. Students will explore textures with mats and stamps to create unique works for home and garden. 18+. Includes one 25 lb. bag of clay.

Glazing Ceramics with Andrea Misbach
\$330 | 1:30 - 4 pm | 3/17 - 5/5 | 8 weeks

Each week, you'll explore an entirely new glazing technique—from intentionally running glazes to sgraffito, underglaze transfers, and more! Some prior experience is required. Does not include clay. Includes an eight-week open studio pass. Includes premium materials for eight different glazing techniques.

Thursdays

Beginner+ Projects with Rollie Smith
\$330 | 10 am - 12:30 pm | 3/19 - 5/7 | 8 weeks

Explore a new project each week while refining your throwing, trimming and glazing skills. Create a bird feeder, a berry bowl, a cruet set, a small casserole and a chip and dip tray. The first half of class is demonstration, followed by supported practice. Prior experience required. 18+. Includes one 25 lb. bag of clay.

Art & Storytime Explorers with Kelly Matney
\$45 | 11 - 11:45 am | two one-month sessions | Session 1: 3/5 - 3/26 | Session 2: 4/2 - 4/23

In this playful, creativity-boosting class, preschoolers discover the magic of stories through hands-on art! Each session begins with a beautifully read children's book that sparks imagination and builds early literacy skills. Then, inspired by characters, colors, and themes from the story, little artists dive into age-appropriate art projects using paint, collage, clay and more. **Ages 3-6.**

Homeschool Art Explorers: Creating with Many Materials with Kelly Matney

\$52 | 12:30 - 2 pm | price per four weeks | Session 1: 3/5 - 3/26 | Session 2: 4/2 - 4/23

In this hands-on art class, students will discover the joy of creating with a wide variety of materials. Each month introduces a new medium exploring through 2-d and 3-d bodies of work. Our class provides a safe, welcoming environment where students can build friendships, collaborate, and share their artistic journeys. March's medium will be weaving, using nature as our inspiration. April's medium will be papercrafting to tell our stories.

Grades 2-6

Clay Circle with Kelly Matney

\$52 | 6 - 8:30 pm | 4-week sessions | Session 1: 3/5 - 3/26 | Session 2: 4/2 - 4/23

Imagine a sewing circle. Join others working with clay through playful, guided projects. This monthly class is a space to slow down, work with your hands, and connect through clay. Each session focuses on a new hand-built project, introducing ceramic building techniques alongside surface design and decoration. Classes include demonstrations, guided exploration and plenty of open work time to create side-by-side, share ideas and build community. All skill levels are welcome, and projects are flexible so you can make them your own. 18+.

Does not include clay, firing tickets or an open studio pass. Please bring your preferred WAC clay and a basic ceramic tool kit.

Intermediate Wheel with Jim Ransom

\$330 | 6 - 8:30 pm | 3/19 - 5/7 | 8 weeks

Ready to take your wheel skills to the next level? In this intermediate class, students will explore advanced throwing techniques, pottery forms, and glazing. Have a clay project in mind? Bring it, and we'll work through it together! Experience required. 18+. Includes one 25 lb. bag of clay.

Fridays

Kids Clay with Kelly Matney

\$114 | 4:15 - 5:15 pm | 3/20 - 5/15 no class on March 27 for Spring Break | 8 weeks

This class introduces kids to the art of working with clay through playful, guided projects. Students will learn essential techniques like pinching, coiling and sculpting while exploring textures, shapes and forms. Each project allows for personal expression and sparks.

Beginner + Skills with Rollie Smith

\$330 | 6 - 8:30 pm | 3/20- 5/8 | 8 weeks

This class focuses on developing confidence in throwing and forming bowls, plates and cylinders. Demonstrations and individual guided practice each week. Prior experience required. 18+. Includes one 25 lb. bag of clay.

Teen Wheel & Handbuilding with Kelly & Emily

\$180 | 6 - 8:00 pm | 4/2 - 5/7 | 6 weeks (note it starts after Spring Break

In this six-week class, teen artists will learn the foundations of working on the pottery wheel while also exploring handbuilding techniques. These skills will allow students to create functional ceramic pieces such as cups, bowls and small forms. Surface design will be introduced through carving, texture, and glazing to help students develop both technical skills and personal style. This class balances demonstrations, guided practice, and creative work time in a supportive studio environment. Recommended for **students in 7th grade and up.**

Saturdays

Beginner+ Wheel with Amanda Ohrn

\$330 | 10 am to 12:30 pm | 3/21 - 5/9 | 8 weeks

Explore a new project each week while refining your throwing, trimming and glazing skills. Prior experience required. 18+. Includes one 25 lb. bag of clay.

Clay to Table: handbuilding your signature dinnerware set with Andrea Misbach

\$330 | 5:30 - 8 pm | 3/21 - 5/9 | 8 weeks

Every meal tastes better on a personal set of dishware. In eight weeks, you will plan, design, and build a table setting for four: dinner plates, salad plates, bowls and more. No experience required. Includes one 25 lb. bag of clay.

All Beginning Wheel Classes

\$330 | 8 weeks

Explore the basic skills of wheel throwing and glazing. Students will learn a variety of throwing, trimming and glazing techniques. Enrollees do not need any previous clay experience. Limited to 11 students aged 18 years and older. Participants will need basic tools.* One 25 lb. bag of clay, 10 firing tickets and eight-week studio pass included.

Tuesdays 3/17 - 5/5

6 - 8:30 pm with Jim Ransom

Wednesdays 3/18 - 5/6

6 - 8:30 pm with Rollie Smith

Thursdays 3/19- 5/7

10 am - 12:30 pm with Rollie Smith

Fridays 3/20- 5/8

6 - 8:30 pm with Rollie Smith

Saturdays 3/21- 5/9

1:30 - 4 pm with Andrea Misbach

WORKSHOPS

Find Your Mug with Rollie Smith

\$68 for four sessions across two weeks | Mondays & Wednesdays | 1:30 - 4 pm | 3/30, 4/6, 4/13 and 4/15

Explore size, shape, surface and handles in this wheel-based class. Experience required. 18+. Clay included.

Critter Workshops with Ann Coskey-Wasserman

\$45 per project | Wednesdays & Fridays | 10 am - 12:30 pm | 3/21 through 5/8

Ann donates all tuition to the WAC.

Watch our website as we add new projects to the schedule.

Cancellation/Class Refund Policy:

Willamette Art Center reserves the right to cancel, combine or reschedule classes to adjust for enrollment. If we must cancel a class, we will notify all registered participants. Registrants will have the opportunity to register for another class (depending on space available) or receive a refund. If you withdraw from a class more than 10 days before the start date, you will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. If you withdraw from a class 10 or fewer days before the start of class, you will not receive a refund.

Stay in the know

Keep an eye on our online calendar for up-to-date open studio hours and new classes and workshops during spring term!
willametteartcenter.com/calendar

Make Something!

That's our motto and our mission, to provide a fun, creative place for all ages and experience levels to explore the arts.

Center Hours:

Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Scholarships

We have scholarship funds available for youth and adult classes. If you or your child would love to take an art class, but it is just not within your family's means right now, we may be able to help.

Apply with the form on our website:
willametteartcenter.com/scholarships
We will notify you if we can offer you a scholarship.

Pro Tip: Apply before registration opens.

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Tools & Tool Kits

Tools and tool kits for classes are available for purchase at the Center.