

Create Arts Center

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CREATE QUARTERLY

Create is lucky to partner with many great artists who give classes in their areas of expertise. In this issue we highlight two artists and the classes they are offering in the next calendar quarter.

Sherry Mays

Sherry just loves to "make stuff". She describes what she does as "a hodgepodge of totally original baskets, quilts, art gourds, hand painted furniture and other needful stuff that makes you feel good!"

Being raised with a make-it-from-scratch attitude has influenced everything she does. As a folk artist she is not limited to any one medium but may work on gourd masks one day, quilts the next, design a new market basket or even paint a new furniture piece. She mixes vintage finds with new materials to make a contemporary styled folk art. Every day she has a new idea with "never enough time to do it all".

She and her husband, Jesse, own a farm in Oldtown, Idaho, where they sell antiques and artwork alongside homegrown organic vegetables under the name Twisted Twigs. Every December they hold a "Christmas in the Country" sale at the farm that has a wonderful old timey feel.

The pictures of her work show what you too can make in upcoming classes at Create.

Basket Weave Gourd

March 20th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$30 includes supplies Turn a gourd into a basket! Learn to cut, clean, and dye a gourd and then finish the rim with a handle. A really unique class.

Folk Art Primitives

March 6th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$25 includes supplies Use paper mache, wire and clay to create primitive folk art characters. Choose from several different primitive figures.

Painted Whole Cloth Quilt

March 13th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$30 includes paints Learn to use a freezer paper stencil and shiva paint sticks to create this Echinacea flower quilt or wall hanging. A fun class with beautiful results.

April 10th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$25.00 includes supplies Art Gourd Class. Perfect class for beginners. Learn how to select a gourd, clean and dye it. Your choice of creating a bowl with a pine needle rim or a birdhouse.



Shirley Bird Wright

Shirley's natural talent evidences itself in the subjects and style of her paintings. Her favorite subjects are animals and she portrays the personality of a pet with sensitivity and honesty. Nature's world of landscapes, flowers and of course her pets never fail to provide inspiration for new paintings. Her wish is to reach everyone through her art and to make the world a little friendlier and brighter each day.

Shirley has a degree in Visual Media Design Technology. She has studied watercolors with Elizabeth Kincaid, Diane Maxey, Lian Zhen, Ron Ranson, Charles Reid, Tom Lynch, Stan Miller and is a certified Terry Madden instructor. She has studied oils with Robert Stem and Bob Walton and Chinese painting with Lian Zhen and Kiko Von Holt. She is a senior instructor in art clay silver. She is a member of the Spokane Watercolor Society and of the Montana Watercolor Society.

The pictures shown are of just some of her watercolors. A more extensive gallery can be viewed at www.shirleybird.com.

Her classes at Create provide demonstrations, hands-on work, and one-on-one advice. Beginners as well as advanced painters are invited to share, experiment, and have fun. A different technique or subject matter is taught at each class, so join Shirley the third Friday of every month for an all day class with a short lunch.

There's always something new so "thrill yourself with evidence of your own artistry!"

Watercolor with Shirley Bird Wright

Mar. 19th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$35 per session Continuing every third Friday of the month.



WHAT'S UP AT CREATE?

Fiber Arts Studio

Every Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. \$2 per session

Have an interest in fiber art – knitting, spinning, sewing, quilting....? Then join and learn and share at the Wednesday Fiber Arts Studio. At the studio, participants work on their current projects, share ideas, help solve project dilemmas and just have fun. It's all things fiber and all things fun! Just drop in.

Fish Frenzy is On Again

Mark your calendar for early May for the start of the 3rd annual Fish Frenzy. There will be a new fish design again this year, but the price will remain \$10 per fish and \$5 per guppy. Just buy your plywood fish, take it home and decorate it in any medium you would like, and then return it to Create to be displayed in a Newport or Oldtown business. The fish will again be voted on and a Fish Frenzy Festival will finish off the event with awards and prizes.

More than ever, CREATE Arts Center needs you!

Membership contributions comprise a substantial amount of our annual income and are vital to keeping us going. Please consider becoming or renewing your membership and then joining us in classes, exhibits, author receptions, artists' shops and lots more.