



CAC sponsored a city-wide mural project to enhance the community and feature local artists.



Change is in the Wind!

Founded in 2001, the City Parks and Recreation Guild is pleased to announce its new identity – the Community Arts Council – to better reflect our mission of making creative and cultural opportunities accessible and enjoyable for all. We look forward to expanding our artistic partnerships, as well as enhancing the cultural experience of our entire local community!

Community Arts Projects

Over the past year, the Community Art Council has sponsored a city-wide mural project to enhance and beautify the central market district and surrounding area. Over a dozen murals have already been completed, six more have been planned to be completed in the next ten months, and over a dozen more in the next year.

We also sponsor local and visiting artists in the new Artists' Lofts, a state-of-the-art shared studio and living community. In exchange for reduced rent and access to all studio equipment, resident creatives provide instruction to the community in a wide variety of media.



Annual Spring Art Festival

In partnership with the Metropolitan Cultural Trust, the Community Art Council has reimagined the Spring Art Festival with a new vision. This free event features four weekends of music, theater, dance, gallery exhibitions, an artist's market, food, and more.

Focusing on local and regional artists, the annual festival celebrates the rich cultural heritage and creative diversity that makes our city unique. Last year performances



included everything from children's theater to street drumming to capoeira. The festival market featured over forty artists in media ranging from acrylics to alabaster and from watercolor to weaving.

Children's Exploration Workshops

We believe art should be an important part of every child's education. The Community Art Council offers a variety of opportunities for children up to 12 years old to exercise their imaginations, experience a variety of different media, and explore their natural creative sides.

All children's classes are held immediately after school hours, or on weekend mornings, at the Artists' Lofts Open Studio. Classes are limited to six students per instructor, so register early.



Enrichment Classes and Seminars

The Community Art Council believes that expressing creativity doesn't only benefit kids! Stimulating programs can enhance quality of life, expand knowledge, and improve the professional and personal growth for everyone.

Whether you want to explore a new hobby, experiment with a new medium, or enhance existing creative skills, our eight-week adult classes provide in-depth, personal instruction, and guidance by masters in their media. Class sizes are limited to maximize the personal learning experience.

Most adult classes are held in the evenings or on weekends at the Artists' Lofts Open Studio. Some classes, such as Photography and Plein Air Painting, include outdoor "field trips" so wear comfortable shoes!

Classes require no prior knowledge or experience. All necessary materials are included in the registration fee. Photography students must provide their own digital cameras.

Adult classes are open to anyone aged 13 and up. (Teens aged 13 to 16 must be registered and accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.)



Adult Workshops

- 🕒 **Photography**, Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- 🕒 **Digital illustration**, Wednesdays, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 🕒 **Printmaking**, Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- 🕒 **Charcoal drawing**, Fridays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- 🕒 **Ceramics**, Saturdays, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- 🕒 **Hand sculpture**, Saturdays, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- 🕒 **Plein air painting**, Sundays, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children's Classes

- 🕒 **Introduction to clay**, Mondays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- 🕒 **Color painting**, Tuesdays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- 🕒 **Fabric crafting**, Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- 🕒 **Basic drawing**, Thursdays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- 🕒 **Mixed media collaboration**, Fridays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- 🕒 **Museum day camp**, Saturdays, 10:00 to 11:30 p.m.
- 🕒 **Outdoor art exploration**, Sundays, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.



Join our growing family!

The Community Art Council is dedicated to supporting and improving the creative and cultural opportunities in our local region. Our mission is to make art accessible and enjoyable to the entire community.

We are constantly working to improve existing cultural programs and events, as well as develop new ones. If you have an idea for a new event, or suggestions for improving existing ones, please let us know!

Funded entirely by public and private grants, our work would not be possible without the help of our volunteers. If you have an interest in the arts and a passion for helping, we would love to hear from you!

For information about upcoming events, programs, and potential volunteer opportunities, visit www.cacouncil.org or email info@cacouncil.org.

Yes, keep me informed about upcoming events and opportunities!

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