

Summer 2023 Children's Art Classes

Welcome to summer at the South Haven Center for the Arts where classes for young artists are designed to encourage creativity and self-expression in a safe and supportive environment. Certified art teacher, Sarah Rydecki, will guide students through the processes and playful possibilities of art making! New to this year's programming are opportunities for working with ceramic clay. Ceramic clay is earthenware that requires firing in a kiln. We are fortunate and grateful to be partnering with South Haven Public Schools for the use of their art department kilns.

Pick and choose which weeks to attend or sign up for all six. See the following pages for details and descriptions of each class.

Fill out registration forms on our website or in-person at the Center for the Arts.

Artful Discoveries

PreK- Ages 3-5 Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15 10:00am -11:00am

Explore and Imagine

Ages 5-8 Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15 11:30am- 12:30pm

Adventures in Art

Ages 9-12 Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 15 1:00-2:00pm

More, More! Multimedia Class

Ages 9-12 Wednesdays, July 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9, 16 10:00-11:30am

Teens Multimedia Class

Ages 12-17 Wednesdays, July 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9, 16 12:30-2:00pm

Please note that age groupings for classes are used as guidelines for planning developmentally appropriate curriculum but we believe that parents/guardians know their children's abilities, interests, and comfort levels best. We invite you to enroll your young person in the class(es) that seem best for them.

Artful Discoveries

PreK- Ages 3-5 Tuesdays 10:00am -11:00am July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15

Members \$15 per-session, non-members \$20 per-session Member all sessions \$75, non-members all sessions \$105 Need-based scholarships are available, please inquire.

Young children will be given the opportunity to learn about different art concepts and materials each day. Inspired by a short book or song, fun and developmentally appropriate art experiences will focus on learning from the process of playing with the materials. We ask that children be able to work without parental help. This is a drop-off class. Young students should feel comfortable being left with the teacher. Pick and choose which weeks to attend or sign up for all six!

July 11: Model Magic Cloud Mobiles — Poke, pinch, play with clay then string, bead, and hang.

July 18: Hey, Follow That Form— Create a found object composition, then draw with a variety of tools.

July 25: Colorful Painted Mixed-Up Mice— Play with paint and learn about color mixing.

August 1: Printed Robot Parade! — Stamp and roll with paint and ink.

August 8: Texture Train Collages— Students will explore places where textures can be found. Then they will cut, tear, glue, and draw on texture rubbings to make train pictures as they choose!

August 15: Bubble Prints and Watercolor Play— Blow bubbles in paint to make a print then use brushes, straws, and more to apply watercolor paint.



Explore and Imagine

Ages 5-8 Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15 11:30am- 12:30pm

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In this class, children will explore the worlds of art and imagination using a variety of 2-D and 3-D art materials. Learning experiences will place emphasis on learning about the elements and principles of art, having fun, and exploring creativity! Students enrolling in this class should be able to use scissors and write their names. Pick and choose which weeks to attend or sign up for all six!

July 11: Me in Clay— Create a 3-D self-portrait!

July 18: Wild Things— Learn about drawing the details of faces and then take it to the wild side! Be inspired by Max and Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak.

July 25: Dogs in Space— Inspired by another children's book, paint an outer space-like background and learn some stencil techniques to add dogs!

August 1: Printed People Playing—Learn a bit about depicting figures in motion. Printed foam, wood, and cardboard will become runners, dancers, ball players, and more!

August 8:3-D Collage— Build with wood, found objects, wire, and more to create unique and fun sculptures.

August 15: Imaginary Garden—Inspired by watercolor artists in the Michigan Watercolor Society exhibition, students will have some fun with the flowing and transparent nature of watercolor.



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Take a creative journey into the world of art! Students will learn about diverse artists and artwork from around the world and through time. Pick and choose which weeks to attend or sign up for all six!

July 11: Found Object Faces— From African Tribal Masks to Outsider Art, faces are a source of inspiration. Use a variety of re-purposed items, paint, feathers and more to create these 3-D fun art faces.

July 18: Animals! Realistic and Abstract— Learn some tips for drawing realistically and then have fun UNDOING the realism by playing an abstraction game! Learn about other abstract artists like Picasso and Klee.

July 25: Painting Abstract Animals— Students who joined on July 18 will be able to paint their drawings. If not, those joining for this session will be able to jump right into painting!

August 1: Simple Stencils— Learn about cutting a variety of materials for creating your own stencils and then use several techniques for printing with them.

August 8: Fabric Collage— Fabric and simple stitching can add texture to collage. Inspired by artists like Faith Ringgold and Romare Bearden (and others), explore the possibilities of working with textiles in art!

August 15: Inspired by East Asian Brushwork— Be inspired by Chinese and Japanese ink painting and learn some traditional techniques to explore, observe, and paint a variety of subjects.



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In this class, students have opportunities to dive a little deeper. With focus on a different medium each day, young artists will learn to merge artful play and imagination with individual style and skill development. This class is intended for those who love art-making and want more! Pick and choose which weeks to attend or sign up for all six.

July 12: One Line Doodle Monster & Clay Play— Working with drawing tools for the first half of class and clay in the second, the focus of this session will be on playful exploration and problem-solving in art. Students who are signed up for the July 19 session will also have time to plan and sketch for their clay piece.

July 19: Pinch Pot Creatures— Work with ceramic clay that will be fired in a kiln between classes. Students will sculpt an imaginary creature starting with a simple pinch pot form. Students who can take the August 2 session will paint their pieces. Students who cannot, will be able to pick up theirs when they have been fired and paint it at home.

July 26: Textured Paintings on Canvas— Play and create with thickened paint. Learn about composing and color mixing. Make a painting that pops!

August 2: Painting Pinch Pot Creatures— Students that did not attend and make a clay piece on July 19 will be able to create and paint a cardboard sculpture.

August 9: Found Object and Fabric Puppets— Turn fabric, plastic pieces, and rope into walking puppets!

August 16: Watercolor Resist Paintings— Find inspiration viewing artists' paintings in the Michigan Watercolor Society Exhibit. Students will apply new knowledge about watercolor painting to their own subject of choice drawing.

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Here, middle school and high school aged artists can gather to learn new techniques, express, share, and inspire. Making art can be a solitary experience, but we learn so much from one another! Sharing opportunities for learning about a different art media, former middle school art teacher Sarah Rydecki will give students the chance to acquire some new skills that can be applied to their own unique interests and artwork style. Pick and choose which weeks to attend or sign up for all six!

July 12: Small Ceramics— Students will view and be inspired by the Ceramics Invitational Exhibit, learn some basic building techniques, and then have the chance to create several small clay pieces. Students who are unable to take additional sessions will be able to pick up pieces later after they have been fired.

July 19: Ceramic Slab Cylinders — Start with this basic form then apply other techniques to make it one-of-a-kind.

July 26: Character Design— Walk through the steps of drawing for ideas and planning. Explore a variety of art supplies to bring the character to life.

August 2: Paint Ceramics, Free Choice Finish Characters, Paint & Print— Students who joined prior sessions (either July 12, 19, or 26) will paint and/or continue work on previous pieces. Those joining for the day will be able to learn and use some fun acrylic painting and printing techniques.

August 9: Mixed-Media Collage — Students are encouraged to bring photos, scraps, and keepsakes that can be added to a work of art. Some image transfer techniques will be taught.

August 16: Watercolor— Students will have the opportunity to learn about, play with and create using a variety of techniques. The Michigan Watercolor Society Exhibit may inspire ideas!