

Artist brings art to both young and old

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“Art” is a short, simple word with meaning that offers endless possibilities. Susan Jackson has been sharing her passion for art through her program, “Paint, Draw, and More!” offering art classes for both children and adults. At her Georgetown School of the Arts, Ms. Jackson, who holds degrees in industrial design and scenic painting, offers year-round art classes both after school and on weekends. Activities vary from woodworking to weaving, sculpting, designing, drawing, and specialty painting. Ms. Jackson said her studio is a “really beautiful space that is small and intimate, where people get a lot of specialty hands-on experience.”

During the summer, an art camp is available for children to explore their creative sides. Children experiment with a variety of tools to create all types of unique pieces of art. Some of the activities include making masks, creating sculptures, and weaving.

“There really is something for everyone at these camps,” Ms. Jackson said, referring to the diversity of students’ interests. “We have a lot of interesting things going on here since our teachers are really creative.”

At the end of each week, an art show is held at the studio, where friends and family are invited to come and experience the children’s artwork. The shows are occasionally themed. For example, one week the art show was the “octopus’ garden.”

The campers are broken down into the age groups 5-8 and 9-13. There are usually about 20 students per class. The summer camp sessions ran weekly, held in different towns, including Brookfield, Newtown, Norwalk, Redding, and Stamford, each week. The Redding camp is held at the Georgetown School of the Arts. Summer classes were also offered in Fairfield throughout the summer for age groups 5-14 and 9-13.



Susan Jackson, owner of Paint, Draw, and More! and the Georgetown School of the Arts, offered art camp to youngsters this summer. —Lauren DeCarlo photo

Ms. Jackson works with professional artists who are talented in different areas and are able to share their skills with the students.

Jo-Ann Clayborn is a painter and a collage artist who owns a business titled Creative Artwork. Betsy DeMarco is a muralist owning the business Art Surfaces. Barbara Haeger works with illustration, and Melissa Connors creates interior murals and plaster work.

Ms. Jackson also shares her passion for art with others through an event called Masters and Mixers. Masters and Mixers are painting and wine parties where adults can wind down and discover their creative sides. The event is held on the first Thursday and Saturday of every month in the Georgetown Studio beginning at 7 p.m., and costs \$35.

Also, Masters and Mixers are held at restaurants, the first at Two Steps in Danbury in August. On Sept. 17, there is a Masters and Mixer at Dash 'N Drizzle in Fairfield. Masters and Mixers are available for private events, such as girls nights out, bridal showers, and corporate events.

Ms. Jackson and Ms. Clayborn have been working together for 10 years, and will soon be opening up a Masters and Mixers studio in Stamford.

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