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Art & Humanities Programs
DAVIS FAMILY YMCA

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MISSION: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

**Adult Drawing:** Beginner’s drawing class. Contour, cross-contour, gesture and value drawings will be explored through still life in graphite and charcoal. Techniques for stronger drawing skills from life and photographs will be demonstrated. Supply list at service desk  Instructor: Michael Vigliotti

**Adult Painting:** Geared toward students who have some previous painting experience. Format is a studio class, students working on their own paintings, at their own speed, with individual instruction as needed. Informal art history and constructive critiques will help further students’ knowledge of art in broader terms. Supply list at service desk.  Instructor: Suzanne Gray

**Anime Club:** (12 & up) Join other Anime lovers, both kids and adults to create and discuss this Japanese animation art form.  Art, cosplay, games, movies, and more. 3rd Saturday of every month, 4-5:30 pm.  Advisor: Jeff Vargo

**Cocoa and Canvas:** (6 & up) Treat yourself and your little artist to a fun-filled evening where you will paint your very own canvas! Our wonderful teacher will give you step by step instructions on how to create your masterpiece! Hot chocolate, paint, canvas, and other tools will be provided. Bring your positive attitude and some clothes you don’t mind getting a little messy!  Single $20/$25, Parent & Child $30/$35, additional child $10.  Instructor: Perry Chickonoski

**Guitar** (Beginning and Intermediate): Unleash your inner musician in this fun, informal class! Students provide their own guitars will learn techniques, chords, and more. Instructor: David Joachim

**Lego Club:** (6-12 yrs.) Your child will develop problem solving and critical thinking skills with various Lego challenges. We’ll have fun building towers, vehicles, bridges, animals and more! Registration required. Runs in 6-week sessions, Wednesday 5-7 pm.

**Pen and Ink:** Combining several different mediums, students will create art using various pens, inks, and paints. Supply list at the service desk. Instructor: Michael Vigliotti

**Pottery** (Youth and Adult): You have permission to play in the mud! Create your own pottery using both hand-built and wheel-thrown techniques. Some clay and glazes provided; others available for purchase. Instructor: Lynn Cardwell

**Plein Air Painting:** Artists meet on location to paint the beauty of our community’s outdoor spaces. Free and open to anyone who wants to join the weekly club.  Advisor: Nancy Hawkins

**Watercolor:** Students will learn (or expand on previous skills) the fundamentals and techniques for creating art using watercolor paints. This class is suitable for beginners and more advanced students. Supply list at service desk. Instructor: Michael Vigliotti

**Youth Art:** Students will be introduced to a variety of art and technique styles, using paints, markers, graphite, collage, and more. Instructor: Brandon Benson

**ART OUTREACH: Art in the community**

The ARTreach program, which is fully funded by the proceeds from the FIVE Squared art show, provides weekly art-in-place programs to under-served children and families in the community.
SUZANNE GRAY—Arts & Humanities Coordinator & Adult Painting Instructor

Suzanne has been teaching art at Davis YMCA since its doors opened in 2003. Her Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening classes are open to adults of all skill levels. Prior art experience is helpful, but not necessary. Students provide their own supplies and progress at their own pace in a supportive, low stress environment.

In addition to teaching, she coordinates three community art shows throughout the year, showcasing local talent while raising money for outreach programs. Outside of the Y, Suzanne works as an art therapist, volunteers for the biennial Global Art Project for Peace, and is on the Canfield Fair’s Fine Arts staff.

REV. DAVID “MR. DAVE” JOACHIM—Guitar Instructor

The very versatile Mr. Dave teaches not only guitar classes, but is also well known in the pool as a life guard and swim instructor. In the art studio every Monday night, he introduces beginners to simple chords and tunes. The advanced class can be heard playing/singing everything from the Beatles to cool jazz and country tunes. Dave often takes that class out and about, both at the Y and in the community. As a retired pastor, Dave continues to do mission work both locally and abroad.

MICHAEL VIGLIOTTI—Watercolor and Drawing Instructor

Michael, who joined the staff in 2017, is a self-taught artist. After serving in the Air Force, graduating YSU, and working in business, he retired to pursue his love of art. He has been teaching watercolor, drawing, and calligraphy in the community for more than ten years. His Friday morning watercolor and drawing classes are a perfect introduction to art, or a way to build on previous skills.

LYNN CARDWELL – Pottery Instructor

Lynn is a full-time studio potter and instructor who has taught at the Y since 2010. Her youth and adult classes give students the opportunity to learn both hand-built and wheel techniques. In addition to being a potter, Lynn is a classical cellist who gives private cello lessons. She and the Classical Strings trio play at many events throughout the community, including all of the Y’s art shows.

KRISTINA RULE—Team Leader & Art Instructor

Kristina joined the art staff in 2015, as the first instructor for the ARTreach program. She is a wife, mother of two, caregiver, artist, participant in the Global Art Project and on the Fine Arts at the Canfield Fair.

BRANDON BENSON—Art Instructor

During his young teen years, Brandon enrolled in the Y’s Home School art classes. Aging out of those, he joined the adult class, making a name for himself with whimsical paintings of llamas. He has used his creative talents in wood burning and balloon art. In 2018, he joined the ARTreach team, and he recently took over as the youth art instructor.

PERRY CHICKONOSKI– Art Instructor

Perry has been a very visible presence at the front desk and membership office since 2014. Because of his strong Christian values and creative talents, he was asked to join ARTreach in 2018. Since that time, he has organized classes at Beatitude House and Daybreak. He also teaches the cocoa and canvas classes.

JEFF VARGO—Anime Club

Jeff, a dad and artist, joined the staff in 2010 after identifying a need to engage teens in creative group activities. Serving as instructor, moderator, and organizer, his once monthly Anime Club encourages teens to dress in costume, role play, let their guard down, discuss relevant teen issues, and form friendships as they engage in the alternative aspects of Japanese animation. The club, which meets the 3rd Saturday of the month from 4:00–5:30 pm, is free and open to the community.
NANCY HAWKINS–Plein Air Painting Club

Nancy, who has a BFA in painting and drawing from Kent State, is a widely recognized local and regional artist who willingly shares her time and talent with others. On most Mondays during the Spring, Summer, and Fall, she arranges opportunities for interested adults to join in painting on location at some of the most beautiful sites in the community. For more information about Plein Air painting, email Nancy at nanquaker@aol.com.

ART SHOWS

Five Squared benefit art show and sale – February 2019

Opening Reception Sunday, February 3, 2019, 1:00-2:30 pm, with sale immediately following. Local, regional and national artists donate 5“X5” pieces of art which are sold for $25. Proceeds fund ARTreach program for under served children.

Centered: slightly off centered
June 2018
(Senior citizen art show)

Featuring art work from residents of area assisted living and specialty care centers.

But I Know What I Like (BIKWIL)

October 2018
(Juried art show)

BIKWIL is open to any adult, amateur or professional within a 40-mile radius. The twist is that it is judged by non-experts, as in “I don’t know much about art, but I know what I like!” Proceeds provide art scholarships for adults with disabilities.

Brad Pipoly
Art Scholarship Recipient 2019

For more information, contact Suzanne Gray at (E) sgray@youngstownymca.org. For information on fees, registration dates, and classes, contact (P) 330 480 5656.