

SVAN WORKSHOPS WINTER/SPRING 2012

January 3, 5, 10, 12, 17 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Introduction to Pottery: Wheel Throwing

Michele Drozd, 518-863-8013
Bellwether Studio @ The Orendaga
732 South Main, Northville
5 Sessions: 6-8:30 PM Min. 2/max. 4 participants

Learning to throw on the potter's wheel is one thing on everyone's "bucket list." This is your chance! This fun class guides the beginner through basic ceramics, working with clay, the centering process, pulling cylinders and creating functional ware on the wheel. Students will learn basic glazing techniques as well as the bisque and glaze firing processes. Each participant will take home finished functional wares, glazed and fired to 2300 degrees.

Cost: SVAN member \$100. Non-member \$105.
Materials and firings fee: \$50

January 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 (Mondays and Wednesdays)

Introduction to Clay: Tile and Handbuilding Class

Michele Drozd, 518-863-8013
Bellwether Studio @ The Orendaga
732 South Main, Northville
5 Sessions: 6-8:30 PM Min. 3/max. 5 participants

An excellent class for beginners as well as for experienced artists wishing to develop their skills. Students will work with porcelain slabs, making tiles and experimenting with pattern and texture. Participants will learn how to work with plaster, capturing texture and taking molds of their finished tiles. The molds will be used to make multiples from which to construct lidded boxes complete with feet and handles. The class covers basic handbuilding techniques and design through the bisq and glaze firing processes. Participants will take home a lidded porcelain box (4x4x4") glazed and fired to 2300 degrees.

Cost: SVAN member \$100. Non-member \$105.
Materials and firings fee: \$50

January 28 (Saturday)

Drawing Expressive Portraits

NOTE: Closing date for registration is January 23, 2012.

Constance Dodge, Dodge House Lakeside Gallery, 518-863-2201
9 AM-4 PM Bring a lunch.
Edinburg Community Center
47 Military Road, Edinburg, NY

This exciting workshop is open to adults and interested high school students. It will focus on the head proportions, prominent features and dramatic lighting. Participants will experience drawing the head in frontal, tilted and three quarter views.

Gain confidence in rendering eyes, noses and mouths as you work from live models. Students will learn spatial guides for placement of the figure in relationship to a background.

Requirements: Minimum number of registrants: 7
Intermediate drawing skills.

Cost: SVAN member \$45. Non-member \$50
(Covers instructor's fee and fee for live models)

A supply list will be provided after individuals register for the workshop

February 11

Handweaving Happiness—Plan a Project/Wind a Warp

Arlene Rambush, Fiber Artist, 518-863-8647
Deerhaven Studio
130 North Road, Northville, NY
9 AM-4 PM Bring a lunch. Maximum 5 participants

Do you need towels, placemats, a runner or scarf? In this workshop you will explore the many possibilities of project design including which yarns, colors, and weave structure and function of the finished piece. We will write the draft for threading, tie-up and treadling, then wind the warp so you can dress your loom at a later date.

Requirements: Some previous weaving experience: advanced beginner through intermediate skills. Bring your own warping frame; limited number available in studio.

Cost: SVAN member \$35. Non-member \$40.
(Includes yarn for your project)

February 11 and 18 (Saturdays)

Publish with Your Computer

Harry Wirtz
Words & Pictures, 518-863-8636

2 Sessions: 10AM-3PM
Edinburg Community Center
47 Military Road, Edinburg

Stop fighting with your computer and start making neat stuff! A participant driven, individualized beginner level workshop for those communicating with text and images in print, Web, and presentations.

Start with a simple one-page illustrated newsletter using Microsoft Word and Photoshop Elements, then see how more complex jobs are done with professional Adobe software. Printing, backing up your files, and using photographs are among topics to be discussed and demonstrated.

Bring your Mac or Windows laptop with Microsoft Office plus Adobe software if you have it. You can buy lunch nearby or bring it. May be re-scheduled in the event of bad weather.

Cost: SVAN member \$85. Non-member \$90.

February 20

Bean Pot Basket

Laura Ginter, 518-863-4145, ginterhvl@frontiernet.net

Basket Thyme Studio

Hope Valley Lodge

163 Hope Falls Road, Hope, NY

8AM-4PM Bring a lunch. Min. 3/Max. 5 students

The "Bean Pot," a 9x9" round basket with a wire handle, is the first of a three part winter series at Basket Thyme. The pattern is suitable for beginners and participants will learn the basics of basket weaving using oval, flat and round reed of different colors to create a basket for carrying small items.

Cost: SVAN member \$35. Non-member \$40.

Supplies: \$15

March 2 and 3

Rustic Frame

Jim Schreiner, Great Sacandaga Design, 518-696-7065

2 Sessions: 9 AM-4 PM Bring a lunch. Min. 3/Max. 6 participants

BCON Corner

99 N Main, Northville

Birch bark picture frames and mirrors have graced Adirondack camps and cabins for centuries. This is a great class for beginners to take advantage

of the fine skills of this woodworking professional. Participants will select a frame and learn techniques associated with the glue method, selecting and cutting bark and twigs and framing.

Cost: SVAN member \$115. Non-member \$120

All materials included.

March 10

Gourd Sculpting I

Michelle Heavner, 518-863-2134

9AM-4PM Bring a lunch.

BCON Corner

99 N Main, Northville

This class is the first of a two part series in which students will learn the traditional foundations of gourd sculpting from functional use to art form. This session is an introduction to gourd carving: cleaning, creating or choosing a design, use of cutting and carving tools and proper safety techniques.

Cost: SVAN member \$40. Non-member \$45.

Supplies: \$15

March 20

Fresh Floral Spring Arrangement

Wendy Hotaling, 518-863-4374

North Country Florist

957 State HWY 30, Northville

6-8 PM Max. 8 participants

What better way to welcome the first day of Spring and the flower growing season! We will design a beautiful, colorful burst of spring for you to take home and enjoy. Guaranteed to lift your spirits after the long months of winter.

Cost: SVAN member \$45. Non-member \$50. Includes tools needed

March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18

Handweaving: Twills, Twills, Twills

Arlene Rambush, Fiber Artist, 518-863-8647

Deerhaven Studio

130 North Road, Northville, NY

5 Sessions: 1-4 PM Maximum: 5 Students

The saying is “The twills begin, but they never end.” Such is the variety from 3-shaft used for jeans to plain (left and right), zig-zag, herringbone, bird’s-eye, chevron, single or double or triple point, to rose path and double weave. The versatile twill is also a stepping stone to overshot and complex weaves.

In this five week class, we will explore the variety of twill structures with emphasis on appropriate twills for particular projects. This class is also an opportunity to experiment to see how different yarn types and sizes can affect the finished piece.

Requirements: Students must be able to wind a warp, dress the loom.

Advanced beginner to intermediate skills.

Cost: SVAN member \$150. Non-member \$155.

Loom use and supplies included.

March 24

Gourd Sculpting II

Michelle Heavner, 518-863-2134

9AM-4PM Bring a lunch.

BCON Corner

99 N Main, Northville

In this second of two gourd workshops, students deepen their knowledge as they return to design, tool use and safety. Participants will produce a hand crafted gourd with either a traditional Native American design or a design of their own choosing, completed by finishes and painting techniques to achieve the desired look.

Cost: SVAN member \$40. Non-member \$45.

Supplies: \$15

March 27

Tote Basket

Laura Ginter, 518-863-4145, ginterhvl@frontiernet.net

Basket Thyme Studio

Hope Valley Lodge

163 Hope Falls Road, Hope, NY

8AM-4PM Bring a lunch. Min. 3/Max. 5 students

In this second of a three part series at Basket Thyme, participants will make a beautiful, functional 10” base, 12” high, leather-strapped tote from various colors

of flat, oval and round reed. This exceptionally versatile basket could be used for market or beach or storing car items. The pattern is suitable for beginners.
Cost: SVAN member \$45. Non-member \$50.

Supplies: \$20

April 4, Wednesday, and the following Thursdays: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10

Spring Painting Class I—Acrylics/Oils

Constance Dodge, Dodge House Lakeside Gallery, 518-863-2201
6 Sessions: 6-9 PM Max. 12 participants age 16-adult
Edinburg Community Center
47 Military Road, Edinburg, NY

This class is suited for beginners as well as those with some level of experience. Students will explore the versatility of acrylic paint which can be manipulated to look like oil or to appear like the washes of watercolor. Those students with a foundation in oils, and who have those supplies, are welcome to use that medium in class. Themes from everyday life as viewed in still life or landscape will serve as subject matter to inspire each student. Emphasis will be on composition, the language of color, dramatic light, spatial relationships and painting techniques.

Cost: Svan member \$65. Non-member \$70.

Registrants should call Connie Dodge at 863-2201 for a supplies list prior to the first class.

April 24 and 25

Hearth Basket

Laura Ginter, 518-863-4145, ginterhvl@frontiernet.net

Basket Thyme Studio

Hope Valley Lodge

163 Hope Valley Road, Hope, NY

2 Sessions: 8AM-4PM Bring a lunch. Min. 3/Max. 5 students

The last in a three part winter series at Basket Thyme, this basket is suitable for beginners. An excellent basket for use as a magazine, paper or kindling container hearthside or, in other areas, for towels, linens, etc. The basket is made using flat, oval and round reed of various colors and features a beautiful handle.

Cost: SVAN member \$45. Non-member \$50.

Supplies: \$20

April 27 and 28

Rustic Frame

Jim Schreiner, Great Sacandaga Design, 518-696-7065

2 Sessions: 9 AM-4 PM Bring a lunch. Min. 3/Max. 6 participants.
BCON Corner
99 N Main, Northville

As this is a repeat, see the description of the March 2 and 3 workshop.
Cost: SVAN member \$115. Non-member \$120.
All materials provided.

May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21

Spring Painting II—Acrylics/Oils

Constance Dodge, Dodge House Lakeside Gallery, 518-863-2201
6 Sessions: 6-9 PM Max. 12 participants age 16-adult.
Edinburg Community Center
47 Military Road, Edinburg

A continuation of Spring Painting I. See April 4th description.
The class is suited for beginners as well as those with some level of experience.
Former students, welcome back!
Cost: SVAN member \$65. Non-member \$70
Contact Connie Dodge at 863-2201 for a supplies list prior to first class.