

## 2026 Senior Arts Spring Session Schedule

All programs are at the Senior Center at 217 S Main Street, Vicksburg (United Methodist Church)



Tues, April 14

**Meditative Doodling with Monica Harris**

2-3:30, \$10

With Meditative Doodling, you start with a blank page and a collection of colored pencils and markers. After a few warm-up exercises in colors, shapes, and emotions, we jump into a guided meditative doodle. There are no pre-set images; just shapes that organically appear. No artistic

training is required -- we just doodle! Monica Harris, better known as the Doodling Duchess, will be our guide in this relaxing session. Click [HERE](#) to register for this class or go to [vicksburgarts.org/senior-arts-program](http://vicksburgarts.org/senior-arts-program).



Tues, April 28 and Tues May 5

**Beaded Jewelry Peyote Bracelet with Bobbe Kelley**

3 - 4:30, \$25

In this two-part class, you will learn the basic peyote beading stitch before selecting from a beautiful variety of beads to make your own peyote bracelet. This is a beginner class and Bobbe is a patient and thoughtful instructor.

With lots of one-on-one support and a little time in between the two sessions, you will end up with a stunning bracelet to add to your favorite jewelry or may find it is worthy of gifting to a special friend! All tools and materials will be provided including magnification lights! Click [HERE](#) to register for this class or go to [vicksburgarts.org/senior-arts-program](http://vicksburgarts.org/senior-arts-program).



**Thurs, April 30**

**Live Music with Andy Baker, Americana songwriter and guitarist**

**6 – 7 pm, Free and open all ages**

Michigan singer/songwriter Andy Baker has spent 3 decades captivating audiences with his unique style of handcrafted midwestern folk. He writes songs with substance, filled with themes of hills and valleys, flying machines and messy cars, chances almost taken, wonder, addiction, rebirth...and most of all...hope. He presents his

songs live on a number of instruments, including guitar, dobro, octave mandolin, and even bass. Engaging and witty, humorous and thought provoking...with a keen sense for writing irresistible sing-along refrains...an evening with Andy's music will leave you with a fuller heart and a hopeful gaze to the horizon. Learn more about Andy and preview some of his songs at

<https://andybakermusic.com/>. We recommend that you reserve a spot [HERE](#) for this free concert!



**Thurs, May 7**

**Spring Flower Centerpiece with Mary Anne Kudary**

**10 – 11:30, \$20**

Always a fun and relaxing workshop, join us as Mary Anne Kudary guides us through the creation of a beautiful spring bouquet with a crafty lantern as its base just in time for

Mother's Day. Make it for yourself to celebrate the coming of spring or to give as a special gift to your favorite mother! Click [HERE](#) to register for this class or go to [vicksburgarts.org/senior-arts-program](https://vicksburgarts.org/senior-arts-program).



**Wed, May 13**  
**Relaxing Watercolor – Mini Masterpieces with Nancy Smith**  
1-2:30pm, \$20

In this engaging 90-minute watercolor class, participants will explore the artistic concept of diptychs and triptychs—artworks made from two or three images designed to be displayed together as a unified composition.

Students will create several small, bookmark-sized watercolor paintings using professional artist-grade paints and 100% cotton watercolor paper. Working at a small scale allows participants to experiment freely with color, texture, and simple subject matter.

After completing several miniature paintings, each participant will select their two or three favorite pieces and arrange them into a diptych or triptych. This process encourages creative decision-making while demonstrating how individual artworks can work together visually through color, theme, and composition.

Participants will leave with a small collection of watercolor studies and a finished diptych or triptych ready for display or gifting. All materials are provided, and no prior watercolor experience is required. The class focuses on creativity, relaxation, and the enjoyment of painting in a supportive environment. Click [HERE](#) to register for this class or go to [vicksburgarts.org/senior-arts-program](http://vicksburgarts.org/senior-arts-program).



**Wed, June 10**  
**Making Your Mark: The Art of Soft Pastels with Helen Kleczynski**  
1-3:00 pm, \$25

You are invited to enjoy the beauty of painting with soft pastels, whether you are trying them for the first time or you are an experienced artist. Soft pastels are made with the same pigment as watercolors or oils, but formed into a stick rather

than applied as a liquid. They are still called paintings if most of the paper is covered with pastel pigment.

During the 2-hour class, students will experiment with different types of soft pastels and paper to discover what methods and styles of painting help them develop confidence and creativity. In this session, we will emphasize painting with variations of blue to create a Sea & Sky landscape. All materials will be provided to complete a 4"x 6" painting (frame not included).

Helen Kleczynski has been painting with soft pastels for over 20 years. She is a Master Pastelist with the Pastel Society of America and has achieved Master Circle Status with the International Association of Pastel Societies. She enjoys teaching in small group settings to help each student find their inner artistic voice.

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Wed, June 24  
Intro to Gel Printing with Syd Bastos  
2:30 – 4:00 pm, \$20

This class will introduce you to the exciting world of gel printing. Acrylic inks, stencils and images will be applied to gel plates to create incredibly vibrant and unique paintings. We will have lots of time to experiment with multiple sheets of paper and combinations. *Warning...* this art form is so accessible and easy with stunning results it can be addictive! All materials will be provided for you to get a taste of the world of gel printing!

Click [HERE](#) to register for this class or go to [vicksburgarts.org/senior-arts-program](http://vicksburgarts.org/senior-arts-program).

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