

Meet our

Instructors

Joyce Anderson started her professional painting career in Walla Walla in 1978. She has remained actively involved in youth and adult instruction ever since, offering original, fun and creative workshops and classes throughout eastern Oregon and Washington.

Colleen Blackwood is an addict of quilting of all forms and has been teaching methods and techniques for a very long time....40 years (!) She lives in Pendleton and teaches at the annual Sisters Quilters Affaire in Sisters, Oregon every July.

Nika Blasser is an interdisciplinary artist who works with a wide range of materials including drawing, painting, photography, video and installation. She has an MFA in Drawing and Intermedia (2013) from the University of Alberta in Canada, and has a Bachelor's in Painting, Drawing and Printmaking (2004), from Portland State University. Visit Nika's website at www.NikaBlasser.com.

Tammy Burnett is a retired elementary teacher with a lifelong love of all glass. She worked with leaded and copper foil stained glass for several years before discovering the "glass on glass" mosaic. She loves the ease and freedom it allows to express creativity through color and light.

Jennifer Costley spends her days at the Pendleton Public Library where she is the Youth Services Librarian, and her evenings sewing, knitting, drawing and creating artful handiworks of all kinds.

Ralph Edmonds has 20 years of experience marbling paper, and he is a talented wood carver as well. He has taught several marbling classes before, and enjoys making this fun project available to others.

Erica Edwards, originally from California, received her bachelor's from BYU-Idaho in photography before settling down in Pendleton. She enjoys teaching all art mediums, as well as gardening, book binding, ceramics, and art history.

Delanne Ferguson is about all things fiber! In addition to her 30 years experience in knitting, she's also a spinner, felter and new weaver. Delanne can be found every first Saturday at the Arts Center's "Spin-In", an open-invitation gathering that she founded to bring together Pendleton's enthusiastic fiber community.

Sara Frechette is an artist, puppeteer and founder of PUPPETKABOB, a puppet company that tours full length productions to theaters, museums and festivals around the world. She has received the Union Internationale de la Marionnette Citation of Excellence for her work. Her workshop is being offered in conjunction with her performance of The Snowflake Man on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$5 and available by calling 541-278-9201.

Celia Hampton teaches in the Pendleton School District. She learned stained glass work from Chuck McCullough at the Arts Center and has been passing on her knowledge to new students ever since.

Charlie Herrington is semi-retired and working at the Pendleton Music Company. His enthusiasm for music led him to the PCA, where he's brought his 25 years of experience to share with our beginner adult guitar groups. He's a big fan of improvisational music.

J.J. Hill worked off-Broadway in New York and did stand-up comedy all over the country for 8 years. Previous to his career in acting, J.J. received a BS in Theatre from Eastern Oregon University.

James Dean Kindle is a singer-songwriter/musician based in Pendleton who has recorded and released multiple albums featuring his original songs. His music has been featured on Oregon Public Broadcasting and he has performed across the Pacific Northwest with his backing band, The Eastern Oregon Playboys.



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