

# Creativity at Work



## ACTIVITIES

### Collaborative Workshop with a Group Project:

- **Exquisite Corpse:** Get introduced to the popular Surrealistic exercise "The Exquisite Corpse" to conjure up fantastical ideas for 3-dimensional sculptures in clay. Participants learn several different techniques of handbuilding with clay, and then break into groups to create pieces of a sculptural figure that will later be combined as a large group.
- **Group Weaving:** Learn some basics about frame weaving and create a large weaving as a group. Participants can work together to create a colorful composition and incorporate a variety of yarns and fabrics to complete their vision.
- **Mixed-Media Mosaic:** Create a large mosaic as a group. Working with tile and found objects, participants will decide upon a final composition and work together to complete the final design. You'll learn the basics of this technique including adhering tile, grouting and finishing.
- **Painted Panel Murals:** Learn some basics of drawing, painting and color mixing to create a large collaborative piece. Each participant will work to create a piece of a large composition. The final payments will come together in a beautiful gridded form to reveal a finished painting.
- **Artful Photobooth:** Play with the idea of a photo booth and learn some basics of digital photography in the process! We'll set up a photobooth and participants will create fun props and signs with cardboard, paint and paper. Then, we'll work together to shoot beautiful photographs of individuals and groups!
- **Cyanotype Portrait:** Create a unique portrait of your group and explore the cyanotype process. We'll coat, dry and expose a large fabric sheet that will serve as the canvas for your portrait. Together, you'll decide on composition and arrange yourselves and objects on this sheet and the expose this outside and develop the final image. This workshop is weather dependent.
- **Designing and Printing T-Shirts:** Create a design as a group for a group t-shirt using cut-outs and hand-drawn imagery. Then learn the basics of screen printing and create at-shirt for each member of your team!

### Group Workshops with Individual Projects:

- **Wheel Throwing Basics:** Explore the wonders of throwing clay on a wheel. Get messy as you try your hand working in ceramics. Learn the fundamentals of wheel throwing and experience using the potter's wheel to spin up your own creations.

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- **Hand Built Vessels:** Learn basics of working with clay off the wheel. We'll explore techniques to build with slab and coil to create small personalized vessels.
- **Metalworking Sampler:** Learn a sampling of metal techniques like stamping, hammering, sawing and soldering to create your own finished jewelry or vessels in copper and brass.
- **Letterpress Posters + Cards:** Try your hand at printing hand-set type in our letterpress studio. You'll learn basic techniques for setting up wood and lead type, inking and printing to create your own posters or cards.
- **Screen Printing Basics:** Create your own screen prints and learn the basics of this exciting medium. You'll learn basics of this technique including exposing screens, inking, and printing. Together we'll create a set of prints on paper and fabric!
- **Darkroom Experiments:** Discover ways to create photographs without a camera. We'll create photograms and cyanotypes, processes in which students can arrange objects onto coated paper, expose it and develop it in our darkroom. You'll walk away with a set of unique one-of-a kind photographs.
- **Experimental Drawing:** Open your group up to new possibilities of drawing. We'll explore mark-making with ink and nontraditional tools to find new ways to create texture, line and value. Plan to loosen up and create beautiful abstracted drawings.
- **Sew Your Own Tote Bag:** Learn some sewing basics and create your own tote bag! We'll cover basic construction techniques, how to use a sewing machine and finishing so that every participant can create their own tote bag. If time allows, we'll decorate the finished product as well!
- **Fabric Block Printing:** Explore fun ways to create pattern on fabric using hand-carved stamps. Learn some basics about stamp carving, inking and composition and create a set of printed fabrics.
- **Shibori Dyeing:** Learn to dye fabric using the ancient Japanese tradition of shibori, otherwise known as tie-dye. You'll use fiber reactive dyes to add color to fabric scarves and a discharge chemical to take color out of previously dyed fabric.
- **Basic Bookmaking:** Create your own hand-bound books or journals. We'll cover basic construction and binding techniques and explore ways to create beautiful covers through collage, painting and stamping.
- **Stained Glass Suncatchers:** Try your hand at stained glass and create your own small finished piece - perfect for suncatchers! We'll cover the process from start to finish:

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cutting, grinding, soldering and foiling so that each participant can complete a finished piece.