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Turchin Center's Community Art School Announces Spring 2010 Program Schedule

Boone, NC – Appalachian State University's Turchin Center for the Visual Arts announces its schedule of programs at The Community Art School. Participants can try their hands at anything from drawing, to creating collages to visual journals. Pre-registration and payment are required, and enrollment is limited. Turchin Center members are eligible for discounted registration fees. Register online at www.tcva.org/register; for personal assistance or more information call 828/262-3017.

The Turchin Center for the Visual Arts presents exhibition, education and collection programs that support Appalachian State University's role as a key regional educational, cultural and economic resource. The mission of the Community Art School is to make the diversity, creativity, and critical thinking found in the visual arts more accessible to the regional Appalachian community. Workshops and classes are available for art enthusiasts of all ages and artist levels. These exciting educational opportunities are designed around the multi-faceted exhibitions that are offered and are designed to stimulate the imagination, encourage creativity, develop perceptual awareness, and nurture a global perspective of visual culture.

Critical support for the Turchin Center is provided by a group of outstanding media sponsors that are dedicated to promoting the arts in our region, including: *The Mountain Times*, *All About Women* magazine, the *High Country Press*, the *Winston-Salem Journal*, Charter Media, Mountain Television Network, Mix 102.3, 100.7 MacFM, WFDD 88.5, WDAV 89.9, WETS 89.5, WNCW 88.7 and WASURocks 90.5FM.

The Turchin Center is located at 423 West King St., in Boone. Hours are 10am-6pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and Noon-8pm, Friday. The Center is closed Sunday and Monday, and observes all university holidays. There is no admission charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. Turchin Center members receive discounts for workshops, invitations to special members preview events, and numerous other benefits. For additional details about the Turchin Center's Community Art School, about becoming a member, or the upcoming exhibitions, please call 828/262-3017 or visit www.tcva.org.

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Spring Programs

“Express Yourself!”

Express Yourself! is a series of workshops sponsored by Turchin Center's Community Art School, the Expressive Arts Therapy Program, and the Art Department designed to help children and adults with developmental disabilities explore their feelings, develop their creativity, build their social network, and have fun through various arts activities.

Some sessions focus on the development of art techniques and some focus on the therapeutic aspect of the arts.

10am- Noon on Fridays, March 5 and 26

Taught by Kate Brinko

Cost: FREE; advanced registration is required

“Adult Community Artmaking I & II”

Discover the artist within using materials to create collages ... to create a new vision of your life. Enjoy creating art in community with others, inspiring one another as you work with materials found in your home to create images.

Adult Community Artmaking I:

2-4pm on Sundays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28

Arnold P. Rosen Family Education Wing, 3rd floor classroom

Taught by Pegge Laine as part of the Teens and Adults Programs

Cost: \$45 for TCVA members; \$55 for non-members

Adult Community Artmaking II:

2-4pm on Sundays, April 11, 18 and 25; May 2

Arnold P. Rosen Family Education Wing, 3rd floor classroom

Taught by Pegge Laine as part of the Teens and Adults Programs

Cost: \$45 for TCVA members; \$55 for non-members

Preregistration and prepayment required. Call (828) 262-3017.

“Figure Drawing with Tim Ford”

Participants in this weekend class will be led through a series of drawing exercises designed to strengthen familiarity with the figure and lead to more expressive and dynamic content. Participants will explore gesture and organization drawing using charcoal, graphite, and paint. This course allows for a wide range of abilities from beginner to advanced.

9am- 4pm; ASU Art Department's Wey Hall, Room 306

March 20-21st; 27-28th

April 10-11th; 17-18th

Taught by Tim Ford as part of the Teens and Adults Programs

Cost: \$45 for TCVA members; \$55 for non-members

Preregistration and prepayment required. Call (828) 262-3017.

“Visual Journals with David Modler”

This class will provide instruction for creating and maintaining an artifact known as a visual journal. A visual journal is similar to a traditional sketchbook or journal, so the class will incorporate reflective writing and image making in order to create personal meaning.

Participants are encouraged to bring a new or old and neglected sketchbook and favorite art materials to begin their journey. Any other personal items that they would like to incorporate into their art making such as ticket stubs, receipts, letters, photographs, etc. are also recommended.

10am-1pm on Saturdays, March 20 and 27
Arnold P. Rosen Family Education Wing, 3rd floor classroom
Taught by David Modler as part of the Teens and Adults Programs
Cost: \$40 for TCVA members; \$50 for non-members

Preregistration and prepayment required. Call (828) 262-3017.

To request or view a complete schedule of programs for children, teenagers, adults, seniors, and special populations, or for additional details about the Turchin Center and its upcoming exhibition programs, please call 828.262.3017 or visit www.tcva.org

Other Turchin Center Programming

The Turchin Center, in collaboration with ASU’s Department of Art and ASU’s Art Management Organization, are hosting the **1st Annual Draw-a-thon** on March 26-27. Students, professors, and local artists (of all levels and ages) will be invited to gather at the Turchin Center to draw from live models during a two-day event with the goal of creating a casual, fun atmosphere that is open to the curious novice, the devoted expert, and every level in between. Participants are invited to be involved in the entire event or drop in as their schedule allows.

Friday, March 26
5pm- 11pm (tentative end)
Saturday, March 27
9am- 7:30 (tentative ending)

For more information, and for a more detailed schedule, please contact Brook Bower at (828) 262-7520.