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ARTS & HUMANITIES PROGRAMS Davis Family YMCA

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Putting Christian principles into practice through programs
that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

ADULT PAINTING • Geared toward students who have some previous painting experience. Format is a studio class where students work 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 available at Service Desk.

INSTRUCTOR: Suzanne Gray

ANIME • Geared toward students 9 and up, classes explore drawing techniques, layout, scripting and story. Class will also cover anime origins, styles, and impact. Students are encouraged to bring their own ideas to class, as well as tablets, if they prefer to draw electronically.

INSTRUCTOR: Nick Galipo

COLORED PENCIL DRAWING (ADULT) • Working with colored pencil, this course explores basic color theory, technique, composition and illustration. Experienced artists and beginners alike will be challenged and inspired. INSTRUCTOR: Nick Galipo

COMIC BOOK ART (YOUTH & ADULT) • Use your imagination to create your own characters and story and bring your original comic book or graphic novel to life! Students learn scripting, layout, penciling and inking skills used by professional comic book artists. INSTRUCTOR: Nick Galipo

LEGO CLUB • Ages 4-12. 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!

PEN AND INK DRAWING (ADULT) • This course takes you through the basics of pen and ink techniques, illustration, composition and finishing. A perfect course for beginners that experienced artists will also enjoy. INSTRUCTOR: Nick Galipo

POTTERY (ADULT) • Come 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: Weslie Broderick

SPANISH LANGUAGE • Students will learn basic words and phrases from a longtime Spanish teacher. INSTRUCTOR: Ellen Sandel

WATERCOLOR • Students will learn or expand on the fundamentals and techniques of creating art using watercolor paints. This class is suitable for both beginners and more advanced students. Supply list available at Service Desk. INSTRUCTOR: Tami Johnson

YOUTH ART • Students will be introduced to a variety of art and technique styles, using paints, markers, graphite, collage, and more. INSTRUCTOR: Brandon Benson.

SPECIALTY WORKSHOPS • Various art workshops and special events are held throughout the year. Visit [our website](http://www.ymcayo.org/arts-humanities) at www.ymcayo.org/arts-humanities for more information.

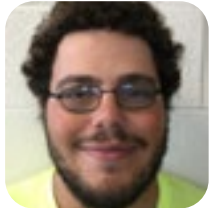
PLEIN AIR PAINTING • Artists meet on location to paint the beauty of our community's outdoor spaces. Free and open to anyone who wants to join this weekly club. ADVISOR: Nancy Hawkins.

INSTRUCTORS



SUZANNE GRAY • Arts & Humanities Coordinator, Adult Painting Instructor

Suzanne has been teaching art at the Davis Family YMCA since its doors opened in 2003. 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, and is on the Canfield Fair's fine arts staff.



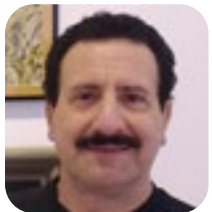
BRANDON BENSON • Youth Art Instructor

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 also used his creative talents in wood burning and balloon art. In 2018, he joined the ARTreach team, and has taken the helm for our youth art classes.



WESLIE BRODERICK • Pottery and Ceramics Instructor

Joining us in 2024, Weslie is passionate about both people and pottery, believing that we were all created to create. Weslie graduated from the University of Toledo and continued her ceramic arts studies at YSU, receiving her post-baccalaureate certificate. Weslie is excited to be a part of the YMCA community.



NICHOLAS GALIPO • Drawing, Comic Art and Anime Instructor

Nicholas Galipo is a well-known, award-winning local artist and instructor, who joined the YMCA Arts & Humanities staff in 2024. He teaches pen-and-ink drawing, colored pencil, mixed media, comic book art, and anime. Nick also teaches at the Butler Institute and has done an extensive amount of freelance custom art for an impressive array of clients.



TAMI JOHNSON • Watercolor Instructor

Tami joined our Art & Humanities team in 2023 after retiring from her long-time position as art teacher for Poland Local Schools. She brings a plethora of experience in many different mediums and styles.



ELLEN SANDEL • Spanish Language Instructor

After years of teaching Italian and Spanish at Cardinal Mooney High School, Ellen joined the Arts & Humanities staff in 2022. With the addition of Spanish Language, the YMCA continues to round out their humanities program.



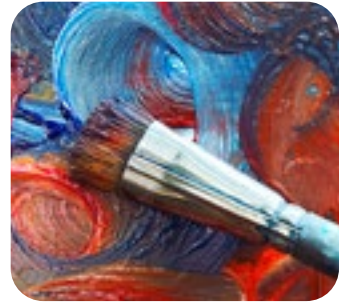
NANCY HAWKINS • Plein Air Painting Club

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 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

But I Know What I Like (BIKWIL) • Fall 2024

BIKWIL is open to any adult amateur or professional artist within a 40-mile radius. The twist? It's 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.



FS/PS: Postscript • February 2025

A new hybrid art show combining the best of BIKWIL and Five Squared! The FS part is open to anyone/any age/anywhere; the PS part is a juried art show open to adults in the tri-county area. All proceeds from this event will benefit the YMCA ARTreach program.

PRESCHOOL SELF PORTRAIT SHOW • Spring 2025



Each winter, the YMCA showcases self portraits made by the preschool students.

THE CAT'S MEOW PURPLE CAT ART SHOW & SALE • Summer 2025

Featuring artwork and music by clients of The Purple Cat.



For more information
about classes, fees, & registration,
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