

# WESTSIDE COMMUNITY COTTAGES

## 1616 W. Bijou St.

Registration begins Monday, December 11th at 8 a.m.

- **By Phone:** (719) 955-3400 or (719) 209-1717
- **On-line:** csseniorcenter.com
- **In person:**  
Westside Community Center (1616 W Bijou St): Mon-Fri, 9-4  
Downtown YMCA (207 N Nevada Ave): Mon-Fri, 8-4  
**(Please note:** No in-person registration at Southeast Armed Services YMCA)

All classes require registration and are subject to cancellation or change.

# ART

Class Name	Description	Instructor	Date	Day	Time	Cost
Watercolor Beginnings	This is a class designed for students who want to quickly learn the art of Watercolor Painting. A heavy emphasis on artistic concepts pertaining to the medium will be covered, such as Transparency, Composition, Basic Color Theory, and most importantly Value. A fundamental, hands-on working knowledge of the medium and equipment will be addressed. Emphasis will be on problem-solving, skill-building, and helping students develop a personal style. Specific techniques will be addressed to help students make good decisions and work through the process of painting in this medium. Students will be given a variety of reference photos for regular weekly homework. No prerequisites, but attendance in both sessions is recommended.	Bustamante	Jan 9 – Feb 6	T	9-11:30	\$55
			Mar 12 – Apr 9	T	9-11:30	\$55
Painting Watercolor Skies and Waters	Painting skies and water can be simplified by understanding the techniques of how to paint reflections, translucent, and transparent shapes. We will cover it all; from cloudy skies, puddles, lakes and oceans. Please come and join our fun class. No prerequisites, but attendance in both sessions is recommended.	Bustamante	Jan 9 – Feb 6	T	12:30-3	\$55
			Mar 12 – Apr 9	T	12:30-3	\$55
Gemstone Faceting	Students will learn the basics of gemstone faceting including cutting and polishing transparent gemstones. Learn a variety of cuts and shapes. The meet point method will be taught. Up to 2 additional students with their own equipment; please inform staff at time of registration if you will be using your own machine.	Massey/Quinn	Jan 9 – Feb 20	T	1-3:30	\$47
			Mar 12 – Apr 23	T	1-3:30	\$47
Solving Watercolor Problems	This watercolor class will explore proven techniques of this medium to solve watercolor problems. We will be painting from established watercolor artists painting what they painted to glean all the information they still offer us today. We will be seeking to learn and understand their process, seeing how they did it. We will be rendering from artists of long ago as well as contemporary masters of watercolor. A variety of watercolor methods will be explored with the goal of incorporating some of these proven techniques into our work. No prerequisites, but attendance in both sessions is recommended	Bustamante	Jan 10 – Feb 7	W	9-11:30	\$55
			Mar 13 – Apr 10	W	9-11:30	\$55
Intentional Design in Watercolor	Learning to design visual paths is critical in the process of addressing areas of our paintings that too often get inadequate consideration: negative spaces, unbalanced spaces, along a variety of great shape-making strategies. This class assumes you have previously covered all the basics of watercolor paint. Therefore, the class focuses on taking deep dives into painting with confidence, in being creative, and understanding how to lay down shadows, textures, and atmosphere incorporating all the soft skills of watercolor that make up the essence of a great painting. No prerequisites, but attendance in both sessions is recommended	Bustamante	Jan 10 – Feb 7	W	12:30-3	\$55
			Mar 13 – Apr 10	W	12:30-3	\$55
Painting Architectural Elements	Learn the skills of drawing and painting man made structures. Various techniques and approaches will be explored including linear perspective and implied perspective in a relaxed and encouraging environment	Marquis	Jan 11 – Feb 15	Th	9-11	\$55
Aquatic Scenes and Life	In this requested class, we will explore the world of the water and its creatures. Missing the sound of the waves and the glint of sun on the water? This class is for you!	Marquis	Jan 11 – Feb 15	Th	1-3	\$55
The Art of Painting and Drawing Insects	Back by popular demand, we will be creating these humble creatures and their habitat. This is a wonderful class to learn and use techniques involving color, texture and value.	Marquis	Jan 12 – Feb 16	F	9-11	\$55
Pyrography	Learn the art of pyrography, the art or technique of decorating wood by burning a design on the surface with a heated metallic point. Class fee includes materials. **Please bring your own woodburner**	Noble	Feb 5 – Feb 26	M	9-11	\$60
Fairies, Leprechauns, Ogres (maybe a Monster or Two)	Join in an artist exploration of the wonderful world of fantasy art. This is an opportunity to learn techniques to create fantasy creatures and worlds. From the fun to the fantastic, this class will sharpen your skills or add to them.	Marquis	Mar 14 – Apr 18	Th	9-11	\$55
Drawing for the Painter	Drawing is the foundation of successful painting. This class will simplify and take the mystery out of drawing both as a basis for painting and for its own sake. Take your art to the next level IN this supportive atmosphere.	Marquis	Mar 14 – Apr 18	Th	1-3	\$55

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Pet and Animal Portraits	Is there, or has there been a special animal is your life? This is your chance to create a special picture of that special companion. A variety of techniques, materials and methods will be explored and demystified. A great class for the beginner and the accomplished artist.	Marquis	Mar 15 - Apr 26	F	9-11	\$55
Woodcarving	Learn the art of woodcarving! This is a beginner and intermediate skill-level class. Materials provided, please bring your own carving tools. Some loaners for new students are available.	Noble	April 1- April 22	M	9-11	\$60

SPECIALS

Class Name	Description	Instructor	Date	Day	Time	Cost
Mayflower 2024 Group Tours	Come travel with us! The Senior Center is partnering with Mayflower Cruises and Tours to offer two exciting trips in 2024. Come learn about these exciting tours and see the world with us. <b>Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks: Departure Date, September 5th.</b> This 9-day tour includes 13 meals, and tours of the Museum of Glass, Seattle, Olympic National Park, Quinault Rainforest, and more! <b>Christmas Markets Cruise on the Romantic Rhine: Departure Date, December 6th.</b> This 9-day tour offers 20 meals, a 7-night cruise, experiences in Switzerland, Germany, France, the Netherlands, and more!	Mayflower Cruises and Tours	Jan 8	M	9-10:30	FREE
Pancake Breakfast	We are bringing back our popular pancake breakfast! You will get pancakes, juice/coffee, and fruit for a great price. Come and eat breakfast with friends. Registering in advance is preferred so we are well prepared.	Staff	Jan 19 Feb 16 Mar 15 Apr 19	F F F F	9-10 9-10 9-10 9-10	\$3 \$3 \$3 \$3
Bingo	Come play Bingo with us! Bingo is an enjoyable game of chance and way to socialize and have fun with friends. There will be no exchange of money or cash prizes, but winners will get some swag!	Staff	Jan 22 May 1	M W	11-12 1-2	\$1 \$1
Lots of Love Food Drive	For two full weeks in February, we will be collecting boxed and canned good items to donate to Care and Share. These items will go directly into the hands of those seniors in our community that are in need. Please check the expiration dates. Thank you so much for your support and wonderful donations!	Staff	Feb 5 - Feb 16	M-F	9-4	FREE
Baked with Love Bake Sale	Tis the season for all of those lovey dovey feelings! All of the baked goods sold are baked with sugar and spice and everything nice just like grandma made them! Come one, come all, everyone is more than welcome! If you are a baker and would like to donate goodies for the sale, please contact Sara at stucker@ppymca.org.	Staff	Feb 14	W	9-3	per item
Blood Drive: You're Someone's Type!	All the blood donated to Vitalant stays right here in El Paso County! Each year more than 12,000 units of blood are needed to help those who have lost blood due to an accident, surgery or illness. When you donate blood, you are helping your neighbors, friends and family! Please sign up for a time slot to ensure we are prepared and well equipped to accommodate all of our donors.	Vitalant	Feb 14	W	10-2:15	FREE
Open Game Day	We will have an assortment of popular and easy games to play. We will teach rules for games as necessary so don't worry if you don't have much gaming experience!	Toney	Feb 28	W	1-2:30	FREE
Bunco Pot Luck	Bunco is an easy-to-learn social dice game. Almost any number can play! We will teach you how to play, so no worries if you are uncertain of the rules. Please bring a dish to share with friends.	Staff	Feb 29	Th	11-1	\$3
Trivia	Playing trivia in your golden years can help improve your memory, keep your mind sharp and alert, reduce stress and anxiety, improve problem-solving skills, increase your knowledge base, and is a fun social activity! This general knowledge trivia is a collection of questions covering a wide range of topics and intended to test a person's knowledge in many areas. Come play with us!	Wilson	Mar 5 Apr 16	T T	11-12 1-2	FREE FREE
Mexican Bingo	Hola! Join us for a fun game of Mexican bingo while learning some words in Spanish! Instead of numbers on the card you will find pictures, we will use beans as our markers and once your card is full, you win! (No money will be exchanged).	Trevino	Mar 7	Th	10-11	\$1
Document Shredding	Here is your chance to clean out and get organized! Fill a banker-sized box with your old bank statements, tax returns, and other important documents that should not be put out in the trash. No registration is required. Each box is \$5, cash or check accepted. No box limit!	Staff	Apr 23	T	11-12	FREE
Quick and Easy Word Games	We will learn and play several EASY word games such as BananaGrams and Scrabble Slam, a simple card version of Scrabble. Word games are fun and help keep us mentally sharp. Join us for a good time!	Toney	Apr 24	W	1-2:30	FREE