



Spring 2026 SBMA

March 16 - April 26, 2026 | Enrollment Begins February 6, 2026

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CERAMICS

All adult ceramics students must purchase a 25-pound bag of clay. Students have full access to studio glazes and equipment, one shelf, Open Studio schedule, and space in scheduled kiln firings. Beginning students should purchase a basic pottery tool kit for class (not included in the price of tuition). Clay is not included with the price of class, and can be ordered online under Clay Offerings (white stoneware, dark stoneware, and porcelain) under the Ceramics heading on the class registration page when you register for classes.

Intro to Potter's Wheel Level 1

Deborah Gardner

Sundays 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

\$172 for members | \$215 for non-members

This beginner-friendly class is perfect for those with little to no experience on the potter's wheel. Students will learn essential techniques like wedging, centering, shaping, trimming, and glazing to create functional pieces. With plenty of hands-on guidance, you'll gain the skills to bring your pottery ideas to life.



Sign up for classes here!

Intro to Potter's Wheel Level 2

Deborah Gardner

Sundays 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

\$172 for members | \$215 for non-members

This class is for the passionate potter looking to elevate their craft. Level 2 is tailored for those who have spent at least 6 months honing their skills on their wheel and are interested in more challenging pursuits. This class will push artistic growth as we dive into the intricacies of throwing thinner, mastering precise trimming techniques, and conquering the creation of larger forms and complex shapes. This course is designed to push the boundaries of your pottery skills.

Intro to Ceramics

Lisa Slomka

Mondays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

\$152 for members | \$190 for non-members

Our six-week Intro to Ceramics course is perfect for anyone curious about working with clay. Through hands-on projects, you'll learn the basics of handbuilding while getting comfortable with the medium and our studio. Open to ages 15+, this class includes a block of clay and is recommended for beginners, though not required for other courses. (Not eligible for Open Studios.)



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CERAMICS CONTINUED

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Advanced Ceramics

Norah Ruth Amstutz

Tuesdays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

\$172 for members | \$215 for non-members

Working with artist Norah Ruth Amstutz, this class focuses on advanced ceramic techniques in an assisted studio setting. Advanced ceramicists will be able to learn techniques and further develop their personal skills and techniques with assistance from the instructor, who will guide them through highlighted advanced techniques in ceramics composition, along with techniques of technical glazing. This class is for the advanced ceramicist who focuses on ceramics and has a desire to heighten their studio practice.

New Mud

Amy Klingler

Wednesdays 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

\$172 for members | \$215 for non-members

Exercise your fingers and train them to make beautiful pots in this 6-week class. This class is for wheel-throwing beginners to intermediate students who can benefit from the class as they gain pointers for more advanced techniques.

Handbuilding

Jennifer Zona

Thursdays 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

\$172 for members | \$215 for non-members

Handbuilding is a pottery technique that uses only the hands, fingers, and simple tools—no wheel required. In this class, you'll learn pinching, coiling, and slab building, starting with pinching and progressing to more complex methods. These foundational skills allow you to create both functional and sculptural forms. No prior clay experience is needed.

Pottery Confidential

Laura Miller

Thursdays 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

\$172 for members | \$215 for non-members

A pottery class designed to show you all the tricks and secrets of clay. Explore wheel techniques, handbuilding, and glazing methods through various demonstrations. Students are welcome to bring project ideas, problems, and dreams to this class. Beginners are welcome.



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DRAWING & PAINTING

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Acrylic Painting New and Continuing

Kate Blalack

Saturdays 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

\$140 for members | \$175 for non-members

This 6-week class introduces teens and adults to the fundamentals of acrylic painting. We'll meet once a week for three hours, blending technical instruction with personal expression. By the end, you'll have completed at least one final painting and gained confidence with brushes, color theory, and composition.

Instructed Figure Drawing: Structure, Articulation, and the Human Form

Veronica DeBone

Mondays 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

\$148 for members | \$185 for non-members

This instructor-led six-week course offers a comprehensive exploration of the human figure while strengthening fundamental drawing skills. Through daily sessions with both nude and clothed models, participants will learn to articulate anatomical structure, understand proportion, and capture the dynamics of the human form with confidence.

Designed for all skill levels, from beginners to advanced artists, the course combines guided instruction, demonstrations, and individual feedback to support each student's understanding.

Continuing Practice in Soft Pastels

Mary Firtl

Tuesdays 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

\$140 for members | \$175 for non-members

This afternoon class is for those experienced in soft pastels, with weekly discussions, demos, and exercises. Participants should be comfortable with the medium and open to new approaches such as sketch-based work, painting with the opposing hand, or intuitive painting. Students will also explore historical and contemporary pastelists while enjoying time for personal projects, individual guidance, and group discussion in a supportive environment.

Landscapes in Soft Pastels for Beginners

Cathy McCormick

Tuesdays 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

\$140 for members | \$175 for non-members

The luminosity, portability, and immediacy of working in soft pastel will become your new joy. Step-by-step instruction using landscape images develops technique, composition, and color use for those who are new to the pastel medium. This class is taught by an award-winning pastel artist who is the president of the Northern Indiana Pastel Society. A warm, welcoming atmosphere is emphasized.



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Painter's Choice Self-Guided Studio

No Instructor

Wednesdays 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

\$132 or members | \$165 for non-members

Calling all novice and veteran painters working in oil, acrylic, gouache, or tempera! This is an advanced painting class designed for artists with prior painting experience and the ability to work independently. The session is structured for independent work, collaboration, and peer mentorship. There is no instructor for this session, and it is intended for students of David Learn while he is absent; it functions as an open studio and follows the basic open studio fee. This is a great choice for self-driven painters looking to maintain and deepen their painting practice.

Drawing New and Continuing

Morgan Watters

Thursdays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

\$140 for members | \$175 for non-members

This is an introductory class, so no previous drawing experience is necessary in order to succeed. The class is designed to introduce fundamental skills, concepts, and techniques of drawing. Through representational drawing and a variety of media (pencil, charcoal) students will focus on principal aspects of visual art, such as composition, line, form, proportion, and value. Toward the second half of the session, as students' skill level continues to develop, an emphasis will be placed on the application of these skills.

Expressions in Water and Light

Dan Slattery

Mondays 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

\$140 for members | \$175 for non-members

In this six-week class for continuing watercolor students, participants will work on watercolor landscape projects of their own choosing, with individual instruction on techniques to achieve desired effects. Discussions on the use of reference materials, photographs, creating dramatic lighting in your paintings, and various methods to add texture and depth will be interspersed throughout the course to meet the needs of students. Reference materials will be made available for those needing suggestions on what to paint.



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PRINTMAKING

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Etching & Aquatint

Kristyn Kertai

Wednesdays 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

\$148 for members | \$185 for non-members

Etching is a versatile process that provides artists with a distinctive range of tools and techniques for experimentation and communication. This new class emphasizes eco-friendly intaglio printmaking methods where participants will learn fundamental techniques, including drypoint, etching, plate preparation, and printing. All materials will be supplied, and students will have the opportunity to leave with several completed prints.

Introduction to Linoleum

Kristyn Kertai

Saturdays 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

\$148 for members | \$185 for non-members

Join us for a fun relief printmaking class where we'll dive into linoleum cutting and printing! You'll get the chance to create your own edition of a linoleum print using SBMA's etching press. Just bring your ideas along, and we'll guide you step-by-step through transferring it to a linoleum block, carving it out with tools, rolling on ink, and finally printing your edition on paper. Can't wait to see what you'll create!

PHOTOGRAPHY

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Intro to Black and White Analogue

Photography

Krista Kuskye

Wednesdays 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

\$160 for members | \$200 for non-members

Whether an introductory student or an experienced shooter, all are welcome! Students will be encouraged to develop their own unique style while learning composition, how to expose correctly, process film, and create images in the darkroom. Class culminates with a series of prints showcasing students' artistic abilities. *A basic 35 mm camera is required and the first roll of 35 mm film and paper is included in the price of the class. There are limited cameras available for students to use. Please inquire at education@southbendart.org for more information on reserving a camera.



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FIBER ARTS

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Weaving New and Continuing

Andy Boze

Wednesdays 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

\$140 for members | \$175 for non-members

Learn the art of hand-weaving using traditional techniques on a multi-shaft floor loom. Beginning students may choose either a scarf or table-runner project that will enable them to understand the basic process. Those with experience will have the opportunity for individual consultation about materials, pattern structures, resources, planning and designing their own projects, and more. The studio has all of the necessary tools, but students are responsible for supplying their own yarn.

JEWELRY & METALS

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Jewelry New and Continuing

(Ages 18+)

Joanne Birdsell

Thursdays 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

\$148 for members | \$185 for non-members

This six-week class is for both beginning students and those who would like to continue working in the studio to strengthen their jewelry making skills under the supervision of an instructor. Beginning students will be introduced to the basics of metal smithing through jewelry making starting with learning the basics of sawing, filing, soldering, and creating textures on metal. Continuing students will be exploring more advanced techniques in soldering and finishing, as well as new techniques such as cold connections, form folding, and advanced coloring processes. Each student can go at their own pace with plenty of personal attention. Communal studio tools will be available for shared class use.

TEEN & YOUTH CLASSES

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Supplies and materials are included in the cost of all teen and youth classes!

Youth Ceramics

(Ages 9-12)

Iryna Gillis

Saturdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

\$128 for members | \$160 for non-members

Join us for a fun, spring-themed ceramics class for kids! Young artists will learn hand-building techniques while creating cozy mugs, and whimsical spring-inspired clay creations. Kids can let their imagination run wild, build new skills, and are eligible to submit their artwork for our annual Student & Faculty Exhibition. Clay and all materials are included!

Teen Jewelry

(Ages 13-18)

Joanne Birdsell

Wednesdays 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$136 for members | \$170 for non-members

Hand-build your own set of mixed metal stacking rings! This class is a beginner-friendly workshop where students learn basic jewelry-making techniques to create their own stackable rings, including sizing, shaping, soldering, and finishing, with the option of using different metals like copper, brass and silver. We will be doing different texturing techniques so each ring is different. At the end of the class, you'll have 1-3 beautifully crafted, custom-fit stacking rings to take home and wear. Materials are included!



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SPRING & SUMMER CAMPS

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Youth Spring Break Art Camp

(Ages 9 - 12)

M-F 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

April 6-10

\$ 200 for members | \$250 for non-members

Feeling stuck inside? Let your creativity out! Join us for a fun and social Spring Break Youth Art Camp at SBMA!

For two and a half hours in the mornings Monday - Friday, artists will get hands-on with different art materials and cool new mediums, experimenting, creating, and discovering what they love, including printmaking, mixed-media, and fiber arts.

Our projects are inspired by SBMA's permanent art collection, so campers will make great art and learn fun facts about their local art museum while acquiring important visual literacy skills! Each class is led by a professional teaching artist.

Get ready to imagine, explore, learn, and create something amazing this Spring Break.

*All art materials are included with every youth class!
\$30 off for Museum Members with a Family Membership!

Museum Media Mania! Summer Camp

(Ages 7 - 12)

Olivia Miller

M-F 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

\$ 200 for members | \$250 for non-members

(Week 1) July 6 - 10, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
(Week 2) July 13 - 17, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
(Week 3) July 20 - 24, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Back by popular demand! Join us for an awesome week-long camp at SBMA's Youth Summer Art Camp! From ceramics to painting, our students will learn how to capture the beauty and joy of the summer in their artwork using a wide variety of materials (ceramics, drawing, printmaking, mixed media). Students will bring home at least 4 awesome projects that celebrate their favorite parts of the season.

Students will learn about working with various media from our K-12 art educators' Olivia's guidance. Kids will make unique and beautiful works of art all their own.

Parents can choose from three weeks to sign up to accommodate your busy summer schedule. Each week has the same format and projects. This week-long camp has been curated for kids (open to ages 7-12) to experience and explore their creative side!

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OPEN STUDIOS

Open Studio Passes

Open Studio passes are available from **March 16 - April 26, 2026**. Studio hours will be posted at the front desk and on our website once classes begin. Visit southbendart.org/education and click on **"Open Studio Schedule"** for full details.

Please note: Open Studios are **only for artists who have previously taken classes at SBMA** and are familiar with the studio space. Only prior students may purchase an Open Studio Pass. Clay is not included in the price of Ceramics Open Studios.

Ceramics Open Studio Pass

\$160 for members | \$200 for non-members

Weaving Open Studio Pass

\$132 for members | \$165 for non-members

Jewelry & Metals Open Studio Pass

\$160 for members | \$200 for non-members

Printmaking Open Studio Pass

\$132 for members | \$165 for non-members

Darkroom Open Studio Pass

\$152 for members | \$190 for non-members

2D Open Studio Pass

\$132 or members | \$165 for non-members

CLAY PRICING

Dark Stoneware \$30.00

White Stoneware \$30.00

Porcelain \$38.00



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Scan the QR code to get started on your creative journey!

Education@southbendart.org

