

# Youth Workshops [clay] [photography] [mixed media]

**Mixed Media Mondays** Teaching Artist: Tami Gagné

*Mondays: 5:30-7:00 April 6th - May 25th \$35 members / \$39 non-members*

Students get to explore these hands-on mixed media projects in 2 week workshops. Pick one or all!

**Little Village Jars\*** - April 6 & 13th Ages 10+ Create a small village out of clay where each house is a jar that will hold whatever you like! Textures, forming, hand building, wheel throwing and glazing will be explored. (\*Starts at 5:45 - 7:15 Cost: \$40 / \$46)

**T-Shirt Redux** - April 20 & 27th - Ages 9+ Create a stencil of your own original design or slogan and learn how to print it on a shirt, hoodie or bag using fabric inks. Bring your own (new or used) pre-washed clothing items to print on.

**Recycled Paper Lanterns** - May 4 & 11th - Ages 11+ Learn how to recycle paper and make it into new works of art! Students will sculpt recycled paper pulp to create paper luminaries and lanterns. Other sculptural forms may also be explored.

**Felt Foods** - May 18 & 25th - Ages 9 + Create and stuff functional or decorative fruits, veggies, or your favorite food out of felt! Anything from a fried egg to an eggplant! Learn some sewing techniques in the process.

**Spring Chickens** Teaching Artist: Heather Hug

*Chicken lovers ages 9 to 19, Sunday, April 19th 2-4PM \$37 members / \$41 non-members*

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Why did it cross the road? We will ponder the mysteries of these birds as we hand build them in clay. Why? Because they look funny and we love them. Our sculptures will be three dimensional and look somewhat like chickens, but they won't taste like chicken.

**Sweet Lil' Bud Vases** Teaching Artist: Heather Hug

*Ages 7 and up, Sunday, April 26th 2-4PM \$37 members / \$41 non-members*

Students will make a series of mini bud vases on the pottery wheel. Vases will hold just one pretty lil' bud, and will be painted on the wheel with brightly colored underglazes. Each student will make 5 to 10 vases--great gifts for Mother's Day!

**Spring Flowerpot Fundraiser** Teaching Artists: John Harmon & Heather Hug

*All ages welcome. Saturday, April 18, 1 - 3pm \$20 per pot, \$30 for two*

Decorate a flowerpot to celebrate spring - or as a gift for Mother's Day! Straightforward, fun techniques and bright, low-fire colors make for a fun occasion. This is a fundraiser to benefit the Mud Room/ceramic studio. Refreshments will be served. Please call ahead to reserve a spot.

**Au Naturel Soap Making Workshop** Teaching Artist: Rachel Lechocki *Saturday, May 9 Ages 7-12, 2-4pm \$22 members / \$25 non*

We will make a variety of delicious smelling and soothing soaps. We will even add pieces of dried flowers, luxurious oils and salts to our soaps. They make great gifts as well.

**Pin Hole Camera Photography** Teaching Artist: Pat Zmuda

*10 years and up, adults welcome Saturdays, May 16 & 23 11AM - 2 PM \$67Members / \$74 non-members*

Make photographic prints using a camera you make yourself--no lens, no digital sensors--just an oatmeal box with a pin hole and light-sensitive paper. The first day will include a demonstration of a "camera obscura" and then we will make our own pin hole cameras. On day two we will take photos, develop the paper negatives in a darkroom and make contact prints from the 5x7 paper negatives. Please bring an empty, clean, cylindrical oatmeal box including cap. All other materials, including photographic papers, will be provided. Materials fee of \$25.00 made payable to the instructor due on first day of class.

## riverside arts center teachers & staff

**Tami Gagné - Financial Director/Instructor** received her B.S.Ed in Art Education from Northern Illinois University and she also holds a degree in Graphic Design. She has worked professionally as an art teacher in both elementary and high school settings. Some of her work can be seen at [www.crankheartpony.com](http://www.crankheartpony.com). She has sold her artwork worldwide.

**John Harmon - Facilities/Ceramics Manager/Instructor** graduated with a M.F.A. in ceramics from the University of Texas at San Antonio and attended the ceramics program in Sun Valley, Idaho. He taught for many years at Concordia University and at the college-level in Midland, Texas and has lectured and held workshops in Ohio, Texas, and Idaho. His pottery and sculpture are widely exhibited and collected throughout the U.S.

**Heather Hug, School Manager/Instructor** received her B.F.A. in Ceramics and Sculpture from the University of Evansville, Indiana. She has worked professionally as an artist and instructor, teaching classes and workshops at all levels for various institutions in the Chicago area. Heather also designs and teaches educational workshops for Chicago museums and city programs.

**Bob Jones, Gallery Attendant**

**Rachel Lechocki, Gallery Staff / Instructor** - Rachel graduated from Columbia College and received a B.A. in Art and Design/Art History with a minor in Cultural Studies. She has worked with the Oak Park Art league and Park District as an art Instructor, Assistant and Dance Coordinator. Currently, I am an Administrator for Kensington Schools, developing, writing, implementing and teaching all of the Enrichments & Arts curriculum for all six schools.

**Thomas McDonald - Instructor** has been creating art since 1981. He holds a M.F.A. from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a B.F.A. from Northern Illinois University. He currently is on faculty at several local colleges, including the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. His painting and sculpture is widely exhibited and collected throughout the United States.

**Tariq Tamir - Instructor** studied at Columbia College Chicago and has been involved in the fine arts for over 10 years. Tariq has taught young adults ages 14-21 with Chicago's Gallery 37 and the Boys and Girls Club. In addition to being poetically inclined, Tariq uses art as a medium for self-growth and empowerment.

**Shawn Vincent - Instructor** received a B.S. degree from Western Illinois University with majors in both Fine Art and Biology. She spent many years working as an art director for an advertising agency and also freelanced. Finding her true passion, Shawn has worked in ceramics for over 15 years and has been teaching for 10 years. She has exhibited her pottery at various galleries and venues throughout the Chicago land area and her work is collected nationwide.

**Pat Zmuda - Instructor** holds a B.S. degree from Northwestern University and an M.A. from Loyola University-Chicago. She has taught photography at the American Academy of Art, is a certified PMC instructor, and has studied kiln-formed glass for many years. Her early experiments combining glass and PMC were published in Jewelry Craft magazine. Pat is a member of the PMC guild, the Bead Society of Greater Chicago, and SNAG (Society of North American Goldsmiths)