Adventures in art

In February you may have caught us at collage. In March we were embroidering tiny throw pillows for the dollhouse we’re building out of recycled materials. In April we poured acrylic paint with artist Kitti Scibelli and made blackout poetry with John Bonanni.

Even preschoolers had their turn in Snow Studio, building a collaborative birthday cake from cardboard boxes and decorating it with acrylic paint and neon bric-a-brac. Alex Roberts, former Wellfleet Elementary School art teacher and founder of the Dot to Dot Art Workshop in Harwich, led the cake-making in an early-spring program inspired by the picture book “When’s My Birthday?” The children who attended tackled other imaginative (and fine-motor-enhancing) projects such as printing with balloons and molding fanciful cupcakes out of homemade playdough (see photo, right). If you drop by on a Friday in June, you might see rising kindergarteners playing with clay with ceramist Kate Doody.

Coming soon in the studio: Nature writer and artist Mary Richmond is leading two Nature Journal Workshops, one for adults on June 15 and a second for children on June 28. Artist Wendy Olin, who has taught at the Provincetown Art Association and Museum and the Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dennis, will guide a Still Life Drawing session on June 18 and 19. Kitti Scibelli leads a Gelli Plate Printing workshop on July 18. And musician Rand Burkert teaches Sea Creature Songs: A Song-Writing Workshop on Aug. 7. Heading into...
September, keep an eye out for a book-folding workshop (repurposing books into cool sculpture) as well as a travel journal program.

All of the activities in Snow Studio are free, supported by an IdeaLab grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The MBLC and IMLS also provided funding for the studio’s furnishings, equipment and supplies.

If you haven’t already, feel free to stop in and check out the studio; it’s located on the lower level, just around the corner from the H’s in the fiction section. While you’re there, you can view photographs and read reports on all the workshops that have taken place so far by leafing through the three-ring binder propped on the counter.

For more information on coming programs, pick up a Snow Studio brochure at the circulation desk. If you’re an artist, writer or musician interested in teaching a workshop, contact the project director, Kaimi Lum, at (508) 240-3761, ext. 11.

Clockwise from top left: A fish print on rice paper, created in a Gyotaku workshop in April; mosaic-making in May; and a view of the living room in the studio’s recycled dollhouse (the fireplace is made from an instant rice box, the sofa from a soap box, the ottoman from a bottle cap, the lamp from a creamer container).

Coming to the Craine Gallery

A new artist or group of artists exhibits in the Craine Gallery every month. In June, pastel portraits by Mary Hoyle are on display, alongside digital photography by Nancy Bray. July brings a show of watercolor paintings by Marianne Kinzer, and August features oil-on-metal works by Rosa Pimenta. A reception for Kinzer will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 13. Meet and greet Pimenta at a reception from 1 to 3 on Saturday, Aug. 10. Refreshments will be served at both gatherings.

Are you an artist seeking to exhibit your work? Pick up an application at the circulation desk. Proposals are reviewed by the Marion Craine Gallery Committee.

“Pamet Spring,” watercolor on paper by Marianne Kinzer
SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

All events are free and in the Craine Gallery unless otherwise noted.


Tues. June 18, 3 pm Travels at Sea, a slide talk by Craig Dickson, seaman on research vessels with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Sat. June 22, 9 am to 4 pm, 4-H Babysitting Course. For ages 11 and older. Register in advance by calling (508) 240-3760.


Tues. July 9, 3 pm First Tuesday Book Club discusses the novel Early Work by Andrew Martin. Copies available at front desk. New members welcome.

Thurs. July 11, 1 pm Amplifying the Hum of the Bumblebee, a talk by Dr. Robert Gegear on native bees and the plants they need.

Sat. July 13, 1 pm Art Reception for Marianne Kinzer. Refreshments provided.

Wed. July 17, 6:30 pm World of the Harmonica, musician and music historian Bob Hennessey performs and talks about the history and wonders of the harmonica.

Wed. July 24, 7 pm Moon and Stars, an a capella concert by the Outer Cape Chorale Chamber Singers. Jazz, classical, '50s pop.

Tues. Aug. 6, 5:30 pm Foodscaping: Have Your Yard and Eat It Too, in-depth presentation by Dave Scandurra of Edible Landscapes on integrating herbs and veggies into the landscape, raised beds, organic landcare.

Sat. Aug. 10, 1 pm Art Reception for Rosa Pimenta. Refreshments provided.
Kids’ Stuff!

Nature Drawing with Mary Richmond

Learn simple techniques for drawing from nature and starting your own nature sketchbook or journal at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 28. Nature writer and illustrator Mary Richmond leads this art program for ages 7 and up. Register by calling (508) 240-3760.

Galactic fun with Jungle Jim

Popular children’s entertainer Jungle Jim presents a “Ballooniverse of Stories” at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2 in the library’s Craine Room. Comedy, improv and balloon magic. For ages 3 to 10.

Summer Reading kickoff

The Summer Reading program begins with an ice cream party at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9. Come by for a sundae and to register. You’ll get a logbook to record the titles of the books you read this summer and sign a “contract” with Youth Services Librarian Ann Foster. This summer’s theme is “A Universe of Stories.”

Story Walk

Join an outdoor reading adventure on Thursday, July 11 when the library offers a self-guided Story Walk through the pages of “The Three Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot” by Margaret McNamara. Come by anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Escape from the Rogue Planet

Put your puzzle-solving skills to the test in this live-action ‘Escape the Room’-style game on Tuesday, July 16. Register in advance for one of two sessions: 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. Presented by Wicked Fun Games. For ages 10-18.

Lucy’s S.T.E.A.M. Workshop

Children ages 4 to 8 and their parents are invited to explore discovery-based stations at their own pace in this Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math workshop from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, July 18. Led by Lucy Gilmore of the Cape Cod Children’s Place.

Amazing Animal Ambassadors

Get up close and personal with amazing animals from Africa, South America, Australia, Europe, Asia and the U.S. Experienced presenters lead this wildly educational live-creature show at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25. For all ages.

...And more!

Join a Pokemon Scavenger Hunt at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1. Read “Tales to Tails” when the rescue dogs arrive at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13. Listen to songs and stories by Bates and Tincknell at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15.

Cosmic crafts

Fire up your imagination at one of the outer-space-themed craft activities led by youth services librarian Ann Foster this summer.

Make your own glow-in-the-dark galaxy in a jar at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23. Join an astronaut and alien soap-making workshop at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30.

Rig up a colorful planet mobile at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Mix up some fizzy rockets at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8. Registration is required for the galaxy jars, soap-making and planet mobile; stop by the library or call (508) 240-3760 to sign up.

Pajama Storytime

Three- to six-year-olds are invited to come to the library in their jammies on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. from July 10 through Aug. 14. Siblings, and soft cuddly friends, are welcome too.

Friends seek children’s books

The Friends of Snow Library’s book sale committee is seeking donations of children’s books in good condition for the library’s summer Saturday book sales. Book donations may be brought to the library; come to the circulation desk for directions on where to drop them off.

Coupons for free children’s books at the Saturday sales will be handed out at the 4th of July parade.

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