

# 2025 Teaching Artist Proposal Information

Create Together at Fletcher Farm is a non-profit community art space that offers instruction and professionally equipped studios on the historic Fletcher Farm campus. We make creative experiences accessible to locals and visitors alike, no matter their age, background, income, or skill level.

## **Our New Model**

Create Together will offer advancing curricula in several established creative disciplines. This will allow students to come in as complete beginners and to build their skills and knowledge by taking increasingly advanced workshops. We are currently testing this new operating philosophy to become sustainable and keep costs low. Please keep this in mind during your time with us at Create Together. You can help us build a successful creative center, full of renewed energy and life. In the same light, we are excited to support artists who are new to teaching. Create Together is willing to train and help you find your teaching style and delivery methods.

### Current Program Areas/Disciplines

Quilting - dedicated and equipped studio, coordinated by Susan Balch

Sewing - dedicated and equipped studio, coordinated by Susan Balch

Weaving - dedicated and equipped studio, coordinated by Pollyanna Sidell

Painting & Mixed Media - dedicated and equipped studio, coordinated by Tracy McKee

Rotating Offerings - coordinated by Kathryn Svec

### Future Program Areas/Disciplines (*Looking for volunteer coordinators*)

*Ceramics*

*Creative Metalwork*

*Precious Metal Fabricated Jewelry*

*And more!*

### Advancing Curriculum Workshop Skill Levels

*Explore* - a very basic and extremely approachable prelude into a discipline offered at an accessible price point

*Beginner* - building foundational skills with no experience required

*Intermediate* - developing skills and best practices

*Advanced* - digging into the intricacies of a specialty

*Professional Development* - sessions that help grow artists' businesses

### Expansion

We are looking to expand our offerings and develop new program areas with dedicated and equipped studios. If you would like to volunteer your time to develop your program area at Create Together, please reach out – we'd love to work with you!

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US

If you have previously taught a workshop at Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, you can expect to notice a difference in the way we operate and schedule programming. We are growing our offerings based on community interest and the interests and availability of local teaching artists. We will review your proposal for a good fit and feasibility. As we grow, we will be continuously assessing what is working for our students, for our business, and for our teaching artists. We will work with you to develop programming that will succeed in our new model and will be sustainable for our organization.

*Some differences you may notice:*

- **Artist Fees** - Teaching artists set their own fees, paid by Create Together (instructors do not collect cash from students)
  - Class Tuition for students will be determined by Create Together.
  - *Notes: As always, you are responsible for filing your income taxes. You must complete and return a W-9 Form. If you earn more than \$600 per calendar year, you will receive a 1099 form from Create Together, Inc.*
  - **Supplies/Materials Fee** - Create Together will supply standard durable materials for workshops. Fees for consumable items will be included in the cost of tuition. Create Together will manage these fees and pay teaching artists. If a student wishes to purchase additional consumable items, they can make a purchase via the Create Together website (instructors do not collect cash from students).
- **Meals** - You are responsible for your own meals during the course of your workshop.
- **Overnight Accommodations** - We do not provide lodging. If your workshop requires an overnight stay, you are responsible for the cost and for making your own arrangements.
- **Mileage** - We no longer offer compensation for mileage.
- **Cancellation Policy** - Workshops need to have 4 enrolled students to run. If, one week before your scheduled workshop, there are less than 4 students registered, the workshop will be cancelled or rescheduled. Depending on the situation, we will offer advice on tweaking your workshop to attract more participants. You can ensure the success of your workshop listing by directing your social media followers, newsletter subscribers, customers, and friends to our registration page and sharing our workshop listings with them. It is advantageous for you to publicize to your own contact lists.

## NEW WORKSHOP STYLES

Explore Workshop Description This style of workshop is meant to offer a taste of your discipline to students with no experience. These workshops will be offered at a low entry price to make it accessible to people of all means. Artist fees are set as a 50% tuition split with Create Together. Alternatively, teaching artists may consider donating their services to support the introduction of a new art form to grow its popularity.

Guided Studio Description Guided studios offer studio space, use of equipment, and professional guidance to participants with some previous experience. Guided Studios are three-hour sessions and cost \$25 per participant. Teaching Artist pay is set at 75% of studio bookings. Alternatively, teaching artists may consider donating their services to support this effort to make learning accessible to all of our community members.