

Meet our Instructors

Brandy Anderson is a photographer and artist who currently attends Blue Mountain Community College. She gravitates towards all kinds of creating and design, and is currently preparing to show her most recent collage works at the Feves Gallery.

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.

Kim Chavez is a youth educator working on a degree in Early Childhood Education. New to the area, Kim began volunteering at the Arts Center in 2014 and started teaching art classes shortly after.

Arlen Clark is a self-taught painter producing works for nearly 40 years. He uses bright colors, exaggeration, distortion and imagination to express his ideas.

Erica Edwards is a native of California and a lover of Oregon. She enjoys teaching classes, reading and all things art.

Mike Dinkel teaches Robotics at Pendleton High School and leads several of the competitive robotics and engineering teams.

Mike Kellison is a member of the Oregon Music Teachers Association and the Music Teachers National Association. After receiving a Bachelor of Music degree from Eastern Oregon University with a focus in Jazz and Commercial music for the guitar, he now lives in Hermiston where he teaches private music lessons on guitar, piano, and bass.

Kristen Parr is an enrolled Cayuse and Walla Walla member of the CTUIR. She has worked as a Language Instructor/Apprentice for the last 11.5 years at the CTUIR Language Program.

Bill Peal has been an avid photographer and teacher for the last decade, after a long career teaching agricultural science. His photographic work reveals a reverence for our regional landscape and through teaching he gets to share his love and knowledge of the region with others.

Kate Peck has worked in the Early Childhood Education field in some form or another for the past 22 years. She currently shares her time working here at the Arts Center as the Outreach Manager and coordinating various community events that advocate strong and healthy youth and families. She is a firm believer in the saying by George Bernard Shaw, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

Marie Prutch learned pottery from Michael Booth at BMCC, and is now ready to share her talents with others. Check out Marie's work at www.facebook.com/thistledewnicelyboutique

Scarlett Reagan is a senior in high school and an artist who has been working with the pottery wheel for a number of years. She likes to explore different styles and techniques on the wheel, and has been teaching peers for the last year at Hermiston High School.

Lori Sams received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Studio Art with an emphasis in Ceramics from Chico State University in northern California. She has called Pendleton home since 2010. She serves as the Director of the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery at BMCC and loves being involved with the local arts scene.

Peg Willis has taught music for over 50 years and has directed several groups, including The Pick 'n' Bow Company, Shenanigans (Morrow County), Mulligan Stew, and Poverty Flat. Her groups have performed extensively around the region and as far away as Washington DC and Ireland. Peg enjoys fiber arts (knitting, cross stitching, weaving) and has written several books. www.pegwillis.com

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