

Allied Arts of Renton

NEWS & VIEWS

Summer 2023

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ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ NEW ART CLASSES!!

Allied Arts of Renton Board Members Marianna Spiritakis and Andrea Meld will each be offering art classes at the **Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center**, starting in September 2023.

To register, please refer to the **Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center** [Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center - City of Renton \(rentonwa.gov\)](https://www.rentonwa.gov) The new Fall 2023 class catalogue will be posted online **August 23**.

Marianna Spiritakis will be offering:

Adult Coloring , September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 15, 2023

10:30 to 11:30 am

Coloring has been linked to reducing anxiety & depression, improving sleep, aids in meditation & focused mindfulness, and improves hand-eye motor skills. Coloring books and colored pencils are provided and yours to keep!

Heart Canvases, September 8, 2023

9:30-11:30am

Join us in creating an easy hearts on canvas project! Use your favorite paint colors to create your own canvas masterpiece. No experience necessary & all supplies will be provided. You will take home a beautifully finished painted heart project!

Mason Jar Lanterns , October 6 , 2023 9:30-11:30

Join us to **create** friendly, fun Halloween mason jar lanterns! Use your favorite Halloween theme to create battery operated tea light lantern jars. No experience necessary and all supplies provided. You will take home two lanterns!

Holiday Door Wreaths, November 3, 2023

9:30-11:30am

Join us to create a beautiful holiday wreath that can be hung on a door or a wall! Use your favorite colored holiday balls to create this beautiful wreath. No experience necessary and all supplies provided. You will take home a finished tinsel & ball wreath!

Decorative Trays , December 8, 2023

9:30-11:30am

Join us to create a beautiful decoupaged with fabric & embellishments tray that can be hung on a wall or used on a coffee table. This is a statement piece, and each creation is unique. No experience necessary and all supplies provided. If you have embellishments, feel free to bring them! You will take home a finished decorative tray.

Andrea Meld will be offering:

A Color Exploration Workshop , September 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2023

12:00 - 2 pm

December dates TBA

Have you ever wondered why we respond to colors the way we do? How to use color schemes to create colors that look good together? Or how to mix your own colors? We will spend four sessions experimenting and improvising with color, using cut paper and acrylic paints. The first set of projects may bring you back to your kindergarten days but by the end of the workshop you will be creating studio-level artworks. For more thoughts about color exploration, <https://www.andreameld.com/blog>

Upcoming Events

Summer Thunder Taiko

FREE at Kubota Garden

Sunday August 20, 1-3pm FREE

Check out this performance from last year by Seattle Kokon Taiko (SKT)

<https://fb.watch/IzuZ2lYnH-/?mibextid=9R9pXO>

Jazz in the Garden, with the Emerald City Jazz Ensemble

FREE at Kubota Garden

Tuesday August 8

6:30-8pm

Clean Comedy at Carco

A comedy show you'll feel comfortable bringing your parents or grandchildren to!

Friday, August 18

Happy Slip in Seattle at Carco

Back with a NEW show that is sure to get you laughing AND crying!

Friday, August 4

Christine Gambito, AKA HappySlip, is a Filipina-American internet personality, actress, and comedian.

Watch a sample of a performance from last year at: <https://fb.watch/IzvmF7uL86/?mibextid=9R9pXO>

Strings in the Garden

Sunday, August 27, 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Soos Creek Botanical Garden, 29308 132nd Ave SE Auburn, WA 98092

Join the Auburn Symphony String Quartet for a lovely afternoon in the Garden for fun, family-friendly favorites! **For more information:**

[Auburn Symphony Chamber Orchestra — Soos Creek Botanical Garden](#)

Views and Features

About Our New Board Members

Andrea Meld grew up in the Pacific Northwest and earned three degrees from the University of Washington. Before she retired in 2018, she worked in Olympia, Auburn, and Kent, in state government and in educational settings. Her favorite part of work was data visualization and information display. She served as a volunteer at the Kline Galland Home in Seattle when her parents resided there. Andrea is an avid gardener, painter, and reader. She hopes to be teaching an art class this fall.

Marianna Spiritakis has lived in many locations all over the United States & Europe, having served in the United States Air Force. Marianna moved to Renton in 2011 & she calls this her forever home. Her interest in creating various art mediums started in her 30s. Marianna is a landscape & macro photographer, and she enjoys creating mixed media art, collages & altered art. She has recently gotten involved in teaching art classes at the Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center & hopes to be involved in other city art events.

Featured Article: Don Persson Renton Senior Activity Center

by **Julie Horan**

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One longtime patron of the Don Persson Senior Activity Center recently commented about his experience, "They do all kinds of good stuff there, plus the coffee is free. For a good time, go to the DP RSAC."

So, what are some of the kinds of good stuff they do there? Fitness, dance, and wellness classes, pool, ping pong, puzzles and games, and a daily nutritious lunch for \$4.00. There are afternoon movies and Bingo, a Thursday afternoon dance with live music, bean bag baseball, Reader's Club, Writers Workshop, a group for creative crafters that meets every Monday--and that's not all.

There are day trips, which often include a lunch out, and luncheons with special themes and great entertainment like the recent Elvis impressionist who made us believe we were back with the King. At the Juneteenth event, a trio jamming soul music had us dancing long after lunch was over.

Oh, and yes, about the free coffee... A great, friendly, helpful staff greets you as you come in the front door and the free coffee is right down the hall in the coffee bar and also available near the pool room upstairs.

There is an amazing lineup of fall classes and activities. In addition to the classes listed above taught by Andrea Meld and Marianna Spiritakis, consider the following:

- **Crafts to Gifts:** "Creative gifts that you can make for yourself or others" (4 sessions, free)
- **Wood Carving**
- **Memoir-crafting a Moment**, SilverKite Community Arts (free) *
- **Rock Painting**, SilverKite Community Arts (free) ~ *Email deken@rentonwa.gov for more information.
- **Mosaic of the Seasons:** Create a fun mural with various materials and methods.
- **Drawing with Graphite or Colored Pencils** (taught by Marina Megale, all skill levels)
- **Music and Movement Inspire Art**
- **Paint into Fall**, "The colors of the fall will help us create a masterpiece."

- **Senior Holiday Craft Bazaar**, October 28 9am-3pm An opportunity for senior crafters to sell hand-crafted projects \$30 to reserve a table

Registration for classes and activities begins online August 23. Register online at rentonwa.gov/register or call (425)430-6633. More information can be found in [Let's Go Renton](#), available in print and online.

Hope to see you there!

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