

2024-25 *Winter & Spring* ARTS PROGRAM GUIDE



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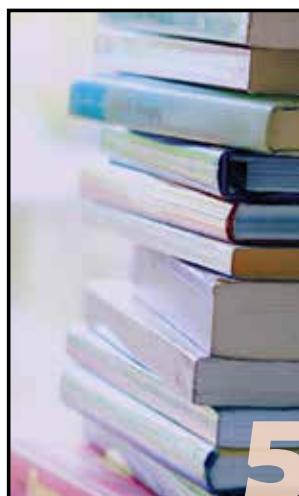
Applications available in
the main office or online.

Registration
Opens Dec. 2
Preschool registration
for the 2025-26 school
year opens March 3



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Classes, lessons, workshops & events for all ages!

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• **Winter/Spring registration opens Dec. 2 at 7am**

• **Spring preschool registration open now**

• **2025-26 preschool registration opens March 4**

See page 6 for details on preschool.

Because classes fill quickly, we recommend registering as early as possible. **REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL FULL PAYMENT IS MADE AND/OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING IS IN PLACE.** Please see our policies on page 19 for general operational information.

 **ONLINE**
anc.apm.activecommunities.com/woodlawnarts

 **BY PHONE**
(815) 626-4278 during office hours

 **IN PERSON**
3807 Woodlawn Rd., Sterling

financial assistance \$

We believe in providing arts education for everyone! That's why we offer a generous financial assistance program to all who qualify. See page 5 for details.

Office Hours

9am-8pm Monday-Thursday
9am-5pm Fridays



Upcoming Holidays

Woodlawn Arts Academy will be closed, and regular classes and lessons are not in session:
DECEMBER 24 & 25 - CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S
MAY 26 - MEMORIAL DAY

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**need to
know info!?**

Participants in culinary programs should have their hair pulled back and closed-toe shoes.

All programs this session take place at First Presbyterian Church Kitchen, 410 2nd Ave., Sterling (enter the double doors on 2nd Ave., across from Sterling Federal Bank)

CULINARY

Mini & Me Party Time

Holiday Cheer Party

The holidays are coming! Time for all the cheery and bright festivities. Join us as we learn some recipes that you and your mini will be able to use during your holiday get-togethers. Everyone will love your snowball cookies!

- Ages: 4-Adult
- Time & Date: 1-3pm Sun, 12/15/24
- Instructor: Lesa Romo
- Location: First Presbyterian Church
- Tuition: \$45/pair



Tea Party

Why not celebrate mom in a TEA-rrific way? Come spend a morning learning all you need for a fabulous tea service. We will learn how to make fancy finger sandwiches and delectable sweets. Pinkies up! Feel free to dress up!

- Ages: 4-Adult
- Time & Date: 9:30am-Noon Sat, 5/3/25
- Instructor: Lesa Romo
- Location: First Presbyterian Church
- Tuition: \$40/pair

Cookie Basics

No matter which is your favorite, we will learn all the basics to make great cookies! Everyone loves a classic chocolate chip cookie, but we will also learn a few other recipes. And yes, we will have milk for your freshly baked cookie taste-testing!

- Ages: 6-14
- Time & Date: 10am-Noon Sat, 2/8/25
- Instructor: Lesa Romo
- Location: First Presbyterian Church
- Tuition: \$40



Breakfast of Champions

They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so let's start a great day with a great breakfast! We will explore different options for breakfast, such as french toast, eggs, granola and yogurt parfaits. Come hungry!

- Ages: 6-14
- Time & Date: 10am-Noon Sat, 3/8/25
- Instructor: Lesa Romo
- Location: First Presbyterian Church
- Tuition: \$40



Kentucky Derby Party

The Kentucky Derby isn't just about the horses; there's also the food! After learning all about some of Kentucky's signature dishes, you will be ready to host a derby party serving hot brown sandwiches and more! Feel free to dress up!

- Ages: 6-Adult
- Time & Date: 10am-Noon Sat, 4/19/25
- Instructor: Lesa Romo
- Location: First Presbyterian Church
- Tuition: \$40

Wise Counsel By Your Side

Call Kevin McFadden for a complimentary consultation today!

Kevin McFadden

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Financial Advisor

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**Thank you so much for your support of Woodlawn Arts Academy at this year's production of "The Nutcracker!"
Your generosity is appreciated! Wishing you a magical holiday season from all of us at Woodlawn!**

2024-25 dance calendar



Session 2: 11/4-1/17

12/9-12/13: Family/Friends
Participation Week: bring a family member or a friend to class to dance with you!
12/23-1/3: No class (Winter Break)
1/13-1/17: Viewing Week
1/20-1/24: Make-up Week*
1/24: Session 3 registration payment due, except for those on a monthly payment plan (tuition plus costume balance; those on a payment plan will ONLY need to pay the costume balance)

Session 3: 1/27-3/21

3/17-3/21: Viewing Week
3/24-3/28: Make-up Week*
3/28: Session 4 registration payment due, except for those on a monthly payment plan

Session 4: 3/31-5/23

4/28-5/3: Dance Pictures at Woodlawn Arts Academy (exact dates TBD)
5/19-5/23: Last week of classes!
5/27-5/29: Recital Rehearsals at Centennial Auditorium
5/30 & 5/31: Recitals at Centennial Auditorium

*No class during make-up weeks unless notified otherwise

Still Time to Join These Classes!

Most dance classes run the entire school year at Woodlawn, but you can still join our technique and adult classes for the last two sessions of the year!

CLASS	AGE ^a	DAY	TIME	FEE/SESSION	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR
Tap Technique ^b	11 & Up	Mon	7:30-8:00pm	\$48	403	Taylor
Jazz Technique ^b	10 & Up	Mon	6:30-7:30pm	\$96	403	Taylor & Kennedy
Adult Mixed Genre ^c	16 & Up	Mon	7:15-8:00pm	\$72	401	Becky
Adult Ballet	16 & Up	Thu	6:15-7:00pm	\$72	402	Monica

^aThese are recommended age ranges. Returning students: Please check your progress report. New students: Please check with Miss Becky for details. ^bThis class does not perform in the recital. ^cGenres taught will be centered around the interests of the participants.

Dance tuition will be capped at \$250 per session per student, NOT including students receiving financial assistance, Competition Team tuition or fees, private lessons or solos, costumes, shoes or any additional fees. We hope this tuition cap will help defer costs and encourage your dancer(s) to continue to take all of the classes they desire. Need more details on classes, levels, styles or anything else regarding our dance program? Visit our website at WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com.



WOODLAWN DANCE ACADEMY

PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR 2025 DANCE RECITALS

ELEMENTS

**FRI 05.30
6:30PM**

**SAT 05.31
2:00PM**

**SAT 05.31
6:30PM**

**CENTENNIAL
AUDITORIUM AT
STERLING H.S.**

TICKETS will be \$14* each and will go on sale April 28th at centennialauditorium.org. *A processing fee will be applied to online ticket purchases. Tickets will also be available at the door. DANCE FAMILIES: Exact recital color days and times will be announced in the early spring of 2025. Conflicts on picture, rehearsal and recital days are to be turned in to Becky by January 24, 2025!

**DANCEWEAR
& SHOE SALE**



Steps & Styles Dance Wear and Accessories will be measuring and ordering shoes from 4-7pm Monday & Tuesday, March 17th & 18th. Get shoes that fit and are the right style/color for recital!

EDUCATION



**ATTENTION
PARENTS &
ARTISTS!**

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Now's your chance to get
creative at Woodlawn
Arts Academy at almost
no cost to you!



You can benefit from our **GENEROUS** financial assistance program!

We believe in providing arts education for
all! That's why Woodlawn Arts Academy
offers financial assistance to children,
teens, adults and families who cannot
afford the full cost of our programs.

Get started today!
815.626.4278

FUNDING FORMULA ON A SLIDING SCALE

Annual Income	Household Size/Assistance Available			
	1	2	3	4+
\$20,440	70%	70%	70%	70%
\$25,820	50%	70%	70%	70%
\$31,200	30%	50%	70%	70%
\$36,580	20%	30%	50%	70%
\$41,960	0%	20%	30%	50%
\$47,340	0%	0%	20%	30%
\$52,720	0%	0%	0%	20%

*We consider special circumstances! Recipients are expected to be responsible
for a percentage of the tuition. Income guidelines subject to change.*

ALL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES!

Download a financial aid application at
WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com/assistance
or pick up an application in our office at
3807 Woodlawn Road, Sterling.

Opportunity awaits!

**SCAN THE QR
CODE FOR AN
APPLICATION**



art's role in education

At Woodlawn Arts Academy, we know
that the fine arts play an important
role in the learning process. STEAM
education is an approach to learning
that uses Science, Technology,
Engineering, Art and Math, resulting in
experiential learning, problem-solving,
collaboration and creativity. Learn
more at artsintegration.com.

Tutoring



Have a student
struggling? Help
them get caught
up with this
great tutoring
opportunity. Instructors

are available for in-
person or virtual tutoring sessions.
30-minute time slots are available.
Interested in becoming a tutor? Visit
WAA to apply!

- Ages: 5-12
- Time & Date: Based on student &
instructor availability
- Instructor: Various
- Tuition: \$144 per 8-week session

2024-25 preschool calendar



Fall Semester (17 Weeks)

12/20: Family Night Pajama Party (5:15-
6:15pm); Semester 1 Ends

Spring Semester (17 Weeks)

- 1/6-1/7: Class Resumes
- 1/20: No class (Martin Luther King Jr.
Day)
- 2/14: Family Night Valentine Party (5:15-
6:15pm)
- 2/17: Pre-registration for Fall 2025
opens to returning families; No class
(Presidents' Day)
- 3/3: Open House for prospective
students (5:00-6:00pm); Fall 2025
registration opens to the public
- 3/10-3/14: No class (Preschool Spring
Break)
- 3/27-3/28: Spring Picture Days (pictures
taken during class)
- 4/14-4/17: Spring Conferences
- 4/18: No class (Good Friday)
- 4/21: No class (Easter Monday)
- 5/9: Last day of preschool; Graduation
(5:30pm)



REGISTER TODAY!

**SPRING 2025
ENROLLMENT
NOW OPEN**

SAVE THE DATE!
Registration for the
2025-26 school year starts
Monday, March 3rd! Potential
students and families are
invited to join us for an open
house that evening from
5-6pm to see the classroom
and learn more about our
preschool program!

- ✓ 2,3 & 5 day programs for ages 3-5
- ✓ Small class sizes for 1-on-1 attention
- ✓ Creative Curriculum for Preschoolers®
- ✓ Zoo-phonics®
- ✓ IL Early Learning Standards
- ✓ DCFS licensed
- ✓ Financial assistance available

**The perfect option for a part-time
preschool schedule or additional
preschool for 5-year-olds!**

HOW TO REGISTER FOR WOODLAWN PRESCHOOL: Woodlawn Preschool Academy of the Arts operates on tuition fees. The preschool runs in 16-week semesters. A \$50 non-refundable fee is required to hold the child's spot in the class. Call Becky at (815) 626-4278 for details on tuition. Families are invited to pay for the full semester in advance or set up automatic monthly payments. Payment for the first month or first semester is due June 4. If you are registering late, your first month or first semester payment is due at the time of registration. Financial assistance is available. Pick up an application in the main office at Woodlawn Arts Academy, or download one from our website at WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com.

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ARTS ACADEMY
PROGRAM



GET INFO OR SCHEDULE A TOUR BY CALLING
815.626.4278
SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE



MUSIC



Guide To Private Music Lessons

How To Register

Call the office or visit the Academy to schedule lessons. Registration for private lessons is not available online. Time slots are not held without full payment or without financial assistance funding in place.

Times & Sessions

All private instruction is done in half-hour lessons, once per week, in eight-week sessions, with five sessions per calendar year. Instructors will not make up lessons that students have missed, and will only offer make-up lessons in the event the instructor misses a lesson or the Academy was closed on the normal lesson day.

Tuition

Tuition varies according to instructor education and experience. Those instructors at the APPRENTICE (A) level are those with an associate's degree or a few years of teaching experience; lessons with an apprentice instructor are \$115 per eight-week session. Those instructors at the PROFESSIONAL (P) level have a bachelor's degree or five-plus years of teaching experience; lessons with a professional instructor are \$135 per eight-week session. Those instructors at the SPECIALIST (S) level have a master's degree or 10-plus years of teaching experience. Lessons with a specialist instructor are \$155 per eight-week session. Students must pay for the entire session in advance, and time slots are not held without full payment.

Instructors/Instruments

Our instructors teach students of various levels and ages. We classify those levels as Beginner (1), Intermediate (2), Advanced (3) & Collegiate (4).

- **Nadine Appel** (S): Piano (1,2,3,4); min. age=6
- **Clea Arbogast** (A): Piano (1,2,3,4); min. age=6
- **Mardi Huffstutler** (S): Voice (1,2,3,4); min. age=11
- **Ramiro Martinez** (S): Percussion (1,2,3,4); min. age=9 (no virtual lessons)
- **James Miller** (P): Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele (1,2,3,4); min. age=6
- **Nicole Oberg** (S): Baritone/Clarinet/Flute/French Horn/Saxophone/Trombone/Trumpet/Tuba (1,2,3,4); min. age=9

If an instrument for which you would like lessons is not listed, please inquire with the office.

Supplies

Students are required to supply their own instrument, and will be asked to purchase lesson books, sheet music and/or other materials. Students are expected to bring their music and instrument to the lesson with them, and practice regularly.

24-25 music calendar

Session 2: 11/4-1/17

12/23-1/10: Session 3 registration for returning students
12/23-1/3: No class (Winter Break)
1/13: Session 3 registration

opens for new students
1/17: Winter music recital rehearsals (times TBA to students)
1/18: Winter music recitals (10:30am and 1:30pm)
1/20-1/24: Make-up Week*

Session 3: 1/27-3/21

3/3-3/14: Session 4 registration for returning students
3/17: Session 4 registration opens for new students
3/24-3/28: Make-up Week*

Session 4: 3/31-5/23

4/14-4/25: Summer registration for returning students

4/27: Rhythm-Quest Rocks! Free concert (6pm)

4/28: Summer registration opens to the public

5/18-5/30: Spring rehearsals/recitals (details TBA)

5/27-5/30: Make-up Week*

*No class during make-up weeks unless notified otherwise



WOODLAWN ARTS ACADEMY PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR 2025 MUSIC RECITALS

OUR PRIVATE MUSIC LESSON STUDENTS WILL PERFORM

WINTER MUSIC RECITALS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH • 10:30AM & 1:30PM
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, STERLING

SPRING MUSICAL RECITALS

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COME SUPPORT OUR TALENTED MUSICIANS!
DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.

Making Music Together: Group Experiences



Family Music

Spend time as a family interacting with music! Bring more than one child to the same class and let little ones watch and imitate as the older children help model the movements. We will incorporate music, chants, movements and instruments. Up to two parents register free with each child registration.

- Ages: 1-5
- Time & Date: 5:00-5:45pm Thu
- Session 3: 2/6/25-3/13/25
- Session 4: 4/3/25-5/8/25
- Instructor: Grace Cano
- Location: J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
- Tuition: \$45/session



Beginning Piano Class

This program is a great introduction for students interested in piano lessons! In this fun and engaging class, students will learn counting, piano fingering and notes.

Preschool

- Ages: 4-5
- Time & Date: 5:00-5:45pm Tue
- Session 3: 1/28/25-3/18/25
- Session 4: 4/1/25-5/20/25
- Instructor: Nadine Appel
- Location: Room 303
- Tuition: \$60/session

Elementary

- Ages: 6-7
- Time & Date: 4:15-5:00pm Thu
- Session 3: 1/30/25-3/20/25
- Session 4: 4/3/25-5/22/25
- Instructor: Clea Arbogast
- Location: Room 303
- Tuition: \$60/session

RHYTHM QUEST ROCKS!

This is your chance to join a rock band! Some experience and your own instrument required. Bands will perform at a concert on Sunday, 4/27/25.

- Ages: 12-Adult
- Time & Day: Rehearsals starting at 7pm Tue, 2/18/25-4/22/25
- Instructor: Ramiro Martinez
- Location: Room 400
- Tuition: \$140



Are you looking for ways to **SUPPORT THE ARTS** at Woodlawn Arts Academy? Scan the QR code for different ways to give back.

Trouble scanning the code? Visit WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com/donate.
Woodlawn Arts Academy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit education organization. All gifts are tax deductible.



Find info on our
winter and spring
musical theatre
productions on the
next page!



THEATRE

ADULTS AGES 23+ WITH SPECIAL
NEEDS: SAVE THE DATES FOR THIS
INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY!

WOODLAWN ARTS ACADEMY
AND THE PENGUIN PROJECT OF THE
SAUK VALLEY PROUDLY PRESENT

SHINING STARS MUSICAL REVUE

Mentor Registration Opens: December 2

Actor Registration Opens: January 10

Registration Open House: 5-7pm January 10

Rehearsals: 5-6:30pm Tue & Thu, February 18-April 10

Tech Night: 5-6:30pm Friday, April 11

Saturday, April 12th at 7pm

Sunday, April 13th at 2pm

J. Mark Beaty Performance Center at WAA

Adults ages 23 & up with special needs will experience the process of a Broadway revue: auditioning, rehearsing, learning and memorizing music, and taking the stage to perform a variety of popular Broadway songs. Our "shining stars" will be joined in rehearsals and on stage by peer mentors who will work alongside them. Actors are invited to our Registration Open House to meet Instructor Brandi Spreeman, learn about the program, and get help registering.



THE \$50 TUITION FEE IS COVERED BY
SCHOLARSHIPS, THANKS TO A GENEROUS
GRANT FROM STERLING TOWNSHIP!
CALL 815-626-4278 TO REGISTER.

Preschool Theatre

Learn literary and theatrical skills through themed stories and activities!

- Ages: 3-5
- Time & Date: 5-5:45pm Wed, 4/16/25-5/7/25
- Instructor: Dawn Arndt
- Location: Room 301
- Tuition: \$30

Dramatic Fanatics

Creative drama can be fun for both non-actors and actors! Develop a positive self-esteem and problem-solving skills while learning to work with others. A variety of activities including pantomime, creative movement, imaginative journeys, and speaking vocal exercises will be offered.

- Ages: 9-14
- Time & Day: 5-6:15pm Thu, 4/3/25-5/8/25
- Instructor: Peg Hoffmiller
- Location: 203
- Tuition: \$75

Rising Stars ★★

Missing out on a play experience this session? Join Rising Stars and work on a musical revue! Sing, dance, and perfect your acting skills. At the end of the class session, you'll put on a performance for family and friends to enjoy!

- Ages: 2nd-4th Grade
- Rehearsals: 4:30-5:30pm Mon & Wed, 1/6/25-2/5/25
- Tech Week: 4:30-5:30 Mon-Thu, 2/10/25-2/13/25
- Performance: 7pm Fri, 2/14/25
- Director: Gavin Fischer
- Assistant Director: Jordann Langner-Fishman
- Location: Red Barn @WAA
- Tuition: \$85

SEE THE PERFORMANCE

7pm Friday, February 14
in the Jerry Mathis
Theatre at Sauk Valley
Community College
A donation of \$3 is
suggested to support
Woodlawn Arts Academy
programming.



**WOODLAWN ARTS ACADEMY
PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR 2025 SPRING
MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION**

THE
WIZARD
of
Oz
YOUTH EDITION

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH AT 7PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH AT 7PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH AT 2PM
CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM AT STERLING HIGH SCHOOL**

Tickets will be \$9 each and will go on sale March 24th at centennialauditorium.org. *A processing fee will be applied to online ticket purchases. Tickets will also be available at the door.*

By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics by

Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart
Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard
Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company
Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co.
and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

"The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals
on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC. www.concordtheatricals.com

Adaptation and support materials developed by iTheatrics
under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald

**Follow the Yellow Brick Road to find your part in
our 2025 spring musical theatre production!**

Grades: 6th-8th • Everyone
who registers will be a part of
the production. Specific roles
will be determined through
auditions. 5th graders may call
to be put on a wait list, and
any open spots will be given
to these students starting at
9am Wed, 1/22/25. If no open
spots remain, 6th-8th graders
registering on or after 1/22/25
will be wait-listed.

Rehearsals:
3:45-5:45pm Mon & Wed,
1/27/25-3/26/25 at Woodlawn

Tech Week:
3:45-6pm Mon-Thu,
3/31/25-4/3/25 at
Centennial Auditorium

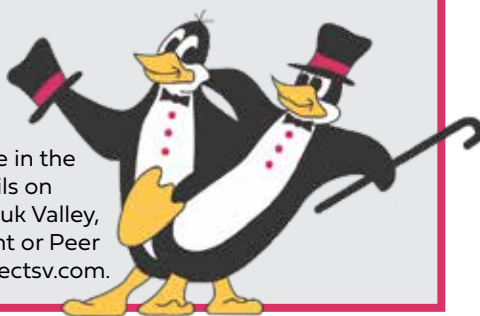
Director: Faith Morrison

Tuition: \$140

PENGUIN PROJECT OF THE SAUK VALLEY

**EMPOWERING CHILDREN WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS THROUGH THEATRE**

The Penguin Project
is a unique theatre
experience that
provides individuals
with special needs the
opportunity to participate in the
performing arts. For details on
Penguin Project of the Sauk Valley,
or to become a Participant or Peer
Mentor, visit penguinprojectsv.com.



THEATRE

**WOODLAWN ARTS ACADEMY
& DIXON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PROUDLY PRESENT OUR WINTER
MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION**

**Peter
Pan Jr**

**FRIDAY, JAN. 10TH AT 7PM
SATURDAY, JAN. 11TH AT 7PM
SUNDAY, JAN. 12TH AT 2PM**

James A. Wiltz Auditorium • Dixon High School

Tickets will be \$8 each and will go on sale December 23rd at centennialauditorium.org. *A processing fee will be applied to online ticket purchases. Tickets will also be available at the door.*

A Musical Based on the Play by
SIR J.M. BARRIE

Lyrics by
CAROLYN LEIGH

Additional Lyrics by
BETTY COMDEN & ADOLPH GREEN

Music by
MORRIS (MOOSE) CHARLAP

Additional Music by
JULE STYNE

Originally directed, choreographed and adapted by
JEROME ROBBINS

*On 1929 Sir J.M. Barrie bequeathed Peter Pan to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children
in London, which has benefited thousands of children since then. The producers are proud
and happy that everyone who has bought a ticket for today's performance of "Peter Pan
Jr." is helping towards making the hospital the incredible center of hope it is today.*

"Peter Pan Jr." is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International
(MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com





VISUAL ARTS



Family Art

Let your little ones enjoy messy art experiences without the cleanup in your home! Adults will help children be creative with various media each week. One adult registers free with each child registration.

- Ages: 1-3
- Time & Date: 5:15-6:00pm Tue
- Session 3: 1/28/25-2/18/25
- Session 4: 4/1/25-4/29/25 (no class 4/15)
- Instructor: Azaylia Ramos
- Location: Room 301
- Tuition: \$30/session

Drawing for Kids & Adults

Want to learn or perfect some drawing skills? Come with your own ideas or get help getting started from the instructor. Gain knowledge to improve your drawing skills through the class.

- Location: Room 202
- Tuition: \$20/workshop

Workshop 1

- Ages: 8-11
- Time & Date: 10am-Noon Sat, 2/8/25
- Instructor: Micah Green

Workshop 2

- Ages: 12-Adult
- Time & Date: 1-3pm Sat, 4/19/25
- Instructor: Nate Record



Exploration Art School

Explore, experiment and create using inspiration from different artists and a variety of mediums. You'll meet in the Woodlawn Arts Academy art wing and learn from various art instructors throughout the session.

Early Elementary

- Ages: 6-9
- Time & Date: 4-5:15pm Thu
- Session 3: 1/30/25-3/20/25
- Session 4: 4/3/25-5/22/25
- Instructor: Various
- Location: Rooms 202 & 204
- Tuition: \$80/session

Late Elementary/ Middle School

- Ages: 10-14
- Time & Date: 5:30-7pm Thu
- Session 3: 1/30/25-3/20/25
- Session 4: 4/3/25-5/22/25
- Instructor: Various
- Location: Rooms 202 & 204
- Tuition: \$96/session



Let's Get Digital!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN DIGITAL ART PATH: DRAWING OR ANIMATION!

Artists and animators will unite in this fun experience! Both groups will work under the direction of Sterling High School Tech Zone and Whiteside Area Career Center instructor Denis Mennie and his students in the same classroom to take one of two digital art classes: Digital Drawing or Digital Animation.

Ages: 11-14

Time & Date: 3:45-5:00pm Mon, 1/27/25-3/10/25 (no class 2/17)

Instructor: Denis Mennie and students of WACC

Location: Sterling High School Tech Zone (Door 10, Room 166), 1608 4th Ave, Sterling

Tuition: \$75

Digital Animation

Learn all the basics of animation! You will get to make your own story, draw your own characters (or find images online that you want to use), and create your animated movie from start to finish. This can include adding voice overs and special effects. We will learn how to use frame-by-frame animation as well as keyframes to make our animation flow. Students are welcome to take this course again and again for continuing practice and new projects each time.

Digital Drawing

Learn the basics of drawing with a computer and professional drawing tablet. Even if you are a novice artist, you'll learn the basics and move on to drawing either a comic book character or a scene of your choice. New and previous students are invited to participate.

VISUAL ARTS

Clay Creators



Children's Pottery

Use both hand-built and wheel methods as an introduction/review to ceramics and technique.

- Ages: 8-12
- Time & Date: 3:45-4:45pm Tue
- Session 3: 1/28/25-3/18/25
- Session 4: 4/1/25-5/20/25

- Instructor: Pip Lucas
- Location: Room 204
- Tuition: \$80/session

Beginner Adult Pottery

Use both hand-built and wheel methods as an introduction to ceramics and technique. Projects are instructor directed.

- Ages: 13-Adult
- Time & Date: 5-6:30pm Tue
- Session 3: 1/28/25-3/18/25
- Session 4: 4/1/25-5/20/25

- Instructor: Pip Lucas
- Location: Room 204
- Tuition: \$120/session

Open Pottery

Continue practicing pottery techniques. Students must have prior ceramics experience, and projects will be led and chosen by students.

- Ages: 10-Adult
- Time & Date: 6:45-8:15pm Tue
- Session 3: 1/28/25-3/18/25
- Session 4: 4/1/25-5/20/25

- Instructor: Pip Lucas
- Location: Room 204
- Tuition: \$120/session

A Day With Clay

Learn and practice clay techniques and basic pottery methods in our one-day clay workshops for kids and adults!



Clay Animal Building

- Ages: 7-11
- Time & Date: 10:30am-Noon Sat, 2/8/25
- Tuition: \$25



Clay Sculpture Flowers

- Ages: 12-Adult
- Time & Date: 10am-Noon Sat, 4/19/25
- Tuition: \$30

Mini Succulent Planter

- Ages: 12-Adult
- Time & Date: 12:30-2:30pm Sat, 2/8/25
- Tuition: \$30



Clay Fairy Houses

- Ages: 8-11
- Time & Date: 1-3pm Sat, 4/19/25
- Tuition: \$30



All clay workshops are taught by Pip Lucas in Room 204. For all one-day clay workshops, projects will not be painted in class. Your artwork will be given a coat of clear glaze and fired in Woodlawn's kiln after the workshop has ended, and you will receive an email when it is ready for pickup. Images are representations of the projects to be made and may not be the exact project created in class. Clay workshops are meant for beginner learning experiences, and projects do not always turn out as expected.



Pottery Parties!

Call (815) 626-4278 to set up an appointment to discuss the workshop of your dreams.

Child & Adult Painting

Adult/Child Canvas Painting

Adults: Bring your young one and join us to create a fabulous canvas painting; no experience necessary! Receive step-by-step instruction for color mixing and painting in a relaxing, stress-free environment. Completed paintings are meant to be displayed together.

- Ages: 7-Adult
- Time & Date: 5:30-7pm Fri, 2/7/25
- Instructor: Jaime Blakeslee
- Location: Room 202
- Tuition: \$50/pair



Beginning Acrylic Painting

Discover or review how to use the basic techniques of acrylic painting: blending, texturizing, brush handling, detailing, etc. The instructor will also give recommendations on what to purchase for at-home use. Follow-up workshops are available; share your interest with the front desk staff at Woodlawn when registering.

- Ages: 12-Adult
- Time & Date: 9am-Noon Sat, 2/8/25
- Instructor: Nate Record
- Location: Room 202
- Tuition: \$30



Oil Painting

Organize your palette, sketch and lay out an underpainting, then practice layering and finishing details. Please bring your own canvas, a reference photo to work from, and basic oil painting supplies such as paint, solvent and brushes. If you need specific recommendations, please contact WAA to get a call back from the instructor. This class meets for two Saturdays in a row; students should attend both days.

- Ages: 14-Adult
- Time & Date: 10-11:30am Sat, 4/12/25 & 4/26/25
- Instructor: Stuart Roddy
- Location: Room 202
- Tuition: \$30



by Ryan Jandrey



by Heather Shore



by Matt Jagitsch

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Portraits: Faces in Art

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RYAN JANDREY
HEATHER SHORE

OPENING DECEMBER 13TH FROM 5-6:30PM
ON DISPLAY THROUGH FEBRUARY 7TH

VISUAL ARTS

Sewing Made Simple

It's Sew Simple

It's SEW simple to learn basic sewing techniques. Great for future fashion designers, those who like to make arts and crafts, or a refresher course!



It's Sew Simple 1

For those who have never taken a sewing class before.

- Ages: 9-11
- Time & Date: 5:15-6:15pm Tue
- Session 3: Not offered
- Session 4: 4/1/25-5/20/25
- Instructor: Brenda Over
- Location: Room 203
- Tuition: \$64/session

It's Sew Simple 2

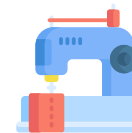
For those who have beginning sewing knowledge and want to improve their skills.

- Ages: 9-12
- Time & Date: 6:30-7:30pm Tue
- Session 3: Not offered
- Session 4: 4/1/25-5/20/25
- Instructor: Brenda Over
- Location: Room 203
- Tuition: \$64/session

It's Sew Simple Adults

Join us as a first-time learner or to refresh your skills! Projects will be based on the interests of the students. Previous students are welcome, with the understanding that first-time students will need more one-on-one attention.

- Ages: 14-Adult
- Time & Date: 9-10am Tue
- Session 3: Not offered
- Session 4: 4/1/25-5/20/25
- Instructor: Brenda Over
- Location: Room 203
- Tuition: \$64/session



Teachers: Watch for information in your inbox in early January! Homeschool families & teachers who don't receive info can call us at 815-626-4278.

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Watch WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com
and social media for details.

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Register online at svcc.edu/commedenroll
or contact Brenda Helms, Director of
Business Training & Community
Education, at 815.835.6212 or
brenda.helms@svcc.edu



HOBBIES & SPECIAL INTEREST

Bottle Gardens: A Terrarium Workshop



Explore the enclosed world of bottle terrariums! In this class, you'll learn how to create a self-sustaining plant environment within glass. Discover what terrariums need to thrive, then build your own bottle terrarium to take home. Feel free to bring a special bottle; otherwise, one will be provided. Perfect for individuals, groups, or family fun! Supplies are included. Students are recommended to bring a box or canvas bag to take home their project. (Ages 9 & Up)

Class ID:1996

(1 session), Saturday, February 1;
9:30AM-11:00AM; SVCC-1M24
Instructor-Bruce Black, U of I Extension
\$30

Spring Permanent Terrarium

Students will be shown the steps to create a spring arrangement using silk, dried and decorative materials in a glass container. Students will need to bring scissors, wire cutter, and glue gun. Supplies are included. Registration deadline is March 6. Class size is limited to 10 students. (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:1986

(1 session), Thursday, March 20;
6:00-8:00PM
SVCC-Riverview Conference Room 1H16
Instructor-James J. Brown
\$69



NEW Spring Container Design

Elevate your spring containers with expert floral design techniques! This hands-on workshop covers color, texture, height, and more for creating beautiful displays. Bring a favorite container or a temporary one to plant in; all other supplies provided. Perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike! Supplies are included. (Ages 12 & Up)

Class ID:1988

(1 session), Saturday, April 12;
9:30AM-11:00AM; SVCC-Dillon Mall
Instructor-Bruce Black, U of I Extension
\$35

NEW Big Flavors in Small Spaces: Container Grown Fruits

Lacking a large landscape, yet love homegrown fruits? Look to container gardening: fruit edition! Join Horticulture Educator Bruce J. Black, to discuss how dwarf cultivars of blueberries, strawberries, brambles (raspberries and blackberries), and even apple trees can be planted on your patios or small outdoor areas to provide those big fresh fruit flavors in small spaces! Supplies are included. (Ages 18 & Up)

Class ID:2006

(1 session), Saturday, May 10; 9:30-11:00AM
SVCC-Riverview Conference Room 1H16
Instructor-Bruce Black, U of I Extension
\$30



LANGUAGE

NEW Practical Spanish for Everyday Use

Build your confidence and fluency in Spanish with a focus on real-world conversations! As Spanish continues to grow in global and local importance, this course equips you with essential language skills for daily interactions. Through engaging, practical lessons, you'll learn conversational phrases, improve your listening skills, and gain cultural insights to help you connect more effectively in both personal and professional settings. Perfect for beginners and those looking to refresh their skills, this course will help you break communication barriers and expand your opportunities. (Ages 16 & Up)

Class ID:1991

(8 sessions), Mondays,
February 10 – April 7 (no class 3/10);
5:00-6:30PM; SVCC-Room 2L07
Instructor-Ana Lara
\$99

ART

Multimedia Drawing & Painting

This class will explore the mediums of drawing, painting and collage. All skill levels are welcome. Supplies are included.

(Ages 14 & up)

Class ID:2019

(6 sessions), Wednesdays,
March 19 – April 23; 5:00-7:00PM
SVCC-Room 2K9B
Instructor-Butch Merigoni,
SVCC Adjunct Professor
\$109



GENERAL INFORMATION

Sessions

Woodlawn runs five eight-week sessions for most classes and lessons. Please check your class or lesson listing for exact dates.

Holidays

Woodlawn Arts Academy will be open most school holidays. Dates we are closed are listed on page 2.

Registration & Course Cancellation

Students may register for classes online, by phone or in person. Online registration is not available for dance classes, any private lessons or other select programs. Tuition for classes must be paid in full at the time of registration. Registrations are due one week prior to the start of the course. If classes do not meet the minimum they will be cancelled and all registered participants will be notified three business days prior to the first day of the class. A full refund or credit will be given should this occur. It is imperative to sign up before the class begins. See page 2 for specific registration dates. No early registrations will be taken.

Financial Assistance

Woodlawn is committed to serving all members of the community. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. To apply for financial assistance, pick up an application in the office or download one from our website. Fill out the application and turn it in with the required paperwork. Financial assistance takes two weeks to process and MUST be in place prior to registration. Registration is not complete until payment is made and/or funding is in place.

Payments

Payor is responsible for any monies owed to Woodlawn Arts Academy. It is the sole responsibility of the payor to collect any monies from a third party; Woodlawn Arts

Academy is not responsible for contacting said third party in trying to collect fees for the payor. For any purchase over \$20, we accept cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please note: For purchases under \$20 and special-order clothing items, we accept only cash or check.

Refunds

Refunds or credit vouchers may be given in extenuating circumstances, and are granted at the discretion of the administrative staff. Any refund made after a program begins will be prorated and credited to the customer's account for use toward future Woodlawn programming. If enrolled in a Woodlawn program, a refund or credit may only be issued if you withdraw five business days prior to the first day of the program and the program has more than a minimum enrollment.

Inclement Weather

In case of bad weather, class participants will be notified of cancellations via text message and email. Phone calls will not be made. Closures will also be announced on social media. We will do our best to make up for weather cancellations.

Dropoff & Pickup

Please drop off and pick up your child at the appropriate time. Our instructors are only responsible for your child during their program time. We ask that all minors be escorted to and from class by an authorized adult. Many of Woodlawn's programs run back-to-back. The teacher and office staff cannot monitor children in the hallway. Please be prompt when picking up your child. If for any reason you cannot promptly pick up your child, please call the main office at (815) 626-4278. Students must remain in the building until picked up.

For children 6 and under: At least one parent should stay in the lounge during any Woodlawn program in case of emergency. If you cannot stay with your child,

please make arrangements with another family member for help and notify the staff.

For children 7 and older: Parents/family members are welcomed to wait during their artist's program, but it is not required. Parental discretion is advised.

Student Absence

Students are required to call the office to report absences. No make-up lessons will be given if a student misses a class.

Teacher Absence

If an instructor is unable to teach a lesson or class he or she will give 24 hours notice (when possible) and will reschedule the lesson or class during the designated make-up week at the end of the session. Class participants will be notified via text message and email. Phone calls will not be made.

Photos & Video

The Academy takes photos and videos of activities to promote programs. If you do not want your photo or that of your child used in that way, please notify the office.

Suggestions Welcome

The Academy is community based and wants to hear your comments regarding successes and areas needing improvements. Please share your comments with a staff member.

Nondiscriminatory Policy as to Students

Woodlawn Arts Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, sexual orientation and gender identity to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or gender identity in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs.

ADA Compliance

Should you or someone you know need support because of a disability to visit one of our facilities, or to participate in one of our programs, please contact us so that we may be of assistance. If you believe Woodlawn Arts Academy has treated you unfairly



because of a disability, please contact us. Service animals that have been trained individually to perform tasks benefitting a person with a disability are allowed in the Academy's facilities. All service animals must be under the control of the user. A Woodlawn staff member may remove a service animal that is not under the control of the user. The work of service animals must be related to the disability of the person with a disability. Power-driven personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), whose users must be persons with a disability, are also allowed in the Academy's facilities.

Location

Woodlawn Arts Academy is located at 3807 Woodlawn Road in Sterling. A facility of the Dillon Foundation, the Academy was built for quality, safety and efficiency, and designed for the

pursuit and celebration of the arts. The Academy provides special lighting for optimum visibility when creating visual artwork, soundproof rooms of the highest quality for music lessons, specialized floors in the dance studios to protect dancers' joints, the J. Mark Beaty Performance Center for putting on performances, and much more! The Academy is proud to be an agency of United Way of Whiteside and Lee counties. A portion of our programming is funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.



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3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

ONLINE

anc.apm.activecommunities.com/woodlawnarts

BY PHONE

(815) 626-4278

IN PERSON

3807 Woodlawn Road, Sterling

Registrations are due 1 week prior to the start of the course.





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