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SUMMER 2026

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+ Adult Programs

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A thriving hub for artists and art instruction, Dundas Valley School of Art is an independent not-for-profit art school, serving the Hamilton region since 1964. Through our courses, lectures and workshops, we provide high-quality and accessible visual arts education to over 8,000 registrants annually, bringing together artists of all ages and from all walks of life.



Accessibility

Dundas Valley School of Art is committed to ensuring equal access and participation for people with disabilities, prioritizing dignity and independence for all. We provide the same opportunity to access DVSA's goods, services and facility by working to remove and prevent barriers to accessibility. If you require information in an accessible format, send an email to info@dvsa.ca or call us at **905-628-6357 ext. 1**.

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Summer Art Camps for Children & Teens

Embark with your family on an imaginative summer adventure that for many children is the highlight of the season. Our DVSA Summer Art Camps are taught by experienced artists and are designed to nurture your child's creativity and art skills in a fun and supportive studio setting.

Choose Your Week – Plan Your Days

We offer 10 sessions of week-long Summer Art Camps running from June 29 – Sept 4. There are half or full day program options plus extended drop off and pick-up times to help accommodate busy schedules.

- **Morning camp programs** are from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Afternoon camp programs** are from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Children signed up for both the morning and afternoon are automatically a part of the supervised lunch program from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **We strive to be peanut/nut free.** Please pack lunches and snacks accordingly.

Daily Schedule

Extended Care	7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Drop-off	9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Morning Camp Programs	9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Supervised Lunch Program	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Afternoon Camp Programs	1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Pick-up	3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Extended Care	3:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

On-Site Extended Care

We're pleased to offer an on-site Extended Care Program for our young artists during the summer camp weeks. Offered from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., this program provides the children with a nurturing environment, engaging programming and quality supervision from our care provider.

Cost: \$80 for the week (\$64 for 4 day weeks). **Full week only, no refunds.**

Snacks: Children must bring their own peanut/nut free snacks

Registration: Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Register online at dvsa.ca/classes under Summer Art Camps or call 905-628-6357 #1. Availability is limited.

Summer Art Camps Schedule

AGE	WEEK 1 (4 DAYS) JUNE 29 – JULY 3	WEEK 2 JULY 6 – 10	WEEK 3 JULY 13 – 17
MORNING 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.			
4–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunny Days of Summer• Paint-a-Palooza• Rainbow Animals• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bursts of Colour• Creative Art Lab• Lil' Summer Creations• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Little Potters• Creative Art Lab• Summer Splash of Colour• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)
7–10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)• Pottery-Palooza• Minecraft Meets Art• Summer Murals• Mini Makers Sewing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)• Harry Pottery• Creations in Watercolour• Cartoon Magic• FYP (For You Page) Pottery (Ages 8-10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)• Pottery-Palooza• Dino Days• Cartoon Magic• Art Wonderland (Ages 8-10)
11–14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stop Motion Animation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teen Graffiti	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Cartoon Animation
AFTERNOON 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.			
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11–14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soft Sculpture Lab – Giant & Mini Stuffedies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Teen Pottery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Teen Pottery
OFFSITE AT CENTRE[3] Full Day 9:00am – 4:00pm			
14-16			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create & Connect Ages 14-16

Summer Art Camps Schedule

AGE	WEEK 4 JULY 20 – 24	WEEK 5 JULY 27 – 31	WEEK 6 (4 DAYS) AUGUST 4 – 7
MORNING 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.			
4–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative Art Lab• Sunny Days of Summer• Summer Splash of Colour• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Little Potters• Sunny Days of Summer• Rainbow Animals• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paint-a-Palooza• Rainbow Animals• Summer Splash of Colour• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)
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11–14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drawing Anime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video Game Art in 3D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teen Acrylic Painting Studio
AFTERNOON 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.			
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11–14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Teen Pottery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Teen Pottery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teen Drawing and Composition
OFFSITE AT CENTRE[3] Full Day 9:00am – 4:00pm			
14-16			

Summer Art Camps Schedule

AGE	WEEK 7 AUGUST 10 – 14	WEEK 8 AUGUST 17 – 21	WEEK 9 AUGUST 24 – 28	WEEK 10 AUG 31 – SEPT 4
MORNING 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.				
4–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative Art Lab• Lil’ Summer Creations• Rainbow Animals• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative Art Lab• Sunny Days of Summer• Paint-a-Palooza• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative Art Lab• Sunny Days of Summer• Paint-a-Palooza• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bursts of Colour• Paint-a-Palooza• Rainbow Animals• Pottery-Palooza (Ages 6-7)
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11–14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teen Acrylic Painting Studio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watercolour and Inks for Teens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drawing Anime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plush Pet Studio
AFTERNOON 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.				
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Please note: some of the same program activities are offered in AM & PM – students staying all day should choose an alternate camp for their other morning or afternoon session.

HST SAVINGS!

HST is not charged on the tuition portion for Children and Teen Art Camps, meaning a significantly less HST charge than the expected 13%

1C01 **Bursts of Colour Ages 4-6**

Weeks 2 & 10 • AM or PM

Tina Destro, B.A.

Vibrant shades and hues take centre stage for a colourful and active week of drawing, painting and sculpture construction. We'll explore the techniques of other artists who use wonderful colour in their work and build on their ideas to make our own expressive creations. Drawing objects, painting scenes and creating sculptures means it's a lively studio filled with dazzling artwork and new friends to share it with.

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C02 **Summer Little Potters Ages 4-6**

Weeks 3 & 5 • AM or PM

Amanda Jameson, B.F.A.

A special summer session for your little one to explore the world of clay creation. While introducing basic pottery techniques, we'll focus on fun handbuilding projects that draw on themes such as nature, animals and outer space. Plenty of time for individual exploration – plenty of clay for imaginations to take flight!

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C03 ***NEW* Creative Art Lab Ages 4-6**

Weeks 2-4 & 7-9 • AM or PM

Cassandra Ferguson, B.F.A., M.F.A.

Draw, paint, snip, layer, stamp, assemble and build — we'll do it all in the Creative Art Lab. This dynamic, hands-on studio invites young artists to dive into a world of endless possibilities. Perfect for curious creators who love experimenting, each week brings exciting projects that explore a variety of tools, techniques and materials. From vibrant acrylics and delicate watercolours to printmaking, collage and sculpture, we'll craft unique 2D and 3D artworks that spark creativity and confidence.

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C04 **Sunny Days of Summer Ages 4-6**

Weeks 1, 4, 5, 8 & 9 • AM or PM

Nancy Benoy, B.A.

Can you say jumbo 10 scoop ice-cream cones? Wildly wacky popsicles or gargantuanly green caterpillars? We'll explore extravagantly wonderful summer themes like these and many more through engaging and fun art projects. The artists will work with a range of art forms including watercolour, printing, collage, sculpture and more.

Week 1 Members: \$135.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$139 + HST

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

We were very happy with extended care and the art programs offered. Our little one has asked when they can come back again.

— LAURA JAMES

Summer Art Camps

1C05 ***NEW* Paint-a-Palooza Ages 4-6**

Weeks 1, 6, 8, 9 & 10 • AM or PM

Emma Enright B. Des./ Kento Cady, B.A.

This studio is for children who LOVE, LOVE, LOVE to paint. We'll stage dive into a concert of colour and creativity, exploring fun and unexpected ways to make art. Each session is packed with playful techniques — from stenciling and stamping to swirling strings, brushing bold strokes, and even using everyday household objects to create amazing textures. And yes, we'll get hands-on with classic finger painting too. Your young artist will discover how paint can transform into radiant masterpieces while building a love for self-expression.

Week 1 & 6 Members: \$135.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$139 + HST

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C06 **Lil' Summer Creations Ages 4-6**

Weeks 2 & 7 • AM or PM

Sandra Greenblatt, B.A.

Drawing, painting, printmaking and collage — it's a lively week of remarkable creations as the young artists make colourful artworks for their portfolios inspired by the summer season and children's literature. We'll also discover the work of famous artists and explore using their techniques and styles for our own pieces.

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C07 **Rainbow Animals Ages 4-6**

Weeks 1, 5, 6, 7, 10 • AM or PM

Lena Montecalvo / Evelyn Soroohan-Ruland, B.F.A., M.F.A.

Let's play with all the colours of the rainbow. In this vibrant studio, we'll create a fun and dazzling new animal kingdom — imagine bright and bold painted bunnies, luminous fish, radiant lions and more. Using different materials like pastels, watercolour, chalk and ink, the possibilities are endless for inventing our creatures and all the magical new worlds they'll inhabit.

Week 1 & 6 Members: \$135.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$139 + HST

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST



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1C08 ***NEW*** Summer Splash of Colour Ages 4-6

Weeks 3, 4, & 6 • AM or PM

Sandra Greenblatt, B.A.

Dive into a world of colour and imagination as we create vibrant, eye-catching projects every week. The young artists will explore the exciting realms of drawing, painting and collage, learning a wide variety of techniques and styles along the way. Each session is designed to spark curiosity, blending hands-on artmaking with special story times that inspire creativity and connection. Plus, every artist will design their very own personal sketchbook and art portfolio — a treasured collection of their pieces to take home and share.

Week 3: Exploring Colours

Week 4: How Great Artists Use Colour

Week 6: Our Colourful Animal Kingdom

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

Week 6 Members: \$135.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$139 + HST

1C09 Pottery-Palooza

Weeks 1–10 • AM & PM, **Various options for Ages 6-10 (see schedule on pages 4-6)**

Marina Van Raay (Sheridan)/Karla Rivera (Sheridan)/ Amanda Kopas, B.F.A./ Amanda Jameson, B.F.A./ Cassandra Ferguson, B.F.A., M.F.A.

Laughter Alert: Making pottery is highly addictive and may cause creativity, new ideas and gales of laughter. Your potter will explore the joys of clay in this summer favourite, tackling fun projects that will build both their wheel and hand building techniques.

Week 1 & 6 Members: \$135.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$139 + HST

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C10 ***NEW*** Art Wonderland

Weeks 3–6 & 8–10 • AM Ages 8-10

Weeks 3–6 & 8–10 • PM Ages 6-8

Heather Smith, B.A.

Welcome to a creative world without limits. Using the combined powers of their imaginations and keen observational skills, the young artists will craft bold, original drawings, paintings and sculptures. We'll explore a variety of drawing tools — pencils, pastels, crayons, ink and fine liners — before diving into vibrant watercolour and acrylic painting. Then, we'll mix and match our favorite materials to create stunning multi-media works. The adventure continues in 3D as we transform recycled objects into whimsical characters and experiment with clay sculpting. Inspiration will come from everywhere — real and imagined animals, landscapes, famous artists, still-life objects and even collaborative art games. With endless materials and exploration encouraged, we recommend bringing an apron or paint shirt.

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

Week 6 Members: \$135.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$139 + HST

1C11 ***NEW*** Minecraft Meets Art Ages 7-10

Week 1 & 10 • AM or PM

Kento Cady, B.A.

Let's mine our imaginations and build artistic worlds — one block at a time. For the young artist who can't get enough of Minecraft, this studio time is a dream come true. Inspired by the game's iconic blocky world, we'll experiment with a variety of art mediums as we collage characters, delve into block printing, sculpt mobs and creatures in clay and much more — all inspired by the art and design of the Minecraft environment. We'll explore colour, texture and pattern just like in the game — but with real paint, paper and tools. Ideal for artists of all abilities — no prior art experience required. While the focus is on hands-on artmaking, we'll channel the spirit of Minecraft's designing and building into every project. (Gaming time? We'll save that for home).

Week 1 Members: \$135.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$139 + HST

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

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1C12 ***NEW*** Creating Comics Ages 7-10

Week 8 • AM or PM

Kento Cady, B.A.

Every inspired artist has a story to share, and in this camp, we'll use the art of expressive comic creation to do so. We'll begin with character design, exploring how to give our heroes and villains personality and style. Then, we'll dive into lettering techniques that make dialogue pop and learn the magic of zine folding to create mini-comics. We'll write original stories, design dynamic backgrounds and experiment with layouts that bring our ideas to life. The week ends with an epic group project – a collaborative comic book to take home and treasure.

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C13 ***NEW*** Dino Days Ages 7-10

Week 3 & 5 • AM or PM

Kento Cady, B.A.

We're going full Jurassic in this wildly imaginative art camp as big and bold as a T-Rex roar. The artists will explore the fascinating world of dinosaurs — and even dream up fantastical creatures of their own — through a mix of exciting art techniques. From watercolour washes and vibrant collages to crayon textures, pencil crayon details and striking printmaking, we'll use a variety of materials to spark imaginations and bring new prehistoric worlds to life. Spielberg, watch out!

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C14 ***NEW*** Forts and Castles Ages 7-10

Weeks 6 & 8 • AM or PM

Miles Wallace, B.A., O.C.T.

We'll embark on a fascinating journey into the art, history and engineering behind castles and forts from around the world. Uncovering the secrets of legendary fortresses across different eras, we'll explore iconic features like towering walls, drawbridges, gates and even simple catapults. Then it's time to get hands-on — using everyday materials, the young builders will design and construct their own miniature fortress. Along the way, we'll learn how real castles were built and defended, while developing problem-solving skills and foundational design know-how.

Week 6 Members: \$135.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$139 + HST

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST



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1C15 Harry Potter Ages 7-10

Weeks 2 & 7 • AM or PM

Amanda Jameson, B.F.A.

Move over Dumbledore. In this magical summer camp, we'll shape clay to recreate iconic characters and favourite scenes from the wizarding world. Using hand building techniques such as pinching, coiling and slab building, we'll be inspired by the sorting hat, quidditch and Harry himself as we create our own fantastical Hogwarts in the pottery studio. No Muggles allowed!

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C16 Super Mario Party Pottery Ages 7-10

Week 4 • AM or PM

Amanda Jameson, B.F.A.

Mamma-Mia! It's a super-fun pottery week featuring those beloved citizens of the mushroom kingdom. From Mario and Luigi to Donkey Kong, we'll use hand-building techniques such as pinch and coil to construct 3-D clay versions of all our favourite characters, plus imagine some new ones.

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C17 Summer Murals Ages 7-10

Week 1 • AM or PM

Chris Perez, B.F.A.

We'll make BIG murals to hang outside DVSA for all to see. Working together in teams, we'll explore techniques in drawing, spray painting, sketching and stenciling as we create large scale artworks. The artists will come up with ideas, designs and characters, then put them all together in fabulous final artworks. Old clothing ready to take on paint splatters and drips is recommended.

Members: \$135.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$139 + HST

1C18 ***NEW*** Expressive Painting Ages 7-10

Week 2 • PM

Chris Perez, B.F.A.

This week brings playful techniques to painting with the introduction of shapes, colours and texture for an expressive approach to making art. The artists will explore colour palettes, nature-inspired patterns and storytelling through abstract forms. With engaging projects that encourage curiosity and creative thinking, each artist will develop a small collection of expressive works and gain a deeper understanding of how art can communicate imagination through abstraction.

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C19 Creative Journeys – Drawing and Painting Ages 7-10

Week 6 • AM or PM

Week 8 • PM

Michelle Guitard (Georgian College) /Lena Montecalvo

A spirited and fun week designed to lift a young artist's drawing and painting skills to the next level. With a focus on technique, tools and experimentation, the artists will gain a better understanding of what it takes to create a better-quality drawing/painting piece. Topics include an exploration of art concepts such as line, value, colour theory and composition – all aimed at building new skills designed to make their innate talents shine.

Week 6 Members: \$135.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$139 + HST

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My children absolutely love attending camp at DVSA! They are excited about sharing everything they've learned every day and I love seeing them so passionate.

– TARA JONES

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1C20 ***NEW*** Creations in Watercolours Ages 7-10

Weeks 2 & 9 • AM or PM

Lena Montecalvo

This camp celebrates colour and composition through a myriad of creative watercolour projects. Each day, the artists will dive into painting everything from nature scenes and animals to bold, abstract designs. We'll mix things up with complementary materials like pastels, inks and more — and even experiment with playful techniques like doodling before and after applying paint to see what magic unfolds. Authentic expression through creative play will expand your child's natural artistic skills, providing a strong basis for them to continue painting long after summer ends.

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1C21 **Cartoon Magic Ages 7-10**

Weeks 2 & 3 • AM or PM

Jerry Hish (DVSA)

An art camp classic! Imaginations come alive in this inspiring studio with a focus on the fundamentals of cartooning and character design. Topics include learning to draw expressions and actions, developing humour and more. A wide variety of exciting projects throughout are sure to generate original cartoon classics ready for sharing. **Cartoonists need to bring their own 8 X 10 spiral ringed sketchbook.**

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

Week 2: Cartoonimals – Where Critters Come to Life

We'll draw, doodle and giggle our way through a paw-some week of art and imagination. The comic artists will learn how to turn animals of every kind – dinosaurs, bugs, pets and wild beasts – into hilarious and expressive cartoon characters. We'll explore the “bear” essentials of cartooning and learn how to tell funny stories through comic strips and mini projects. From sketching a roaring raptor to inventing your own “moo-sterpiece,” every day is packed with creative fun.

Week 3: Supertoons – Heroes, Sidekicks & Villains

Zap! Pow! Bam! In this super-powered week of cartooning fun, the artists will learn how to draw their own comic book heroes, sneaky sidekicks and mischievous villains. We'll cover the drawing dynamics of action poses, facial expressions and costume design while learning the basics of storytelling through comic strips and mini art projects. Each day brings new creative missions – designing a new superhero logo, inventing a silly gadget or giving a bandit the perfect evil laugh.

1C22 **Summertime Cartoons Ages 7-10**

Weeks 4 & 5 • PM

Miles Wallace, B.A., O.C.T.

It's all about designing cartoon illustrations and comic strips in this summer studio. Lessons will focus on basic contour drawing and illustration techniques plus how to embellish, emphasize and exaggerate features for fun and silly characters. Each day, we'll complete cartooning projects with entertaining themes like animals, robots, monsters and more. Ideal for beginners and those with previous cartooning experience.

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C23 ***NEW*** Mini-Makers Sewing Ages 7-10

Week 1 • AM

Week 10 • PM

Ariella Boltinsky, B.F.A.

This friendly, confidence-building camp is the perfect introduction to sewing for young makers. Through fun, hands-on projects like felt bookmarks, charms, beanbag creatures and mini pillows or pouches, the artists will learn the essentials of hand-sewing in a supportive environment. We'll explore simple stitching techniques, experiment with colorful fabrics and encourage plenty of creative touches along the way. With step-by-step guidance and lots of room for imagination, this week is about developing foundational sewing skills and discovering the joy of making something by hand.

Week 1 Members: \$135.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$139 + HST

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

Summer Art Camps

1C24 ***NEW* Magical Textiles: Fairies, Dragons and Creatures Ages 7-10**

Weeks 4 & 9 • AM or PM

Ariella Boltinsky, B.F.A.

Step into a whimsical world of fabric and imagination as we design soft sculptures inspired by magical creatures. This camp focuses on storytelling through textile art by shaping characters, choosing colours and textures, and adding details that bring our characters to life. Throughout the week, the artists can sew their own fairy or dragon plush, create lightweight felt wings, and craft enchanted accessories like soft amulets or magic wands. A perfect studio time for those who love fantasy, creativity and hands-on making.

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C25 **Stuffie Studio Ages 7-10**

Weeks 5 & 7 • AM or PM

Ariella Boltinsky, B.F.A.

Creating stuffies is a great way to explore fibre art and sculpture. We'll design something fantastical from the wilds of our imaginations and learn different techniques such as pattern making, hand-sewing and more. Someone bar the door – this studio will be overflowing with stuffie characters!

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C26 **The Art Laboratory Ages 7-10**

Week 7 • AM or PM

Week 10 • AM

Miles Wallace, B.A., O.C.T.

The ever-popular mashup of art and science returns for summer. We'll apply our art skills to construct eye-popping projects of a scientific nature that test the principles of physics and chemistry. Catapults, air cannons, straw rockets, volcanoes, 3-D solar systems, kinetic cars, space jars, Rube Goldberg machines – need we say more? Stand back and strap on the protective eyewear – this could get interesting...

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C27 **Video Game Art Ages 7-10**

Week 9 • PM

Miles Wallace, B.A., O.C.T.

A week for the young artist who loves video game characters – especially those from early video games. We'll forgo our digital devices and go old school as we learn how to use the process of pixel grids to draw/paint some of our favourite characters like Mario, Sonic, Link and many more. Once we've captured the classics, we'll create our own retro style characters and virtual environments with several fun and engaging projects, including a 2D collage of our game universe that incorporates our imagined characters.

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST



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1C28 FYP (For Your Page) Pottery Ages 8-10

Week 2 • AM

Amanda Kopas, B.F.A.

Get ready to delve into viral TikTok pottery memes in this hands-on pottery camp. We'll focus on trends such as mini furniture, the ceramic food challenge, keychains and charms, 3D still-life's, decorative masks and other viral pottery techniques. We'll also cover miniature throwing and sculpting along with painting and finishing techniques while focusing on scale, tromp l'oeil and muscle memory. Some previous pottery experience recommended.

Members: \$164.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST

1C29 Stop Motion Animation

Week 1 • AM Ages 11-14

Week 1 • PM Ages 8-10

Mike Cope, B.A., B.Ed., O.C.T.

Animation is the illusion of movement, but good stop motion is more than just making things move. In this studio, the artists will learn how to create believable and entertaining illusions. We'll bring inanimate objects to life while exploring a variety of stop motion mediums such as clay, paper cut-outs, LEGO and more. Ideal for beginner to experienced young animators. **Participants must bring their own tablet or smartphone and have the app Stop Motion Studio (free version) preinstalled. iPads are available to borrow from DVSA for free for those needing one for the week.**

Members: \$195.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$199 + HST (Price includes a \$75 equipment fee)

1C30 Introduction to Cartoon Animation

Mike Cope, B.A., B.Ed., O.C.T.

Week 3 • AM Ages 11-14

Week 3 • PM Ages 8-10

Drawings will spring to life as we explore the magic of cartoon animation. We'll learn about the famous 12 Basic Principles of Animation (ie. squash & stretch, anticipation, follow through & overlapping action) and get to work using special tools of the trade, including animation peg bars and lightboxes, as well as computer and camera equipment to digitize each drawing into video format. We'll also further develop our skills in cartoon character design and visual storytelling by creating our own model/expression sheets, character rotations and storyboards. At least one previous cartooning and/or drawing class is recommended.

Members: \$224.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$229 + HST (Price includes a \$75 equipment fee)



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1C31 Teen Acrylic Painting Studio Ages 11-14

Week 6 & 7 • AM

Giulia Morosin, B.F.A./ Jacquie Kasolka, B.A.

The perfect week for artists who love painting in a social setting. We'll explore the best techniques for getting the most out of acrylic paints through a series of fun small projects designed to develop your artistic process, voice and talents. Topics include brushwork, colour theory and mixing, value, perspective and composition. No previous experience required.

Week 6 Members: \$145.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$149 + HST

Week 7 Members: \$174.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$179 + HST

1C32 Watercolour and Inks For Teens Ages 11-14

Week 8 • AM

Lena Montecalvo

Colouring outside the lines and breaking the rules of art is encouraged in this studio. You'll develop a strong foundation of watercolour painting techniques that can be applied to floral, landscape, abstract or any subject you feel inspired to paint. We'll also try our hand at incorporating pen and ink, resist materials, pastels, markers, salt and watercolour pencils. When you splash, splatter and spray, drip, pour and scratch, vibrant results are bound to happen!

Members: \$174.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$179 + HST

1C33 Teen Drawing & Composition Ages 11-14

Week 6 & 7 • PM

Giulia Morosin, B.F.A./Jacquie Kasolka, B.A.

If you love the art making possibilities of drawing, this summer studio is for you. We'll break out a variety of drawing mediums such as charcoal, pastels, ink and more and see just where our experiments take us. We'll practice shading with gray scale, cross hatch and line and learn about incorporating positive and negative space in our compositions. Whether we draw from photos or from our own intuition, this buzzing studio is a great opportunity for us to collectively create innovative drawing works.

Week 6 Members: \$145.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$149 + HST

Week 7 Members: \$174.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$179 + HST

1C34 Summer Teen Pottery Ages 11-14

Weeks 2-5, 8 & 9 • PM

Amanda Kopas, B.F.A./ TBA

Get your hands deep in clay and explore handbuilding and hot and cold surface treatments as you create your own pottery pieces. It'll be a week of cool projects that push the boundaries. There'll also be a day of throwing on the pottery wheels. This is a great camp for connecting with new friends while developing your independent approaches and ideas.

Members: \$184.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$189 + HST

1C35 ***NEW*** Soft Sculpture With Giant & Mini Stuffies Ages 11-14

Week 1 • PM

Ariella Boltinsky, B.F.A.

Dive headfirst into the world of soft sculpture, where your imagination takes shape — literally. This studio is all about designing and sewing wildly creative plush creations – from oversized floor-pillow creatures to a quirky collection of mini stuffies and charms. Along the way, you'll explore how to draft and modify patterns for unusual shapes like spikes, wings, horns and tails. Want to accessorize your creature? Go for it! Think hoodies, capes, hats – even tiny backpacks for maximum personality. You'll learn essential skills like pattern design, appliqué and limb attachment, while discovering how clever 3D sewing techniques transform flat patterns into fully formed soft sculpture characters.

Members: \$145.52 + HST, Non-Members: \$149 + HST

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1C36 ***NEW*** Plush Pet Studio Ages 11-14

Week 10 • AM

Ariella Boltinsky, B.F.A.

Bring your animal companions to life in soft, huggable form. We'll celebrate our beloved pet (or a pet we'd like to have) in this creative sewing studio devoted entirely to plush animals. Using photos or drawings for inspiration, you'll design and sew a custom plush based on your best pet friend – or if you prefer, invent a dream creature from scratch. The week focuses on shaping expressive features and adapting patterns to match unique traits, whether it's fluffy ears, short legs, unique markings or a curly tail. It's a perfect blend of skill-building, heartfelt creativity and just chilling with friends – both human and animal!

Members: \$174.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$179 + HST

1C37 **Video Game Art in 3D** Ages 11-14

Week 5 • AM

Week 10 • PM

Miles Wallace, B.A., O.C.T.

We'll tap into our love of video games to build an interactive 3D model of a scene from your favourite game. Projects include character and environment design in the theme and style of your choice, whether it be Minecraft, Super Mario or another favourite. We'll then use wire, plasticine, paint and paper to recreate cool 3D versions of the characters and worlds we love exploring so much.

Members: \$174.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$179 + HST

1C38 **Drawing Anime** Ages 11-14

Week 4 & 9 • AM

Miles Wallace, B.A., O.C.T.

We'll investigate popular Anime references – old and new – and create whimsical characters and scenes inspired by those styles. Learn how to use anime and manga illustration techniques to create forms in proportion with expressive faces and unique features. Projects include designing original thematic characters, backgrounds and props, poster design and inking.

Members: \$174.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$179 + HST

1C39 **Teen Graffiti** Ages 11-14

Week 2 • AM

Chris Perez, B.F.A.

Chris is an experienced mural artist influenced by abstract art, street art and graffiti. Under his guidance, you'll safely learn graffiti materials and techniques, working individually and in teams to create large, expressive mural art that will be displayed outside of DVSA for everyone to see. Make sure to wear clothes that can get paint on them!

Members: \$174.62 + HST, Non-Members: \$179 + HST

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1C40 ***NEW*** Create & Connect Ages 14-16

Held at Centre[3] Media Arts Studio – 126 James St. North

Weeks 3 & 7 • 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Full Day)

Evelyn Sorochan-Ruland, B.F.A., M.F.A.

Step into an inspiring space designed exclusively for teens to grow as artists and discover fresh approaches to making art. This is your opportunity to unlock creative pathways, experiment boldly and expand your artistic voice. Throughout this active week, we'll explore drawing, sculpture and mixed-media techniques – including collage and dynamic paint applications. Guided projects will introduce you to a variety of materials at a comfortable, supportive pace with an emphasis on form, creativity and personal expression. You'll build confidence as you brainstorm new ideas, refine technical skills and reflect on your creative choices in a small-group setting.

Members: \$446.22 + HST, Non-Members: \$459 + HST

Adult Summer Classes

All of our adult day full classes include a one-hour lunch break. Art materials are to be provided by the student unless otherwise noted.

COURSE LISTING PRE-REQUISITES

Beginner or Introductory – For students with little to no background in that art form.

Intermediate – Some art background in that subject, typically two or more classes.

Advanced – The student has taken three or more courses in the medium or in related skill areas.

Ⓢ – denotes 1 or 2 day workshop Ⓞ – denotes course is online

1A01 Beginners' Drawing

Guennadi Kalinine, B.A.

A: Tuesday: July 7 – August 25 (8 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

B: Thursday: July 2 – August 20 (8 weeks) 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Online) Ⓞ

For anyone looking to become an artist, basic drawing skills are considered essential. This introduction to drawing course will develop your drawing and shading skills – all in a supportive and inspirational environment. Topics include perspective and composition as well as the fundamentals of learning how to see. Class demonstrations and individual instruction provided throughout.

Section A Members: \$241.89 + HST, Non-Members: \$249 + HST

Section B Members: \$222.49 + HST, Non-Members: \$229 + HST

1A02 Beginners' Portrait & Life Drawing

Ward Shipman, B.A., B.Ed.

Tuesday, August 4 – Friday, August 7 (4 days) 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Discover the rewarding experience of drawing the human subject. You'll learn various techniques in observation and drawing using the human figure and portrait as subject matter. Concepts such as contour lines, blocking, gestures and sustained poses will be explored with a user-friendly approach. There will be 4 sessions working with the nude and costume model. This course is designed specifically for novices – suitable for anyone who has taken Beginners' Drawing or has some similar experience.

Members: \$194.34 + HST, Non-Members: \$199 + HST (Prices includes model fees for 4 sessions)

1A03 Long-Pose Portrait Drawing & Painting

Vitaly Medvedovsky, B.F.A., M.F.A.

Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9 (4 days) 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This course provides the opportunity to fully immerse into your portrait drawing and/or painting. The model(s) will assume the same pose for the duration of each class. With ongoing guidance and feedback from the instructor, you'll be able to take your time to re-work and refine your portraits. Previous drawing and/or painting experience is required.

Members: \$194.34 + HST, Non-Members: \$199 + HST (Prices includes model fees for 4 sessions)

Adult Summer Classes

1A04 Drawing Hands, Feet, Drapery and Other Difficult Subjects

Ward Shipman, B.A., B.Ed.

Tuesday, August 4 – Friday, August 7 (4 days) 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

An ideal course for drawing artists looking to up their game. The intricacies of draftsmanship can be challenging whether you are a fine artist, illustrator or someone preparing a portfolio. Using legendary artists Loomis and Bridgeman as our guides, we'll explore how to draw challenging subjects such as hands, feet, heads and drapery along with other nuanced subjects. We'll also do a deep dive into the concepts of perspective and structural drawing. A costumed or nude model will be used for three sessions. Some previous drawing experience is recommended.

Members: \$184.37 + HST, Non-Members: \$189 + HST (Prices includes model fees for 3 sessions)

1A05 Mastering Pastels for Beginners – Everything You Need to Know

Clarence Porter (PAC, MPAC, PSA)

Tuesday: June 30 – August 4 (6 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

If you're ready to dive into the vibrant world of soft pastels, you'll want to join Clarence for this class. Soft pastels offer flexibility and immediate results. This course, designed for beginners, will help you master essential pastel techniques and refine your pastel skills, all while expressing your unique style. By the end of 6 weeks, you'll leave with newfound pastel confidence and works of art of which you can be proud.

Members: \$202.97 + HST, Non-Members: \$209 + HST

1A06 Painting for the Petrified – 7 Week Edition

Vitaly Medvedovsky, B.F.A., M.F.A.

Wednesday: July 8 – August 26 (7 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. | **Note: no class on July 22**

This longer edition of our absolute beginners' painting class offers the encouraging handhold you've been looking for. Jump into a new creative world and discover what it is to feel good about the process of painting. You'll receive an in-depth introduction to the basics of acrylic painting, along with enlightening discussions about drawing and composition. With the additional classes, we'll also address working abstractly and have time to develop a more sustained painting on canvas. It's time to get your feet (and canvases) wet and take the first steps on your artistic journey. All materials provided – just show up and let it happen.

Members: \$277.89 + HST, Non-Members: \$285 + HST (Prices include \$40 material fee)



Adult Summer Classes

1A07 Beginners' Watercolour

Giulia Morosin, B.F.A.

Thursday: July 2 – August 27 (9 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the world of watercolour painting. Designed for novices, the focus in this course is on skill development, emphasizing core techniques and brush-handling. We'll look at the materials and papers needed and address basic colour and composition concepts through interesting creative exercises and projects. Demonstrations, group instruction, constructive critiques and individual attention are essential elements of this experience.

Members: \$270.99 + HST, Non-Members: \$279 + HST

1A08 Watercolour Florals for Beginners

Roger Ferreira, B.A., B.Ed., O.C.T.

Wednesday: July 8 – July 29 (4 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

This course celebrates the floral beauty around us, while continuing to explore the basics of drawing. Designed for the beginner art student, you'll use both dry and wet media to produce an exciting still life painting in watercolour using local fresh flowers and photographs as reference. No previous experience required.

Members: \$154.47 + HST, Non-Members: \$159 + HST

1A09 Travel Journal Pen and Watercolour

Michelle Guitard (Georgian College)

Monday, August 10 – Friday, August 14 (5 days) 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Learn the basic mixed media and watercolour painting techniques for illustrating a travel diary. A watercolour journal is ideal for capturing travel memories and experiences, both large and small. No matter the medium, daily sketching practice is a vital method for developing your abilities as an artist – cultivating your artist's eye and developing drawing technique and colour theory knowledge. We'll start with simple compositions like a window or small vignette, exploring colour use and creating elements like shadows, pencil and fine pen sketches, and text to add personality and style to your work. All levels welcome.

Members: \$169.99 + HST, Non-Members: \$175 + HST

1A10 Inks, Watercolour & Pastels Come Together

Barry Hodgson, B.A.

Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31 (5 days) 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Starting with ink, pastels and watercolour, we'll systematically explore the wide variety of options that become available when we use more than one medium in a single work. Lessons will begin with still life studies for initial explorations of the media. You'll then be able to branch out into subject choices of your own – landscapes from sketches, abstracts or more still life. Basic drawing experience required. Previous experience in the various media helpful, but not required.

Members: \$169.99 + HST, Non-Members: \$175 + HST

1A11 Beginners' Acrylic Painting

Giulia Morosin, B.F.A.

Tuesday: June 30 – August 18 (8 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Designed for those who have never tried acrylics or have limited painting skills, you'll learn to master this plastic and flexible medium, starting with basic techniques and moving through a series of exercises and projects designed to develop your confidence and talents. Topics include colour mixing, composition, brush handling and more.

Members: \$241.89 + HST, Non-Members: \$249 + HST

Adult Summer Classes

1A12 Discover Acrylics

Irene Keesmaat, B.A., B.Ed., O.C.T.

Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17 (5 days) 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Immerse yourself in a week of exciting and endless possibilities while painting with vibrant acrylics. Perfect for beginners, you'll use photos and other reference materials as a springboard to get paint on the canvas and then learn the process of bringing a painting together. Topics include layering, texture, colour theory and mixing, composition, brush handling, blending and more.

Members: \$169.99 + HST, Non-Members: \$175 + HST

1A13 Acrylic Painting – Beyond the Basics

Giulia Morosin, B.F.A.

Monday, August 17 – Friday, August 21 (5 days) 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Using a limited colour palette to mix and create our own colour wheels, we'll experiment with mediums, brushes and painting knives to develop texture and patterns in our acrylic paintings. Learn the techniques of Impasto painting and layering with acrylic glaze. With a focus on still life set ups, you'll gain an understanding of overlap, perspective and colour balance in a composition – techniques sure to move your painting work forward. Previous experience painting with acrylics is beneficial for this class.

Members: \$169.99 + HST, Non-Members: \$175 + HST

1A14 Paint BIG

Giulia Morosin, B.F.A.

Monday, August 17 – Friday, August 21 (5 days) 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Let go of your creative inhibitions and dive into the world of painting BIG. This course will encourage an exploratory approach with innovative painting and multi-media techniques. We'll examine composition, design, colour and a variety of art genres all with a sense of adventure. Plenty of class demos and group discussions provided along with onsite storage for your big canvases. Get ready to go big and bold. Previous painting experience required.

Members: \$169.99 + HST, Non-Members: \$175 + HST

1A15 Summer Flowers Painting in Acrylic or Oil

Irene Keesmaat, B.A., B.Ed., O.C.T.

Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17 (5 days) 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the vibrant colours of summer as you paint your favourite flowers. We'll examine the approaches historical and contemporary artists have taken to the floral subject, paying attention to composition, depth, colour mixing, contrast and transitions. Working from your own photo references, we'll make use of various paint application techniques and other secrets sure to create brilliant floral images. Some previous experience with oils or acrylics recommended.

Members: \$169.99 + HST, Non-Members: \$175 + HST

1A16 Painting Still Life in Acrylic or Oil (Online)

Guennadi Kalinine, B.A.

Wednesday: July 8 – August 26 (8 weeks) 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Develop your skills to accurately render 3-D objects in paint with an emphasis on contrast, light and shadow and colour. We'll begin with a review of the materials for working in acrylic or oil and examine the foundations of composition. Then it's onto creating still life paintings using reference photos and outlines provided by the instructor. Techniques covered include outlining, underpainting, mixing and blending of colours, and building texture. You'll have plenty of demonstrations along with helpful instruction and critiques. For beginner to intermediate students.

Members: \$222.49 + HST, Non-Members: \$229 + HST

Adult Summer Classes

1A17 Exploring Landscape with the Group of Seven – A Four Day Intensive

Diana Gordon, B.A., M.A.

Monday: June 29 – Friday, July 3 (4 days) 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | **Note: No class on July 1st**

Replicating a work by the Group of 7 is an ideal way to learn landscape composition – simplifying shapes, mixing harmonious colours and creating rhythm through expressive brushwork. For your first study, you'll learn the 4-Stages method: line drawing, creating a tonal map, blocking in colour, then applying brushwork. For a second painting, choose a Group of 7 "plein air" image to experience the excitement of capturing a landscape quickly. Included are short drawing exercises, demonstrations and group discussions to enhance our understanding. Acrylics, oils or watercolours all suitable. For all levels.

Members: \$241.89 + HST, Non-Members: \$249 + HST

1A18 Outside In: From Sketch to Studio Painting – Int/Adv

Barry Hodgson, B.A.

Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31 (5 days) 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

One of the most important elements of landscape or urban painting is the ability to create meaningful, informative sketches and use them to bring the immediacy of field work into the studio. In this course, through demonstrations and plein-air work, you'll learn outdoor sketching techniques in a variety of formats and media. We'll then explore how to analyze and develop a studio piece based on the sketches. A basic sketching kit will be assembled in class on Day 1, but you're encouraged to bring your own materials if you wish. Studio projects may be done in any medium. This is a course for intermediate to advanced artists – previous plein air experience is not required, but you should have developed skills in basic drawing and your choice of media. You'll need to provide your own studio materials on Days 4 and 5.

Members: \$189.99 + HST, Non-Members: \$195 + HST (Prices include \$20 material fee)

1A19 Large Landscapes – Acrylic or Oil

Lee Munn

Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24 (5 days) 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Learn the art of painting landscapes in a LARGER format. We'll begin working on a landscape study project (working from your own photo reference) as we explore composition, perspective, value, colour mixing and paint application. We'll also look at using large brush strokes, the strong exaggeration of colours, shadows and highlights and pinpointing where we want the "eye to catch" in our works. Then, it's onto choosing other photo references with Lee's assistance, painting on a larger canvas and further developing your own style and technique. Lee will work on a large painting in class as a guide and provide individual instruction throughout. Open to all levels – beginner to advanced.

Members: \$169.99 + HST, Non-Members: \$175 + HST



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1A20 **Painting With Masters Tom Thomson & Lawren Harris**

Lee Munn

Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24 (5 days) 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Examine the techniques of two iconic landscape artists and unlock new dimensions in your own painting practice. We'll begin with a guided study of a selected work by Tom Thomson, diving into the elements that made his landscapes so distinctive – composition, perspective, value, colour mixing and paint application. Over the first few days, you'll practice mid to large brush strokes, blending techniques, and the use of colour, shadow and highlights to bring depth and atmosphere to your work. Over the final days, we'll shift our focus to the expressive style of Lawren Harris. Using a photo reference of your choice from his body of work, you'll begin a mid-sized to larger canvas painting, applying your newly acquired skills to develop your own unique style. Instructor Lee will work on two mid-sized to larger paintings alongside the class, offering demonstrations and personalized guidance throughout. Open to all levels – from beginner to advanced.

Members: \$169.99 + HST, Non-Members: \$175 + HST

1A21 ***NEW* Abstract & Surreal Landscapes**

Vitaly Medvedovsky, B.F.A., M.F.A.

Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9 (4 days) 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Move beyond traditional depictions of nature and explore more abstract, expressive approaches to landscape. Through painting, drawing and sketching, you'll discover how colour, shape and composition can capture the spirit and emotion of a place rather than its literal form. We'll experiment with layering, mark-making and dynamic brushwork to translate the emotional and atmospheric qualities of the natural world into an abstract visual language. Participants should have some previous painting experience

Members: \$154.47 + HST, Non-Members: \$159 + HST

1A22 **Abstract Landscape**

Michelle Guitard (Georgian College)

Monday, August 10 – Friday, August 14 (5 days) 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Working in an abstract style can pull us back to a more innocent and simpler way of painting. In this class, we'll take a landscape reference photo and reduce it to basic shapes and forms in order to make sense of the "visual chaos." Using these building blocks, we'll then apply thick layers of paint while considering colour and line.

Members: \$169.99 + HST, Non-Members: \$175 + HST



Adult Summer Classes

1A23 Driven To Abstraction

Linda Blakney, M.B.A., M.A.

Thursday: July 2 – August 6 (6 weeks) 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Discover the expressive and experiential nature of abstract painting, learning to trust your own creative instincts while pushing the limits of your materials. You'll experiment with innovative ways of creating art as you develop your own personal style. We'll cover guidelines for colour use, concept, composition and design, and test out new techniques of brushwork and applying acrylic paint. Ideal for all levels.

Members: \$251.77 + HST, Non-Members: \$259 + HST (Price includes a \$10 material fee)

1A24 Introduction To Graffiti

Chris Perez, B.F.A.

Tuesday: June 30 – July 21 (4 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

This course offers a focused introduction to graffiti as a contemporary art form. Designed for adults of all experience levels, the program explores the fundamentals of graffiti writing, tagging, style development, and spray-painting techniques. Each session includes a balance of theory, technique and guided practice. Ideal for artists, designers, educators or anyone interested in learning the technical and cultural foundations of graffiti.

Members: \$194.47 + HST, Non-Members: \$199 + HST (Price includes a \$40 material fee)

1A25 ***NEW*** Botanical Art: Chasing Shadows Series 1 – A Focus On Shadow and Dark Value

Heather Gross, B.A., M.Ed.

Monday: August 24 – Wednesday: August 26 (3 days) 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

One of the most important elements in capturing realism with plant subjects is the accurate rendering of shadow. Shadow areas help mold the form of a subject and create important contrasts and depth perception. Using watercolours, you'll focus on the best colour choices for shadows and when/how to under-paint and/or over-paint shadows. Participants will be provided with materials information specific to the workshop. Note: not a workshop for beginner level artists. You should be comfortable with drawing from plant specimens. *Participants must already own or purchase a copy of the accompanying e-booklet Chasing Shadows for Watercolour available as an add-on when registering for \$20 + HST.*

Members: \$160.38 + HST, Non-Members: \$165 + HST (Prices include \$3 material fee)

1A26 ***NEW*** Botanical Art: Botanical Palette – Mastering Yellow

Margaret Best, B.Ed. (SBAF)

Many botanical artists avoid depicting yellow subjects. The main challenge of the colour is achieving brilliance and luminosity while retaining delicacy, especially in petals. It's so easy to fall into a muddy and messy trap with the wrong pencil or paints and especially in the techniques used with each. These workshops will focus on the various colour options available in permanent pencils and the various pigments in watercolours. Exercises will involve testing a range of techniques that provide solutions for successful results. The timing of this workshop has been planned to offer an opportunity to create an iconic botanical subject – the sunflower. However, there are also many other flower and fruit options that will provide compelling ways to master the drawing/painting of yellow subjects. Note: not a workshop for beginner level botanical artists. *Participants are strongly advised to have completed previous classes or the study of the e-booklet Botanical Palette - Warm Hues.*

A: Coloured Pencil (Online)

Wednesday: July 8 – Friday: July 10 (3 days) 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Members: \$344.59 + HST, Non-Members: \$355 + HST

B: Watercolour (Online)

Wednesday: July 22 – Friday, July 24 (3 days) 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Members: \$344.59 + HST, Non-Members: \$355 + HST

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1A27 Pottery For All Levels

A: Tuesday: June 30 – September 1 (10 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Marina Van Raay (Sheridan)

B: Wednesday: July 8 – September 9 (10 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m..

C: Thursday: July 2 – September 3 (10 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Zoë Pinnell, B.A.

Our most popular pottery sessions, these classes are designed to accommodate all levels of learners as you hone your skills and transform your ideas into inspired, finished pottery. Students seeking ceramic fundamentals will learn the hand-forming techniques of working with clay, including pinch, coil, slab and the potter's wheel. Also covered are the basics of glazing and surface decoration. More advanced potters will receive feedback and guidance as they set their own goals. For adults and students 16+.

Members: \$356.06 + HST, Non-Members: \$365 + HST (Price includes a \$55 firing & glazing fee). Clay extra.

1A28 Introduction to Digital Photography

Jennifer Finn, B.A.

Tuesday: June 30 – September 1 (10 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

In this beginner level course, you'll develop a solid photography foundation by using your digital camera in class and receiving feedback on your photos. Learn to fully understand shutter-speeds, apertures, ISO, histograms, focusing and the various exposure modes available to create better quality images. We'll also cover how to safely transfer and backup your photos. Bring your camera, or if you are looking to purchase, hold off until after the first class as we'll review various makes and models.

Members: \$326.06 + HST, Non-Members: \$335 + HST (Price includes a media lab fee).

1A29 Digital Photography 2: The Art of Photography

Jennifer Finn, B.A.

Wednesday: July 8 – September 9 (10 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Elevate your photography by developing your creative voice and shooting with intention. In this course, we'll dive into the art of photography with a focus on vision, style and storytelling. You'll learn what makes a photograph truly impactful – and how to train your eye to see and capture compelling images with purpose. Through guided instruction and thoughtfully designed assignments, you'll explore how inspiration fuels creativity, and how composition, light and subject matter work together to tell a visual story. Each exercise is crafted to spark your imagination and build the skills needed to take your photography to the next level. Perfect for next level photographers ready to start creating meaningful, expressive work. Prerequisite: Introduction to Digital Photography or permission from the instructor.

Members: \$326.06 + HST, Non-Members: \$335 + HST (Price includes a media lab fee).

1A30 Glass On Glass For Beginners

John Highley, B.Ed., O.C.T., B.Sc.

A: Thursday: July 2 – July 16 (3 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

B: Thursday: August 6 – August 20 (3 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Discover the calming, meditative art of glass mosaic making in this hands-on class with local artist John Highley. You'll transform tiny, chaotic shards of glass into a stunning, cohesive work of art ready for display. John will guide you through the indirect method of mosaic construction: you'll begin cutting and arranging glass pieces over a design using sticky paper; then, you'll invert and adhere your design to its base, grout it and clean it – revealing a beautiful, finished mosaic. All tools and materials are provided, and you'll be supported step-by-step. Whether you're new to mosaics or looking to expand your artistic practice, this class offers a relaxing and rewarding creative experience.

Member: \$165.61 + HST, Non-Members: \$169 + HST (Prices include \$48 material fee)

Adult Summer Classes

1A31 **Wire Sculpture – Trees On A Rock**

John Novak

Tuesday: July 14 – August 4 (4 weeks) 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Discover the delicate and novel art of sculpting with wire as you create a whimsical tree on a rustic rock base. In this 4-week class, you'll merge your imagination with wire and simple hand tools to form your own original tree sculpture approximately 9" tall. All materials are provided by John, but you will need a pair of needle nose and linesman pliers. No experience required – for all levels.

Members: \$180.14 + HST, Non-Members: \$185 + HST (Price includes a \$15 material fee)

1A32 ***NEW* Stitched Sketchbooks**

Shannon Quigley, M.A.

Thursday: July 9 – July 30 (4 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Explore the art of embroidery, working on fabric pages that come together to make a simple hand-stitched sketchbook. Each week introduces a new technique and prompt – line work using running stitch and backstitch, basic appliqué and blanket stitch to explore shape, experimenting with pattern by stitching over printed or patterned fabrics, and finishing with a freestyle project and time to piece your artwork together into a book. Whether you're new to embroidery or a stitcher who wants to try new things, this course offers a relaxed, inspiring space to play, stitch and make something truly your own.

Members: \$160.44 + HST, Non-Members: \$165 + HST (Price includes a \$5 material fee)

1A33 **Needle Felting**

Ixchel Suárez

Tuesday: June 30 – July 28 (5 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Explore the art of needle felting in this fun five-session summer program. Create beautiful projects inspired by nature scenes, pet portraits, country landscapes, still life and more. Relax, learn and bring soft sculptural images to life using colour and texture. Perfect for beginners – no prior experience is required. All materials are included.

Members: \$194.02 + HST, Non-Members: \$199 + HST (Price includes a \$25 material fee)

1A34 **Tapestry Weaving**

Emma Enright, B. Des.

Wednesday: August 5 – September 2 (5 weeks) 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Tapestry is a specialized form of weaving, focused on imagery and decoration. Come and learn the basics of tapestry in a relaxed and creative setting. Each session covers essential techniques – how to start and finish on a loom, how to warp the loom and how to incorporate threads within the design – along with colour and texture play. With plenty of hands-on guidance from Emma, you'll soon be creating your own original woven piece. All materials provided—perfect for beginners or anyone looking for a summer creative outlet.

Members: \$209.99 + HST, Non-Members: \$215 + HST (Price includes a \$40 material fee)



Registration

Registering for a course at DVSA is easy. To avoid disappointment, we recommend registering early.



Online

www.dvsa.ca



By Phone

Call the school at
905-628-6357 ext. 1
to speak with our team.



In Person

Visit the DVSA front desk at
21 Ogilvie St. in Dundas
(at the corner of Hatt St.).

REGISTER EARLY & WIN!

Sign up before 4:00 p.m. on April 24 and you could win your camp, class or workshop for FREE. Students who register before the deadline will automatically be entered in a draw to win one free class or workshop.


Summer Office & Gallery Hours

Monday & Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	9:00am – 9:30pm

Closed: Saturday & Sunday, Canada Day – July 1, Civic Holiday – Aug 3

Payment

Full payment is required at the time of registration.

DVSA accepts cash, Visa, Mastercard and Interac. 

Students 65 and over receive a 10% discount off tuition for all full term courses (8 weeks or longer). Discounts must be requested when registering and we may ask for verification.

Materials

Materials for all adult classes are to be provided by the student, unless otherwise stated. Course material lists and necessary information will be emailed prior to the first class and/or made available on the DVSA website. Materials for children's classes are included, unless otherwise stated.

Age Requirements

Ages 4-6: Ontario Ministry of Education's Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA) requirements stipulate that we are not licensed to provide art camp programming for children under the age of 4 years. Parents with children in programs for 4-6 year olds may be asked to provide proof of age for their child. Please be prepared to have date of birth documentation ready, if requested. Children determined to be too young to participate will be removed from the program without the benefit of a refund or credit.

Adult classes: are intended for students ages 16+. Students under the age of 16 must receive permission from the Visual Arts Director and course instructor before enrolling.

Parking

There is on-street parking around the school and a municipal lot located on Hatt Street, half a block west of the school. Visit dvsa.ca/contact for more information.

We Want You To ♥ Your Program

If you've chosen a class that isn't the right fit, let us know within the first two classes (ideally, the sooner the better!) and we'll work with you to find an alternate program in the same term. A transfer fee of \$15+HST will apply.

Refunds, Withdrawals & Transfers

We offer full refunds on cancelled classes/camps. Please see the boxes below for further clarification on our refund, withdrawal and transfer policies.

Should you request to withdraw from a class/workshop or camp, please be aware the registration fee, model and/or material fees + HST are non-refundable.

Withdrawal is available at any time for doctor-certified medical reasons and a pro-rated percentage of the tuition will be refunded less applicable fees and taxes.

For Summer Art Camps:

All monetary refunds requested by registrants are subject to a \$25+HST administrative fee. Summer Art Camp requests for transfers (\$15+HST) and/or monetary refunds must be made 2 weeks prior to the start date of the camp program. With refund requests, 50% of camp fees will be refunded (minus \$25+HST admin fee). We are unable to offer monetary refunds after the 2 week notice period.

For Adult Classes:

All monetary refunds requested by registrants are subject to a \$25+HST administrative fee. All requests for course refunds must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the start date of a course. If a request is made after the 2 week notice period, but prior to the start date of the course, a 50% refund for the tuition (minus \$25+HST admin fee) will be refunded. We are unable to offer monetary refunds after the start date of the course unless there is a prolonged absence due to illness.

Please review our full policies, procedures and fine print on our website at dvsa.ca/policies

BECOME A MEMBER



3% DISCOUNT

off course tuition
(cannot be combined with a
Seniors' Discount)

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

for courses, workshops, and
Summer Art Camps

RETAIL DISCOUNT

at select retailers:
Wyndham Art Supplies,
Mixed Media and more

Single

\$40^{+HST}


Purchase your membership online through your ProClass account or by calling us at 905-628-6357 #1

Family*

\$80^{+HST}

Please purchase your membership first if you want to apply it to courses for the term.

*Members must reside at the same address.



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