

NEWS

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TREAT YOURSELF TO AN ART CLASS AT THE WORCESTER ART MUSEUM



(WORCESTER, Mass., January 1, 2006) — After the rush of the holiday season, wouldn't it be nice to do something nice for YOU? An Adult art class at the Worcester Art Museum is the perfect remedy to the post-holiday rush and the winter blues. Sign up with a friend, or come and meet some new ones!

Eleven fun exploratory Friday night offerings complement a broad palette of studio art, art appreciation, computer art—in our state-of-the-art computer lab—and writing classes for adults at the Worcester Art Museum. ***Friday Night Painting, Intro to iLife,*** and ***T.G.I.F. Writers Circle*** are just a sampling of what we have to offer. **The 10-week winter session begins January 22.** Not sure what type of class you want to take? No problem! A member of our helpful Education staff can help guide you to the class that is right for you. Just call 508.793.4333 or 508.793.4334, Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 5:30pm, or leave a message and we will be happy to get back to you.

The Worcester Art Museum offers **extensive daytime, weeknight, and weekend classes and workshops**, providing hands-on art instruction in traditional media such as drawing, painting, watercolor, sculpture and photography or delving into more unusual forms of expression. Many classes open cultural doors, such as ***The Art of Tai Chi, Apocalypse Now: The Vietnam War in Poetry, Tuscany and the Renaissance,*** and ***Spanish for Art Lovers & Travelers,*** and take advantage of the Worcester Art Museum's world-class collection spanning 50 centuries of art and culture.

The Winter/Spring classes include two not to be missed **day trips**, *The New ICA and South End Galleries* on Saturday, March 31, and *Buon Appetito: The Pleasures of Italian Art and Cuisine* on Saturday, April 14. Page 2 of 3 An exciting new **Study Abroad** program offers *Landscape Painting in Italy* April 25-May 9, *Tuscany: Cradle of the Renaissance* May 18-28, among other “travel and learn” adventures.

Did you receive some great technology over the holidays, but now you want to learn how to use it? Sign up for one of our **One-Day and Weekend Workshops**: *PowerPoint Workshop, Learning to Use Your Digital Camera*, or *Using Your Digital SLR!*

Complete course listings and registration are accessible on the Museum’s website at www.worcesterart.org. Or, call 508-799-4406, ext. 3129 to receive the fall *Classes* brochure. Many Worcester Art Museum classes may be taken for college credit from Becker College, Clark University, Fitchburg State College, Massachusetts College of Art, Quinsigamond Community College and our newest educational partner, Worcester State College. Teacher professional development points are offered for all classes. Scholarships are available.

MORE CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

TEACHER CLASS & WORKSHOP

Fiber Arts in the Classroom - Tuesday, January 23-May 1, 4-7pm
The Art of Blogging for Teachers - Tuesday, February 6, 4-8pm

TRAVEL AND LEARN: OFF-SITE CLASSES (Click links for more details)



Study Abroad

[Landscape Painting in Italy with Bill Griffiths](#), April 4 – May 7, 2007

[Tuscany: Cradle of the Renaissance with Antonella Doucette](#), May 18 –28, 2007

[Landscape Painting in Greece with Kat O'Connor](#), June 27 – July 11, 2007

[Drawing and Painting in Greece with Ella Delyanis](#), September 5–19, 2007

[Italian Sketches: A Writing and Reading Retreat in Tuscany](#), September 8-15, 2007

Study U.S.A.

[Landscape Painting: Searching for the Spirit of Georgia O'Keeffe](#), August 4-12, 2007

[Gift from the Sea Weekend: A Creative Pause in Maine](#), June 15-17, 2007

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum, which opened to the public in 1898, is world-renowned for its 40,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media. The works span 5,000 years of art and culture. View paintings by Cassatt, Gauguin, Goya, Monet, Sargent and Whistler; admire floor mosaics from the ancient city of Antioch; see cutting-edge contemporary art; and discover the Museum's many other treasures. Special exhibitions showcase the masterworks, seldom-seen gems, and important works on loan. Enjoy a delectable lunch in the Museum Café, and browse the Shop for unique gifts and mementos.

Dedicated to the promotion of art and art education, the Museum offers a year-round studio art and art appreciation program that enrolls over 6,000 adult and youth students each year. Public tours are offered Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m., September through May. Audio tours are also available in English and Spanish.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Third Thursdays of every month, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (evening hours sponsored by Commerce Bank), and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and fulltime college students with current ID, and FREE for Members and all youth 17 and under. Admission is also FREE for everyone on Saturday mornings, 10 a.m.-noon (sponsored by The TJX Companies, Inc. and National Grid).

The Museum is located at 55 Salisbury St., Worcester, Mass., easily accessible from the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90), Route 290 and Route 9. Free parking is available near entrances on Salisbury, Lancaster and Tuckerman streets. For more information, call (508) 799-4406 or visit the Museum web site at www.worcesterart.org.

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