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Color Our World

2025: Summer Programs Proposal





Hi, I'm Jenny!

Perhaps my greatest gift is in bringing out the gifts in others, and I've spent my lifetime honing in on the art of teaching art. Since receiving my Art Education and Special Education degrees in 2013, I have worked with two populations- adults and underprivileged teens; both of whom face similar challenges: tremendous anxiety, perfectionism, self-doubt, and resistance. These experiences have shaped me as an art coach. I specialize in designing workshops for those who would normally shy away from taking an art class.

My creative empowerment workshops and arts classes are on wheels, and I've had the opportunity to teach in many settings and esteemed institutions across New England. Museums, art supply stores, and libraries offer many classes, but few are tailored to the needs of those who "can't draw a stick figure". These safe, welcoming spaces have an air of encouragement, step-by-step guides, and one-on-one coaching all within a group setting.

It has been a privilege to witness beautiful creations unfold as individuals move beyond their limiting beliefs. We learn together there is no such thing as a "non-artist", only artists that have something in their way. I'd love to partner with your community to break down barriers and heal these creative wounds, fostering an environment where creative expression triumphs over competition. I believe that in today's world, nothing is more important than compassion and innovative thinking, and the arts hold the key to driving meaningful change for both current and future generations.



Color Our World: Programs for Children

Activity	Cost (all supplies included)
<p>Model Magic Moments: A Sensory Art Adventure (K-3) Join us for a fun and engaging sensory experience designed for little hands and big imaginations! In this playful workshop, children will color Model Magic clay using Crayola markers, knead it to blend vibrant colors, and craft their very own snail and rose creations.</p> <p>These delightful projects will harden within 24 hours, becoming cherished keepsakes to enjoy and display. Perfect for young artists, this class fosters creativity, fine motor skills, and the joy of making something special. Let's play and create together!</p>	<p>\$400 up to 12 families</p>
<p>Under-the-Sea Rainbow Collage (K-3) Let's create a vibrant collage using tissue paper and ocean-themed templates! Children can choose from fish, seahorse, or dolphin designs as the base for their artwork. They'll tear or cut colorful tissue paper into small pieces and glue them onto their chosen template, arranging the colors in a rainbow pattern or any design they like. This hands-on activity fosters fine motor skills, color recognition, and creative expression while introducing kids to sea life. The finished pieces are a lively celebration of underwater magic and make for a beautiful home display.</p>	<p>\$300 up to 12 families</p>
<p>Art for the Budding Naturalist: Mixed-Media Monarch Painting (ages 6-10) This engaging art activity invites children aged 6-10 to explore the fascinating world of monarch butterflies through creative expression. We'll use acrylic paints in vibrant orange and white on striking black paper to paint monarch butterflies, learning about their unique life cycle and metamorphosis along the way. The workshop will incorporate educational elements about the importance of monarchs and their role in pollination, while children create their own color pencil garden to create a setting for their painted Monarchs. This hands-on activity fosters creativity, environmental awareness, and an appreciation for one of nature's most iconic species.</p>	<p>\$350 up to 12 families</p>

*Programs can be one-off classes or a series.


Color Our World: Programs for Adults/Seniors


Activity	Cost (all materials are provided)
<p>Stamping 101 Unleash your creativity in this beginner-friendly workshop designed to inspire! Participants will explore the basics of designing and using rubber stamps to create repeated patterns and enhance their art projects, journals, gifts, and more. This playful, hands-on class starts with an introduction to essential art terms and an overview of creative possibilities using stamping techniques. Guided, step-by-step instruction will help participants pair and layer images to craft unique designs. Attendees will experiment with a variety of ink types and stamping methods, culminating in a finished piece of art and a handmade bookmark to take home. With all materials provided, this workshop is an accessible and engaging experience, perfect for artists and crafters of all skill levels</p>	<p>\$300 for up to 12 people</p>
<p>Watercolor Pencil 101 Watercolor pencil provides participants with the color of dry media, but the beauty and delicacy of watercolor. We will learn look to the masters for inspiration- participants will pick a famous work from the Impressionists to sketch and paint. Participants will learn observational drawing skills, techniques using brushes and q-tips, and using the supplies the pros use- Derwent Inktense watercolor pencils.</p>	<p>\$400 up to 16 people</p>
<p>Feather Drawing: A Sketching Class for the “Non-Artist” Designed specifically for those who don’t consider themselves artists, this class will equip you with foundational observational drawing skills and leave you with a stunning, realistic feather drawing you’ll be proud to showcase. Using Prismacolor pencils, you’ll learn techniques to bring depth and detail to your work in a supportive and encouraging environment. With art coach, Jenny Santa Maria, guiding you every step of the way, you’ll discover that creativity is within reach—even if you’ve never taken an art class before. If you’ve ever hesitated to try your hand at drawing, this is the perfect class to begin your artistic journey!</p>	<p>\$350 for up to 18 people</p>


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All lessons are thoughtfully designed to meet the unique needs of your community and can be adapted for individuals with special needs. If you're interested in booking a workshop or series for the summer, I accept bookings from January through April and would love to discuss how we can bring an inspiring experience to your community.



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