# Spring 2026 Adult & Children's Classes ...
# *Let Your Creativity Shine!*

CANTON MUSEUM OF ART

SCHOOL OF ART

**Get creative and express yourself in a CMA School of Art Class or Workshop. We have something available for all ages and all levels of expertise, from beginner to advanced, including NEW offerings in every area.**

**From exploring Impressionism with Oil Painting, capturing light with Stained Glass ... relaxing with Yoga in the galleries, Ceramics & more — classes are scheduled days and evenings, weekdays and weekends. There's a class to fit every schedule, budget, and interest!**

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## CERAMICS

**LIMITED SPACE!**

**ADVANCED CERAMICS | 6:30 – 8:30 PM**
**10 TUESDAYS, MARCH 24 – MAY 26**
**Instructor: Bill Shearrow**

**ADVANCED CERAMICS | 3:30 – 5:30 PM**
**10 THURSDAYS, MARCH 26 – MAY 28**
Instructor: Sarah DeBaun

Form, surface design, glazing, and firing are explored in greater depth during this class. Designed for advanced students, with a prerequisite of four ceramics classes completed at CMA, or instructor approval. Students who have taken five or more CMA ceramics classes, or individuals deemed to be working at an apprentice level are required to complete their own firing in cooperation with the Canton Ceramic Artists Guild to deepen their understanding of the process. Students registered for Advanced Ceramics are also entitled to utilize open studio hours throughout the 10-week class session.

**Ages 18+, 12 seats available / class**

**Member $218 | $272**

**CLASSIC CERAMICS | 6:30 – 8:30 PM**
**10 WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 25 – MAY 27**
**Instructor: Bill Shearrow**

**CLASSIC CERAMICS | 6:30 – 8:30 PM**
**10 THURSDAYS, MARCH 26 – MAY 28**
**Instructor: Sarah DeBaun**

Discover the ceramic process from start to finish through instructor-led demonstrations, glazing techniques, and constructive feedback. Beginner students learn the basics of hand-building and wheel-work while intermediate students refine their skills. Individual projects include functional pottery and decorative work. Students registered for Classic Ceramics are also entitled to utilize open studio hours throughout the 10-week class session.

**Ages 18+, 12 seats available / class**

**Member $218 | $272**

**CERAMICS INDEPENDENT STUDY**
**OPEN STUDIO DAYS & TIMES VARY**
**10 WEEKS, MARCH 3 – APRIL 9**
**Instructor: Sarah DeBaun**

Advanced ceramics students are eligible for independent study at CMA. This option is available for a limited number of students who have taken at least four ceramics classes at CMA. Tuition fee provides access to the studio during open studio hours, a locker for storage, access to studio tools and equipment, and a professional teaching artist mentor available during set times. Studio hours run concurrently with the Museum's open hours and the seasonal ceramics class schedule. Students with experience outside of CMA are not eligible for registration, as students first need a strong working knowledge of CMA studio safety and procedures.

**Ages 18+, 12 seats available / class**

**Member $105 | $132**

**NEW TRADITIONAL HAND-BUILDING**
**11 AM – 2 PM**
**10 SATURDAYS, MARCH 28 – MAY 30**
**Instructor: Toni Billick**

This class introduces students to ceramic hand-building through coiling and slab techniques. By combining these skills, students will construct forms ranging from boxes to sculpture. They will also explore surface treatments and glazing methods that enhance and complement their work. All materials provided; all skill levels welcome.

**Ages 18+, 5 seats available**

**Member $218 | $272**

**NEW WHEEL THROWING | 1 – 4 PM**
**8 WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 8 – MAY 27**
**Instructor: Echo Iris Davis**

Students will refine their skills in this 8-week intensive, small-group ceramics course. With the support of demonstrations and constructive feedback from the instructor, students will focus on building stronger throwing skills while creating functional ware like cups, bowls and mugs. Students will also focus on surface design and glaze application. This class is a precursor to a more advanced wheel throwing class; pre-existing wheel knowledge is a requirement for registration.

**Ages 18+, 6 seats available**

**Member $175 | $210**

**Additional costs to students for ceramics classes, not included in registration fee, and due first day of class:**

- All CMA ceramics students must purchase and use approved clay from CMA. 25 lbs of clay may be purchased on the first day of class @ $54 during check-in at the front desk. An additional 25 lbs of clay may be purchased thereafter, with a limit of 50 lbs of clay per session to limit over-production.

- CMA students are welcome to use their own clay tools; however, clay tool kits may be purchased on the first day of class and as needed @ $15.

## *CMA CERAMICS COURSES ...*

- *CMA offers the largest selection of ceramics classes in the area for all levels of expertise.*
- *Our 10-week classes fill quickly, and classes are eblasted FIRST for registration.*
- *For details and availability, contact Education Director Amanda Crowe – amanda@cantonart.org*

## DRAWING & PASTEL

**NEW FOUNDATIONS OF DRAWING FOR TEEN ARTISTS | 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**
**4 TUESDAYS, MARCH 17 – APRIL 7**
**Instructor: Catherine Taylor**

This class provides a foundational approach to art, utilizing still life and portrait drawing, and basic perspective to hone your observational skills and expressive linework. Students will experiment with various mark-making tools and drawing materials to discover their unique drawing style. The course also explores shape, positive/negative space, and value, with an emphasis on learning shading techniques and understanding the importance of arranging objects within a meaningful composition. Registration includes artist quality drawing tools and sketchbooks.

**Ages 15+, 8 seats available**

**Member $108 | $130**

**DRAWING WITH COLOR: PASTEL SERIES | 12:30 – 3 PM | 8 THURSDAYS, MARCH 19 – APRIL 23**
**Instructor: Lynda Rimke**

Looking to capture color in the moment without the mess of paints? Learn to transform dry pastel pigments into vibrant, dynamic compositions using the right values, shapes and colors to evoke a spectrum of light, shadow and emotion. Intermediate to advanced drawing skills are required for this series. High quality art materials are provided for each student, including a 96-count pastel set, drawing papers and drawing pencils.

**Ages 16+, 10 seats available**

**Member $229 | $275**

**ESSENTIALS OF DRAWING | 3 – 5:30 PM**
**8 THURSDAYS, MARCH 19 – APRIL 23**
**Instructor: Lynda Rimke**

This course for all skill levels covers drawing fundamentals, emphasizing its role as the foundation of all visual art. Ideal for students with drawing experience, Lynda teaches observational techniques to enhance creative self-expression. You keep your supplies after the class, including drawing pencils and specialty drawing papers. All skill levels welcome.

**Ages 16+, 10 seats available**

**Member $130 | $156**

## PAINTING

**NEW CLASSICAL OIL PAINTING: HEALING WATER & SKYCAPES 12:30 – 2:30 PM**
**6 WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 18 – APRIL 22**
**Instructor: Lin Luciano Fiore**

This all-levels oil painting course invites both beginners and experienced artists to develop

their skills while exploring the healing power of sea and sky. Focus on capturing the mesmerizing way the sky's colors reflect onto the water, tuning into the rhythmic sounds of crashing waves, and breathing in the ocean breezes. This ocean and sky painting series is designed to be a soothing, healing experience as you learn effective painting techniques. First-time students receive a water-soluble oil paint kit, brushes, and canvas. Returning students receive two new paint colors and canvas. This class is suitable for beginner, intermediate, and advanced students. All skill levels welcome.

**Ages 18+, 10 seats available**

**Member $175 | $210**

**NEW WATERCOLOR INSPIRATION | 2 – 4 PM**
**6 SUNDAYS, MARCH 22 – APRIL 26**
**Instructor: Lynda Rimke**

This beginner-friendly watercolor class offers a creative journey into the world of watercolors, focusing on essential techniques through playful experimentation mimicking the styles of watercolor artists in CMA's Collection while encouraging individual artistic expression. Students will develop fundamental watercolor skills. All skill levels welcome.

**Ages 16+, 10 seats available**

**Member $130 | $156**

**NEW LAYERED LIGHT: WATERCOLOR INTENSIVE | 2 – 4 PM | 6 TUESDAYS, MARCH 24 – APRIL 28**
**Instructor: Sally Lu McAfee**

This 6-week course focuses on transparent layering, intentional color mixing, and building depth through value and temperature shifts. Students complete one finished painting per class while developing a deeper understanding of light, contrast, and color interaction. This course is structured to build skills progressively. Each week expands on the previous, encouraging students to gain confidence in watercolor. Some drawing familiarity helpful, but not required. Materials provided. All skill levels welcome.

**Ages 16+, 8 seats available**

**Member $145 | $174**

## FIBER & FUNCTIONAL CRAFT

**NEW FLOWER GATHERING BASKET**
**6 – 8 PM | TUESDAY, MARCH 10**
**Instructor: Melinda Carmichael**

Learn foundational basket-weaving techniques while creating an heirloom-worthy piece. This traditional basket is designed to gather fresh cut herbs, flowers, and harvest veggies. Melinda will teach you the art form of basket weaving, sending you home with a handmade treasure.

**Ages 16+, 10 seats available • Member $40 | $48**

**NEW THE ART OF COMFORT-MAKING: A FAMILY-FRIENDLY WORKSHOP**
**5 – 7 PM | THURSDAY, APRIL 2**
**Instructor: Catherine Taylor**

Discover the power of art to connect and comfort. Students will create uniquely tied and knotted fleece blankets, blending personal expression with community service. Students will create one blanket to donate to a local homeless shelter and one to keep, offering a message of warmth and hope to those in need. All skill levels welcome.

**Ages 16+, 8 seats available •Member $30 | $36**

**NEW NESTLED IN SPRING: A NATURE-INSPIRED WREATH WORKSHOP**
**6 – 8 PM | TUESDAY, APRIL 7**
**Instructor: Melinda Carmichael**

Welcome spring with a wreath inspired by nature's beauty. Design with natural, reclaimed elements including moss, twigs, durable lifelike florals, and rustic woodland accents that are fastened onto a grapevine base. A tiny nest and a pair of songbirds bring charm to this timeless sign of spring ... and bring joy to your front door. All skill levels welcome.

**Ages 16+, 10 seats available • Member $35 | $42**

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## GLASS & JEWELRY ARTS

**CLASSIC GLASS FUSING | 6 – 8 PM**
**6 TUESDAYS, MARCH 17 – APRIL 21**

**Instructor: Amy Pepperney**

Learn the fundamentals of glass fusing. Cut, design and fuse glass in a kiln using an original design or ideas supplied by the instructor. Glass plates, bowls and jewelry are discussed. All skill levels welcome.

**Ages 16+, 12 seats available**

**Member $225 | $270**

**NEW LAYERED BROOCH OR PENDANT DESIGN**
**6 – 8 PM | 6 WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 18 – APRIL 22**

**Instructor: Alexander Draven**

This course focuses on several key jewelry-making techniques including hot/cold connections and using a jeweler's saw to create custom shapes and layer abstract pieces. Artist Alexander Draven will walk you through your custom design, or choose from an array of patterns to mix and match. All skill levels welcome.

**Ages 18+, 12 seats available**

**Member $135 | $162**

**NEW PET PORTRAIT IN FUSED GLASS**
**1:30 – 4:30 PM | SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

**Instructor: Amy Pepperney**

Explore a range of glass fusing techniques and create a glass portrait of your pet. Students are required to email a photograph of their pet to the instructor prior to the workshop, allowing the instructor to purchase the necessary glass colors and resize the photo to fit the glass canvas. This workshop welcomes all skill levels and animal lovers. Finished pieces require kiln firing and are available for pickup within 1–2 weeks.

**Ages 16+, 6 seats available | Member $54 | $65**

**NEW FUSED GLASS FOR THE GARDEN**
**1:30 – 4:30 PM | SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

**Instructor: Amy Pepperney**

Add spark to your garden and capture the sunlight. Students learn various cutting techniques or work with precut glass to design and complete a luminous piece ready to transform any outdoor space. Once kiln fired, this glass art is ready to hang and can withstand all weather conditions. Finished pieces are available for pickup within 1–2 weeks. All skill levels welcome.

**Ages 16+, 10 seats available • Member $28 | $34**

**NEW STAINED GLASS TULIPS**
**1:30 – 4:30 PM | SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

**Instructor: Laurie Turner**

Learn the basics of stained glass using copper foil, assembly, and soldering techniques to create a symbol of spring that requires no caretaking. Let go of stress and smell the flowers, as Laurie guides you through this intricate art form of merging colored glass with light. All skill levels welcome.

**Ages 16+, 6 seats available • Member $60 | $72**

**NEW INTRODUCTION TO GLASS FUSION**
**5 – 7:30 PM | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

**Instructor: Amy Pepperney**

New to fused glass? Learn the basics of glass fusing and create a unique work of art to display in a window or on a shelf. This class is appropriate for all skill levels, including beginners. Students will learn how to design, cut and break glass, including techniques that do not require any glass cutting. Finished pieces are kiln fired and available for pick-up within 1-2 weeks. Materials provided.

**Ages 16+, 12 seats available • Member $44 | $53**

## PHOTOGRAPHY

**DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY | 6 – 7 PM**
**6 THURSDAYS, MARCH 19 – APRIL 23**

**Instructor: Mal McCrea**

Move beyond auto mode and take well-composed images that reflect your personal vision. Topics include camera operation, shutter speed, aperture, ISO, white balance, lighting and composition. ** Bring a digital camera with a manual mode and a card reader. ** All skill levels welcome.

**Ages 16+, 10 seats available**

**Member $116 | $145**

## CREATIVE RESILIENCE

**YOGA AT THE MUSEUM WITH THE YOGA PLACE | 6 – 7 PM | TUESDAYS: MARCH 17, APRIL 28, MAY 12**

**Instructor: Michael Curtis, E-RYT-500**

Find your flow surrounded by art. Yoga in Museum spaces is led by Michael Curtis, owner of The Yoga Place and Yoga Central Ohio. Instruction includes basic yoga poses that emphasize the synergy between one's personal energy space and the space of art and ideas. All experience levels welcome.

**Ages 16+, 10 seats available**

**Member $10 | $12 • Bring Your Own Yoga Mat**

**NEW GALLERY GROOVES: FREE THURSDAY – MUSIC, POETRY & ART-MAKING | 5 – 7 PM | THURSDAYS, MARCH 19, APRIL 16, MAY 21**

Join us for "Acoustic Reflections: Gallery Grooves," a FREE series that immersea your in an evening of live acoustic guitar performances, with music reflecting the themes and moods of art on exhibit, and open Ekphrastic Poetry readings among the artwork. Step into our Courtyard for a hands-on, art-making activity. *If you wish to participate in open mic poetry reading or bring your acoustic guitar for a mini jam, register in advance as space is limited.*

**Inspiration for All Ages! FREE!**

**NEW LIVING SPRING: A WOODLAND POT ET FLEUR CENTERPIECE & PLANTER WORKSHOP**
**6 – 7 PM | TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

**Instructor: Melinda Carmichael**

Create a stunning nature-inspired centerpiece that blends thriving plants with fresh cut flowers. You

**NOTE: Class costs include all supplies unless otherwise noted.**

will use branches, moss, rocks, and floral oasis to design a living arrangement that remains vibrant: when the flowers wilt – simply replace them with new ones to keep your centerpiece fresh. Materials provided. All skill levels welcome.

**Ages 16+, 10 seats • Member $27 | $32**

### NEW RADIANT WINGS: BUTTERFLY GARDEN ART | 6 – 8 PM | TUESDAY, APRIL 21

**Instructor: Melinda Carmichael**

Create a magical accent for your outdoor space with a whimsical butterfly sculpture! Students learn to bend wire and string vibrant, translucent glass beads to craft a unique garden decoration. Anchored to a natural rock, your butterfly will shimmer as sunlight passes through the beads, enchanting anywhere in your garden.

**Ages 16+, 8 seats • Member $35 | $42**

### NEW VISUAL JOURNALING | 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM SATURDAY, MAY 2

**Instructor: Angeletta Stroup**

Relax while combining expressive words and art to record emotions, insights, and important events in a personal journal ... a treasured record of one's life journey. Journals and mixed media art materials will be provided, as well as guided imagery to awaken memories and generate ideas. No drawing or painting experience required.

**Ages 16+, 8 seats • Member $24 | $29**

### NEW STACKED BY NATURE: LIVING SUCCULENT ART | 6 – 8 PM | TUESDAY, MAY 19

**Instructor: Melinda Carmichael**

Inspired by natural crevice gardens, you will construct a rock tower that narrows gracefully toward the top, tuck in live rosette and trailing succulents, add moss for softness, and finish with small stones for natural detail. The result: a unique living work of art that is low-maintenance and will continue to grow and thrive throughout the season.

**Ages 16+, 10 seats • Member $32 | $38**

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

### NEW SONGBIRD HELPERS: WILLOW & WOOL NESTING HANGERS | 11 AM – 1 PM SATURDAY, MARCH 21

**Instructor: Melinda Carmichael**

Children create an oval hanging structure using willow branches, then fill it with soft, colorful wool fibers. As they craft, they learn how birds design their nests and discover how hanging this piece in their backyard provides songbirds with safe, natural nesting materials. Children will enjoy creating art that benefits wildlife and will be delighted to watch birds collect nesting fibers from their art! Materials provided.

**Ages 10 – 12+, 10 seats • Member $24 | $29**

## CMA OPEN STUDIO ART!

**1 – 3 PM | TUESDAYS: APRIL 28, MAY 5, MAY 12**

**Cultivate your inner artist in our supportive Open Studio. Designed for all levels, beginners to advanced, providing a relaxed space to explore new techniques, try out art supplies, and explore creativity. Work at your own pace with guidance from one of CMA's teaching artists when needed. Bring your own materials and ideas, or utilize our artist's materials, included with the Studio fee. Ages 10+; 20 seats per session.**

*** Adult must accompany students 10 - 15 • Member $12 | $14**

### MY FIRST ART CLASS | 10:30 – 11:30 AM 6 SATURDAYS, MARCH 28 – MAY 2

**Instructor: Lindsey Wenck**

Designed for adults and their young artists to experience together! Children will explore drawing, painting, and sculpting, building confidence in the process of experimenting with art materials and ideas. This is an excellent opportunity for children to enhance their fine motor skills and expand their art vocabulary, while also gaining an appreciation for the significance of art. Materials provided.

**Ages 4 – 6 with adult, 10 seats • Member $60 | $72**

### NEW PICTURE BOOKS & ART | 12 – 1 PM 6 SATURDAYS, MARCH 28 – MAY 2

**Instructor: Lindsey Wenck**

This series combines the best picture book artists, storytelling in the Museum's galleries, and art-making into one, fun adventure. Learn about color mixing, shape-changing, and a range of emotions…and don't forget to bring your favorite stuffy friend to accompany you on your adventure! Materials provided.

**Ages 3 – 5, 10 seats • Member $16 | $19**

### MIXED MEDIA ADVENTURES | 1:30 – 2:30 PM 6 SATURDAYS, MARCH 28 – MAY 2

**Instructor: Lindsey Wenck**

Transform everyday flat materials like paper, glue, string, and tape into remarkable works of art! This class teaches techniques for creating exciting 2D pictures and designs from basic items. Master this fundamental "superpower" of 2D creation, and students will establish a strong foundation for moving on to 3D sculpture later. Materials provided.

**Ages 6 – 10, 10 seats • Member $70 | $84**

### 3-D ART EXPLORATION | 3 – 4 PM 6 SATURDAYS, MARCH 28 – MAY 2

**Instructor: Lindsey Wenck**

In this exciting sculpture class, students will transform ordinary materials into extraordinary art! Students will explore various construction techniques, working independently and with the group on building projects. They will develop creative problem-solving skills as they learn to assemble and reimagine found objects in unexpected and amazing ways. Materials provided.

**Ages 6 – 10, 10 seats • Member $70 | $84**

### NEW JOURNEY STICKS: DIY HIKING COMPANION 11 AM – 1 PM | SATURDAY, APRIL 11

**Instructor: Lindsey Wenck**

A nature-inspired projct, students learn beginner-friendly fiber-art knots to weave a sturdy hand grip near the top of a walking stick — then paint their stick with colors and designs that reflect their personality. Used by explorers and storytellers, the journey stick blends art, craftsmanship, and outdoor inspiration, giving each student a functional work of art for future adventures. Materials provided.

**Ages 8 – 12+, 10 seats • Member $19 | $24**

### CREATIVE CLAY | 1:30 – 3:30 PM 4 SUNDAYS, APRIL 12, 19, 26 & MAY 3

**Instructor: Haylee Wagner**

Students will develop ingenuity and persistence through playing with clay, learning it's okay when things get messy! They will explore techniques such as squishing clay, forming pinch pots, building with coils, and rolling out flat slabs — encouraging imagination and confidence. Materials provided.

**Ages 6 – 10 with adult, 10 seats • Member $75 | $90**

### TODDLER-TO-PRESCHOOL ART SERIES 11 AM – 12 PM | 3 TUESDAYS, APRIL 28, MAY 5 & MAY 12

**Instructor: Haylee Wagner**

Perfect for you and your little ones, children will explore colors, textures, light, and sound to expand their senses, all with playful fun. It's also a great chance for you and your young artist to socialize and work through emotions. Strollers, carriers, and diaper bags are welcome. Dress for paint splatters! Materials provided. **Ages 12 months – 4 with adult, 8 seats • Member $43 | $52**

### NEW RECLAIMED ART WORKSHOP 1:30 – 3:30 PM | SUNDAY, MAY 17

**Instructor: Haylee Wagner**

This workshop is designed to help students learn ingenuity and perseverance by creating art from reclaimed or upcycled materials—even when things seem broken or non-useful. Students will learn fundamental techniques for transforming everyday items into unique pieces of art. Materials provided.

**Ages 6 – 10, 10 seats • Member $20 | $25**

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