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School for the Arts

Fine Art and Craft Classes for Adults and Children

Summer 2026

Summer classes begin Mon. June 29

Registration for Summer classes begins Tuesday, June 2 at 10:00am

***Please note that registration for all adult ceramic classes will be in-person or by phone only. Priority will be given to in-person registrations. RoCA will begin taking numbers for in-person registrations at 9:00am with registration beginning at 10:00am.**

About RoCA

Rockland Center for the Arts (RoCA) is a not-for-profit cultural organization that sponsors exhibitions, performances, outreach programs, a Summer Day Camp and a School for the Arts. RoCA continues to provide quality arts programs and events to the community as it has for over 75 years.

RoCA's for the Arts is surrounded by art and nestled in nature. With classes taught by professionally-trained artists in fully-equipped studios, the School for the Arts offers a diverse array of interesting classes for all levels.

RoCA also features contemporary art exhibitions in our Emerson Gallery, Gallery One, Gallery Two, Media Project Spaces as well as outside in the Catherine Konner Sculpture Park at RoCA — all a great resource for our students and visitors.

The mission of Rockland Center for the Arts is to inspire, educate and enrich the community through creating, teaching and presenting the arts, and to provide opportunities for all people to experience and participate in the cultural life of our region. RoCA believes that everyone has the potential to express themselves through the arts. RoCA is committed to the process of experiencing, responding to, creating, and presenting art. By providing a range of relevant, thought-provoking programs, RoCA engages the individual and the community through quality art experiences, while cultivating new audiences in personally meaningful ways.

Rockland Center for the Arts, Inc. follows a non-discriminatory policy in admissions and employment. The facilities are wheelchair accessible.

Faculty bios can be found on RoCA's website: www.rocklandartcenter.org

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RoCA's programs are made possible, in part, with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature.

Need Based Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available for adults and children. The deadline is June 22.

Visit www.rocklandartcenter.org for an application. Scholarships are made possible thanks to the Louis Spitz Scholarship Fund, Zara Crowley, the Barbara Kalvert Scholarship Fund, The Zaklin Family Foundation, Sarah and Stephen Thomas and the Mark & Jessie Milano Foundation.

Summer 2026 School Calendar

Summer term starts Monday, June 29

Registration for Fall Art Classes begins Tuesday, July 21 at 10:00am

RoCA will be closed Saturday, September 5-Monday, September 7 for Labor Day weekend.

Fall term begins September 14

Ceramics

About the Ceramic Studio

The Ceramic Studio is fully equipped with 9 electric wheels, 2 kick wheels, a slab roller and an extruder. Clay can be purchased for \$50 per brick (and must be purchased at RoCA which includes glazing and firing. Some specialty clays are available and cost more per brick. Please bring a towel and tools to class. Some tools are available for purchase in the Ceramics Studio. Benchtime during the summer is Fridays, either 10:00am to 12:30pm or 12:30pm to 3:00pm.

Wheel Throwing for Beginners

Jim Shaughnessy

\$275/\$265 senior (plus \$50 clay/firing fee (per brick)

This class focuses on demonstrations and one-on-one beginner instruction. Students learn to throw on the wheel to create beautiful pots for the table, kitchen, and garden.

R03 6 sessions starting Thu. July 2 6:30–9:30pm

Wheel Throwing (beg./int.)

Kate Hetman Poland

\$275/\$265 senior (plus \$50 clay/firing fee (per brick)

For beginners or for those who want to improve their wheel throwing and/or handbuilding skills. An overview of the entire ceramic process will be introduced, including glazing and firing techniques.

R04 6 sessions starting Mon. June 29 6:30-9:30pm

Ceramics Studio: Handbuilding & Wheel Throwing (int./adv.)

Wendy Morris

\$275/\$265 senior (plus \$50 clay/firing fee (per brick)

This course will cover basic handbuilding and wheel throwing skills. Let's discover what method is most suited to create the work that best pleases your aesthetic sensibility. Both wheel throwing and handbuilding demonstrations will be given. There will be one-on-one attention for those of you pursuing a more advanced agenda. This will be an engaging experience for beginning and beyond artists looking to work in ceramics.

R50 6 sessions starting Tues. June 30 6:30-9:30pm

Wheel Throwing (int/adv.)

Kate Poland Hetman

\$275 / \$265 senior (plus \$50 clay/firing fee per brick)

Students of all levels receive a thorough foundation in working on the wheel. As students learn, the focus will shift to form, decoration and glazing. Classes include demonstrations and individualized instruction as students progress at their own pace. The instructor will assist students in solving problems of style and technique with an emphasis on developing and eye for aesthetics.

R26 6 sessions starting Wed. July 1 6:30–9:30pm

NEW! Ceramics for Families (ages 5 & up)

Wendy Morris

\$210 per person

Enjoy exploring handbuilding and sculpting with clay along with your child, grandchild, niece, nephew... you get the idea: Bring a child (or two) and come play with clay! First-timers are welcome! Ages 5 and up. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult family member.

R15 6 sessions starting Thurs., July 2 4:30-6:00pm

Fine Arts

Painting (beg./int.)

Margery Theroux \$235 /senior \$225

Explore the process of painting still life and landscape paintings! You will be amazed how quickly your style and artistic ability develops by using easy and intuitive painting techniques. Learn the basics of toning the canvas, drawing a composition, mixing colors. Emphasis is on creativity and you are free to experiment and develop your own expressive style. Demonstrations, individual critiques and examples of famous artists' works will be shown. Students may choose to paint with oil or acrylic on canvas. A materials list will be sent upon registration.

R282 6 sessions starting Tues. June 30 6:30-9:30pm

NEW! Drawn to Drawing (beg./int.)

Margery Theroux

\$235/senior \$225

This class explores the basics of traditional drawing practices and techniques. Understand materials, the importance of value charts, and drawing simple forms. You will learn how to create form with line and shadow, and investigate composition and space. Each class will include demonstration and a look at drawings in history. A materials list will be sent upon registration.

R01 6 sessions starting Wed. July 1 6:30-9:30pm

Painting the Portrait in Oils

Lauren Rudolph

\$235/senior \$225

In this class we will learn how to paint a portrait in oils from a reference photo. Starting with the initial sketch we will learn how to break down the face into patterns and shapes in order to see that areas of light and dark that create form. In this first step we will see how we can paint with pencil using the same principals that we will then bring in with paint.

The underpainting is a scaffold upon which we will lay our colors. The underpainting creates a visual structure and another layer from which we can get to know the subject. We will learn how to create an underpainting using one color to create darks and lights as our foundation.

In the final stages we will be adding paint. We will learn how to mix colors ahead of time to use for our flesh tones. The world of color is fascinating and there is so much to explore. We will discuss how to apply color and to see them for what they are and how to create a dynamic, life-like feeling. A list of all materials will be sent upon registration.

R161 6 sessions starting Thu. July 2 6:30-9:30pm
(no class 8/6 or 8/13)

Youth & Teens

Anime/Manga: all levels (ages 8-13)

Kanitra Perrault

\$120

Students will learn to illustrate in this worldwide popular style of cartooning. "Manga" means comics in Japanese and "Anime" is short for Japanese animation. Each child will receive individualized instruction to develop their artistic skills. They will look at popular characters for inspiration and then create their own. Materials needed: pencil, fine point black sharpie, eraser, paper, color pencils, and markers.

R53 6 sessions starting Thu. July 2 4:30-5:30pm

Let's Throw a Pot (ages 9-13)

Colleen Vanderhoef

\$200

A workshop focusing on the basics of wheel throwing. Various aspects of clay properties, glazing and design are explored. For beginning and intermediate students. Some handbuilding techniques are also introduced. Materials and firing fees included.

R74 6 sessions starting Mon. June 29 4:30-6:00pm

NEW! Learn to Draw (ages 8-11)

Wendy Morris \$180

Did you know, that when we activate the right side of the brain and quiet the left side, it enhances the ability to see and to draw what is seen? Children will create drawings using exercises and techniques inspired by this principle and the work of Betty Edwards. Children will be given all the materials necessary. Each class will explore new methods as well as build on previous ones.

R11 6 sessions starting Tues. June 30 4:30-6:00pm

Cartooning (ages 6-9)

Kanitra Perrault

\$120

Make your cartoons come to life. Create exciting super heroes, action figures and story ideas for your own comic strip. You will learn how to draw dynamic facial expressions and figures-in-action sequences. Just bring your ideas and see how quickly you will develop your own unique style. All materials are included.

R255 6 sessions starting Tues. June 30 4:30-5:30pm

Ceramics (ages 6-9)

Colleen Vanderhoef

\$150

Learn basic pottery techniques: handbuilding, glazing and decoration. Individual instruction is provided with emphasis on developing the child's creative imagination. Slab, coil and pinch pot projects will be among the techniques explored. Materials and firing fees included.

R52 6 sessions starting Tues. June 30 4:30-5:30pm

Registration Information

Most classes begin the week of June 29, 2026 and meet for 6 sessions. However, please check specific listings for the date that your class or workshop begins. Call RoCA at (845) 358-0877 if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership to RoCA is required to enroll in full term courses (over 4 sessions). If an individual becomes a member to enroll, and the class is canceled, membership will be refunded upon request.

MAIL REGISTRATION

Send enclosed form with check made out to Rockland Center for the Arts, or charge it.

Mail to: Rockland Center for the Arts
27 S. Greenbush Road
West Nyack, NY 10994

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

Mon.-Fri. 9:30am-5:00pm
Sat. 1:00pm-4:00pm

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Please visit www.rocklandartcenter.org and you may register online with a VISA, American Express or MasterCard.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

You may charge your fees to VISA, American Express or MasterCard by supplying the appropriate information on the registration form. Please be sure to give us your name exactly as it appears on the credit card.

DISCOUNTS

*Senior Adults--Ages 62 and over-- are entitled to a senior discount.

CERAMICS BENCHTIME POLICY

- *Benchtime is provided for adults currently enrolled in ceramics courses.
- *Benchtime schedules are posted each semester and are subject to change.
- *Clay must be purchased from RoCA and is only available for sale during class time. Clay is \$50 a brick, which includes glaze and firing fees.
- *Specialty Clays are \$60.00
- *Benchtime will begin the second week of classes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

- *No notification of acceptance will be sent. Please report to the first session of your class or workshop unless otherwise notified.
- Most classes begin the third full week of September and January, but it is important to check the starting date of your specific course or workshop.
- *Tuition is accepted for a full course only. We cannot pro-rate registration or reduce the price of classes for any reason.
- *All applicable fees are required to be paid when registering for a course. These fees cannot be waived for any reason.
- *RoCA reserves the right to cancel classes if minimum enrollment is not met. If enrollment goals are not met, a course may be cancelled up to 48 hours before the first scheduled class. In the event of a cancellation, a full refund is granted.
- *All class sizes are limited. Register early to assure your place in the class or workshop of your choice.
- *Rockland Center for the Arts reserves the right to refuse admission or expel any disruptive student.

REFUND POLICY

ALL REFUND REQUESTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND MAILED TO:

Daly Flanagan, Executive Director
Rockland Center for the Arts
27 South Greenbush Road
West Nyack, New York 10994

Please allow two to three weeks to process all refund requests.

*If student withdraws:

- at least one week or more before the first scheduled meeting, there will be a full refund of tuition fee plus the materials/model's fee. RoCA withholds the \$5 registration fee.
 - within the week before the first scheduled meeting (but not the day class begins) full refund of tuition fee only, less \$5 registration fee.
 - on the day of the first class or prior to 2nd scheduled meeting, 70% refund of tuition fee, less \$5 registration fee.
 - during and after 2nd scheduled meeting, no refunds-no exceptions.
- *Pro-rating and refunds are not given for student absences. RoCA is not responsible for make-up classes.
*RoCA does not give credits to be used for future semesters.
*If class is canceled by RoCA, student will receive a full refund.

Refunds-Workshops:

- *If workshop is canceled by RoCA, student receives a full refund.
- *If student withdraws 8 or more calendar days before the first session, there will be a full refund, less a \$5 registration fee.
- *If student withdraws from workshop within 7 calendar days before workshop date, there will be a 70% refund of the tuition fee only. Materials/model's fees cannot be refunded when student withdraws within 7 days of the first workshop date.
- *If student withdraws the day of workshop or after the first session, there will be no refund-no exceptions.
- *RoCA does not give credits to be used for future semesters.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Rockland Center School for the Arts offers a limited number of scholarships for children and youth up to age 18. Call 845-358-0877 to request a scholarship application. All application information is confidential.

CANCELLATIONS

Rockland Center for the Arts reserves the right to cancel a class or workshop. If enrollment goals are not met, a course may be cancelled up to 48 hours before the first scheduled class. In the event of a cancellation, a full refund is granted. All courses are subject to minimum enrollment. When courses are cancelled by RoCA for any reason, student may transfer to another course or receive a full refund. RoCA reserves the right to cancel any course for which there is insufficient enrollment and withdraw or modify course offerings, locations and fees. Instructors may also change when necessary.

WAIVER FOR PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN/USED

RoCA occasionally documents classes using photographs and video for publicity purposes. These images are used in the course brochure, advertising, and other publicity materials for the benefit of the School. Registration in a course at RoCA assumes permission to photograph you and/or your artwork, and to use your image in publicity materials unless you inform the photographer that you do not wish to have your picture taken. If you prefer that RoCA not photograph your children for publicity purposes, please notify the front desk at the time of registration.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Cancellation of classes because of severe weather conditions will be announced on WHUD 100.7 and our web site www.rocklandartcenter.org. If you have a question, call RoCA (845) 358-0877 before coming to class.

