

# Pella Community Art Center

## February 2021

### Featured Media of the Month: CLAY

Clay or Ceramics is an ancient media to work with both as an art form or for utilitarian uses. We love how versatile clay is. You can make sculptures, covered boxes, animals, plates, mugs and so much more with it.

This is also a media that lends itself so a wide range of ages, skill levels, customizations, color likes/dislikes, styles, and so many choices. It isn't one of those medias or projects that you get instant gratification of taking home a completed project in a couple hours. There are several steps to completion and a little bit of magic that happens behind the scenes. Having to slow down and think through all the steps and processes for a completed project makes it even more special when they see the finished products!

We think taking a whole month to explore and work with clay also allows students to really get comfortable working with this supply. When we introduce clay to students it's really exciting to see their eyes brighten to the possibilities of what they can make with this month long media!

### Highlighting Work Study Students and Volunteers

Work study and volunteer students from Central College and both local High Schools really enhance the Art Center experience for all students involved. Some are skilled in certain media, and others are willing to do whatever needs to be done to help – wield a glue gun, write names on projects, help kids find the materials they need, be that helping hand to finish an idea or project.

The Art Center participants love having one-to-one help, and these people make that all possible. Without these helpers our instructors wouldn't be able to do what we do. It really is a joy to work with your kids and the work study students and volunteers. Each one brings something special to the whole atmosphere of the Art Center.

If you think you might be interested in volunteering at the Art Center, please contact the Community Services Office at 628-4571, or talk to one of our instructors.

### Gallery Show!!

January 19—February 11, 2021

Puppets come in all shapes and forms. This year we are exploring hand puppets, clothespin puppets and accordion puppets. It's an introduction into three very different styles of puppet making out of so many that we could try.

Students have individually designed and created a puppet within each puppet type. Even with each student starting out with the same instruction, each of their puppets have a unique look and personality. The students each picked one of the puppets they made to be put into the Joan Kuyper Farver Art Gallery!

### Specialty Classes for ages 16 yrs. and up!

If you would like to sign up for these classes please call the Community Services office 628-4571 and check them out on the City of Pella website.

#### Multimedia Clay Wreaths

Friday, Feb 5 & Friday, Feb 12 @ 7-8:30 pm

In this 2-day class we will be making a multimedia clay project. The first class will be spent creating the individual clay items for our finished project. The second class we will assemble our projects, customizing to our individual tastes.

#### Wheel Basics, ages 16+

Weds, March 10, 17, 24 @ 6:30-8pm

We will be working on our Clay Wheel Skills in this class. Each participant will practice throwing clay vessels on a kick wheel so that we can hone our talents. There will be 3 sessions in this class where we build on what we learned in the class before. Limited to 6 participants.

#### Geode/Agate Coasters

Thurs, March 4 & March 11 @ 6:30 - 8pm

These faux Geode/Agate Coasters are so much fun to make so spend a couple evenings with us making these colorful creations! Get out of the house, sign up with a friend and make an evening out of it. Each participant will make 4 coasters using their choose of color palette in this 2-Day class.

#### Pinterest Party!

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 @ 6:30—8:00 pm

There will be 3-5 stations to make these fun Pinterest inspired projects. Work at your own pace and leave with several completed pieces! We do the hard part of getting supplies, setting everything up and you get to do the fun part...MAKE THEM!! Grab a friend and sign up for a night of making!