

Middle Tennessee Artists

Presents Retreat

Soaring Through Color



February 20-23, 2025

Thursday – Sunday

“Soaring Through Color”
Coffee County Conference Center, Manchester, TN

Middle Tennessee Artists

will be hosting their 37th retreat on
February 20-23, 2025

Registration fees: Thursday – Sunday

Member \$160.00

Non-Members \$175.00

Friday – Sunday

Member \$150.00

Non-Members \$165.00

You must be registered to attend classes, eat meals and any other weekend activity.

Your registration fee will include dinner on Thursday, lunch and dinner on Friday, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday. You may also buy a box lunch for Thursday if you wish at a price of \$15.00 in addition to your registration fee.

Members who have special dietary needs will have a one-time fee of \$10.00 for this service.

You will need to write down the need on your registration form under “special diet needs” to let us know what your needs are to be.

Note: Please move around and eat at different tables and with different people. What a better way to learn about our art friends. So please share yourself with others.

Room Reservation

You are responsible for making your own room reservations at Holiday Inn Express, Manchester, TN, phone 931-728-9383. Book your room, don't wait till the last minute. Check in is 4:00 pm. The hotel is connected to the Coffee County Conference Center. When calling tell the reservationist you are with the “MTA” block of rooms. The room rate is \$109.00 until January 21, 2025 or until all the rooms are booked.

You will have a continental breakfast at the hotel each morning in the lobby café. There is also an indoor pool and an exercise room..

Conference Center

We are very fortunate to have a great facility like the Coffee County Conference Center for our retreat. As a requirement of our contract we need to follow their guidelines.

No alcoholic beverages of any kind are allowed in the center. Keep the floor clean of paint related items (so no one trips) and clean up spills promptly. Dispose of paint water in buckets, not commode or sink.

Please do not tape any item to doors and get approved tape for things on walls. Do not spray any sealers inside building or on porches or sidewalks. If you must spray go to the back of the parking lot and spray there.

Paint Room

Please allow us time to set up the room before you start to bring in items on Thursday.

The room will open every morning at 7:30 A.M. and close at 10:00 P.M., with the exception of Thursday morning for setting up.

Bring your normal painting supplies along with what is needed for any class. Garbage bags will be provided. Dump this bag as needed and ask any committee member for a new bag.

Carts, wagons and large boxes must be stored under tables or taken to your car or room after you have set up. This is to help with overcrowding of the room.

Please do not ask the staff to adjust the thermostat. They do not have the ability. Thank you.

If you bring a light, please bring an extension cord and duct tape to tape it to the floor so no one trips.

Selling Make-It-Take-It Projects: Everyone is encouraged to bring make-it-take-it projects. Everyone enjoys these projects at the retreat. You may bring a limit of 3. You must have a painted sample, written instructions, line drawings, and a colored photo. Along with surface you will supply any extras that it takes to complete the project. (wire, paint, glue, string, eye screws, ribbon, etc.) Place an envelope with your name and cost of project next to your project. Please do not leave money in the envelope over night; collect your money each evening.

Purchasing Make-It-Take-It Projects: Place your money in the envelope provided with the project at the time of purchase. Do not take anything from the table prior to paying as you may get sidetracked. Take your palette with you to the make-it-take-it table to get your paint. Do not take paint away from table. **Do not remove sample from table without permission of seller.**

Sales Tables

Tables will be for rent for \$5.00. This will be paid for with your registration. You may rent only one table. You may bring any paint related items (as much as you can fit on table). You may place items on the floor under your table only. All items must be priced and an envelope with your name on it on the table for payments. Please do not leave money in the envelope over night; collect your money each evening.

Do not put any "Free" items on your sales table. Do not mark items down until Sunday morning.

Attention: No items, other than make-it-take-it projects and sales table, or a class-related item sold by the teacher may be sold at retreat without renting a sales table.

Gift Exchange

Everyone bring a gift. Around \$15-\$20 that you would like to get yourself to be given away at dinner or lunch. If you bring a gift, you get a gift. We will do our best to make sure you don't get your gift back. They will be brought to the dining room and a number will be placed on them and a number will be drawn for that gift.

DEMOS

Demos will be happening through out each day. There will be a board to sign-up with your name, topic, day, and time. Contact Edith Adcock, phone 731-514-7360 if you have any questions or let her know your plans for doing a demo.

Sunday morning DEVOTION will be at 7:30 A.M.

Retreat Art Show

I encourage each of you to participate in our Retreat Art Show. We are a very talented group. I truly enjoy walking through the art exhibit at each retreat and am always inspired. Last year's art show was awesome thanks to those that participated. I hope we have even more participation for the 2025 show. Please bring some of your painted pieces and share. Inspire others.

- Entries will be accepted from 10:00 a.m. on Thursday until 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.
- The art show is open to all registered retreat attendees.
- You may enter a total of 3 entries with each entry in a separate category.
- You may choose from the following categories:
 - Acrylic
 - Oil
 - Pencils (Colored, Watercolor, Graphite, etc.)
 - Mixed Media
 - Alcohol Ink/Pen and Ink
 - Watercolor
 - Fabric
 - Beginner (This category is meant to encourage members to participate who have been painting for less than 3 years.)
 - "Soaring With Color" This category is a painting depicting the retreat theme. Any medium on any surface may be used. The entry will not only be judged on art skill elements but also how well the theme is depicted.
- An award will be given in each category, plus a "Best of Show" Award and a "People's Choice" award. The "People's Choice" Award will be determined by votes from retreat attendees.

I'm looking forward to retreat and seeing all the "works of art!" If you have any questions, please contact me.

Fonda Kopski fondajk@comcast.net or phone 615-804-5327

Basic Painting Supplies by Medium

Colored Pencil – Non-wax graphite paper (gray and white), tracing paper, stylus, 1” drafting or artist’s tape, pencil sharpener, kneaded eraser, erasers, paper towels, C-Thru ruler.

Watercolor – Brushes (large flat, round that comes to a point, liner, small round brush for masking fluid), 2 water containers, masking fluid, stylus, 1” drafting or art tape, No. 2 graphite pencil, sharpener, kneaded eraser, spray bottle paper towels, scissors, C-Thru ruler, a support board sized a little larger than painting.

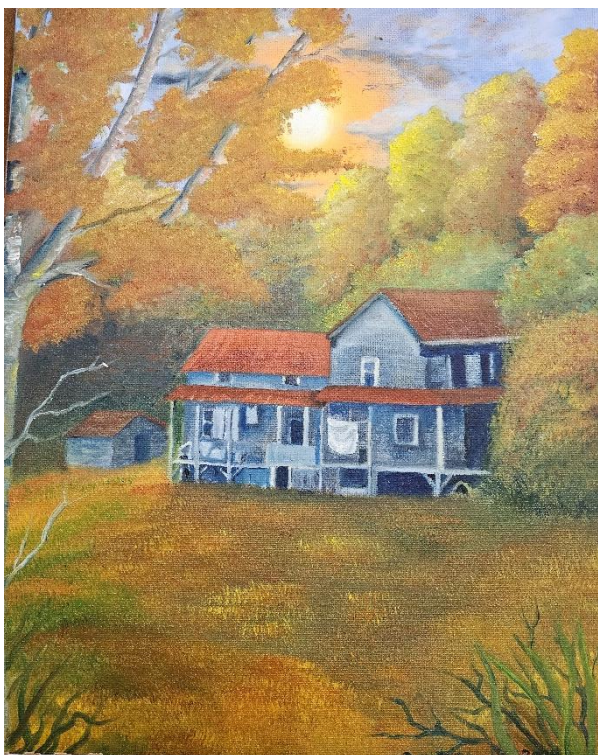
Oils – Graphite paper (gray and white), tracing paper, stylus, 1” drafting or artist’s tape, paper towels, small containers for turpentine and medium, palette pad, palette knife, brushes (#12, #8, #4 flats, a round, liner, spotter, large and small mops, large and medium flat bristle brushes if painting on canvas.)

Acrylic – A good assortment of brushes including flats, angles, liners, round, filberts, mops. Palette pad, tracing paper, transfer paper (gray and white), palette knife, stylus, paper towels, pencil, eraser, container for water, container pots for extra paint.

Thursday Afternoon Classes

House In The Hollow

Thursday 1:00 – 5:00, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (6 hour class)



Teacher: Benita Rhodes

Medium: Oils

Cost: \$35.00

Surface: 11" X 14" Canvas

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Canvas, paint, pattern packet

Supplies for Student to bring: Brushes, baby oil, paper towels

Thursday 1:00 – 5:00, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (6 hour class)

Spring

Teacher: Pam Bradley

Medium: Acrylic

Cost: \$30.00

Surface: 11 3/4" X 8" Wood

Skill Level: Intermediate to Advance

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Surface, paints, pattern packet, photo

Supplies for Student to bring: Water container, paper towels, palette paper, brushes: Various sizes liner; 1/4", 1/2", 3/8" flat or angle; #2 and #3 rounds



Thursday Evening Classes

Mixed Media 101

Thursday 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. (2 hour class)



Teacher: Chris Cruz

Medium: Mixed Media

Cost: \$20.00

Surface: 9 x 12" Canvas board

Skill Level: Any Level

Supplies Provided by Teacher: All supplies included in class.

Supplies for Student to bring: Water basin, paper towels, #6 round brush

Thursday 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. (2 hour class)

Heron in the Thicket

Teacher: Cynthia Ridge

Medium: Alcohol Ink

Cost: \$25.00

Surface: 6" X 6" Ceramic tile

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Tile, ink, Q-tips, latex gloves. Teacher will loan paint brushes if needed.

Supplies for Student to bring: Graphite paper, turntable if have one, favorite paint brushes: small liner, flat, and paper towels

If time permits, there will be a surprise project at no additional costs.



Friday Morning Classes

Santa Christmas Bulb

Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon (4 hour class)



Teacher: Cindy Moore

Medium: Acrylic

Cost: \$29.00

Surface: 12" Wood

Skill Level: Beginner

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Wood surface, pattern, paint

Supplies for Student to bring: Normal acrylic supplies, gray graphite, $\frac{3}{4}$ " angle brush or $\frac{1}{2}$ ", $\frac{3}{8}$ " synthetic angle, Small dry brush, 10/0 liner, #1 round, styluses and dotting tools 6.5 mm, 4 mm, & 5mm

Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon (4 hour class)

Teacher: Fran Mittelstet

Medium: Watercolor

Cost: \$30.00

Surface: 11 X 15" Watercolor paper

Skill Level: Intermediate

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Paper, paint, masking & all supplies

Supplies for Student to bring: #8 or 10 round with good point, small brush for applying masking

Fuchsia Lilies



Friday Afternoon Classes

Ana's Day Lilies

Friday 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. (4 hour class)



Teacher: Carol Winslow

Medium: Pencil

Cost: \$28.00

Surface: 5 X 7" Sanded paper

Skill Level: All levels

Supplies for Student to bring: Premier Prismacolor Colored Pencils: Artichoke, Black, Bronze, Dark Green, Light Umber, Magenta, Orange, Mulberry, Pink, Pink Rose, Raspberry, Sand, Spring Green, White, and Yellow Chartreuse

Friday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (6 hour class)

Welcome Spring & Fall



Teacher: Dennia Weeks

Medium: Acrylic

Cost: \$37.00

Surface: 16 1/2 X 11 1/2" Wood board

NOTE: Class will be painting on each side of the wood surface. Spring on one side and Fall on the other side.

Skill Level: Intermediate and Beginner

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Board, paint, pattern, instructions, and picture. The board will be base coated with pattern applied

Supplies for Student to bring: Usual painting supplies.

Friday Evening Classes

Pansy Fresh

Friday 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. (4 hour class)



Teacher: Robin Raymond

Medium: Oils

Cost: \$30.00

Surface: 8 x 10" Linen panel

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Panel, oil paints, turp.

Supplies for Student to bring: Brushes, palette, paper towels, small container for turp

Friday 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. (2 hour class)

Teacher: Chris Cruz

Medium: Mixed Media

Cost: \$30.00

Surface: 6 ½ X 10" Journal

Skill Level: Any level

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Journal, paper – buttons, yarn, paper, canvas

Supplies for Student to bring: Water basin, paper towels

My Art Journal



Saturday Morning Classes

Wacky Witches

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - Noon (4 hour class)



Teacher: Benita Rhodes

Medium: Sculpy clay

Cost: \$30.00

Surface: 4" Gourd

Skill Level: Beginner

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Gourd, clay, oven

Supplies for Student to bring: Paper towels, sculpting tools

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – Noon, 1:00 – 3:00 (6 hour class)

Teacher: Al Bray

Medium: Watercolor

Cost: \$30.00

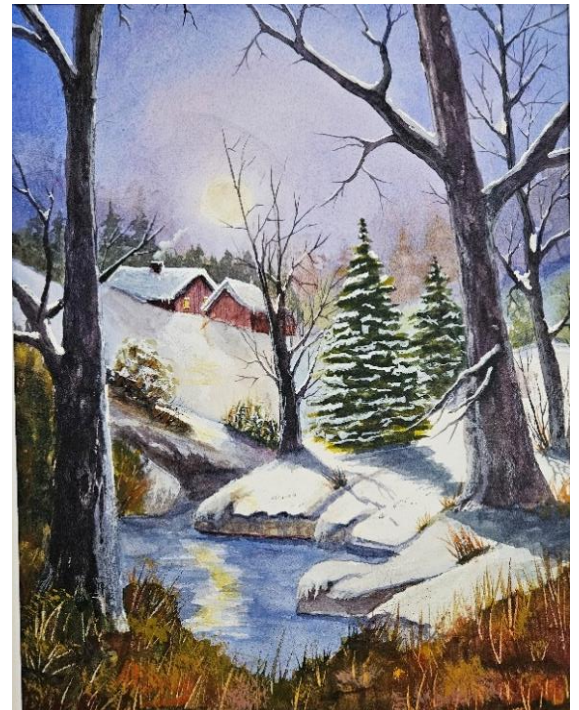
Surface: 11 X 14" Arches 140# Watercolor paper

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Surface, paint, masking fluid, instruction packet

Supplies for Student to bring: Watercolor palette or butcher tray for mixing paint, brushes suitable for watercolor, ballpoint pen, tracing paper, water soluble graphite paper, two water containers for rinsing brushes (large Cool Whip containers work well), Viva brand paper towels, backer board at least 17" X 13"

December Moon



Saturday Afternoon Classes

Dandelions



Saturday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (2 hour class)

Teacher: Fonda Kopski

Medium: Watercolor

Cost: \$15.00

Surface: 6 X 12" Watercolor paper

Skill Level: Beginner

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Art bleeding tissue paper, watercolor paper, paint

Supplies for Student to bring: Watercolor or synthetic brushes: liner, #3 & #8 Round; spray bottle, permanent fine line marker, water container, paper towels

NOTE: Class will learn to use art bleeding tissue paper.

Saturday 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (2 hour class)

Teacher: Barb Walker (with Kathy Kirkland, Anita McFaddin, Kelly Roth)
Learn how to make African paper beads.

Medium: Paper, glue

Cost: \$10:00

Skill Level: Beginner Easy

Supplies Provided by Teacher: All

African Paper Beads



Fairy Wings



Saturday 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. (2 hour class)

Teacher: Olivia Wilson

Medium: Color Pencils/Ink

Cost: \$25.00

Surface: Mi-tientes paper

Skill Level: Beginner

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Paper with line drawing

Supplies for Student to bring: Clipboard/drawing board, electric pencil sharpener, hake brush, electric eraser, kneadable eraser, color blender, Gelly Roll #10, white gel ink pen; Prismacolor pencils: White, Light Umber, Dark Umber, Sand, Cream, Parma Violet, Ultramarine, Process Red, Light Aqua, Sky Blue Light, True Blue, Amethyst, Blue Violet Lake

Saturday Evening Classes

Saturday 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. (4 hour class)

Teacher: Cindy Moore

Medium: Acrylics

Cost: \$29.00

Surface: 9.5" X 6.5" Wood

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Wood surface, pattern, paint

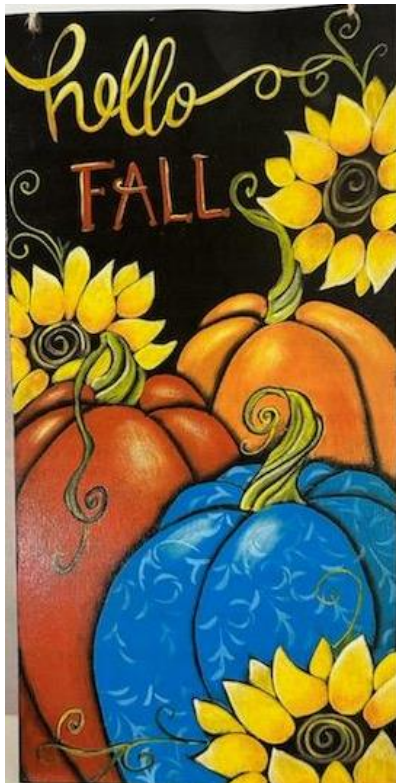
Supplies for Student to bring: Normal acrylic supplies, gray & white graphite, 1/2" and 3/8" synthetic angle brush, #1 liner, 10/0 liner, #2 filbert

Ginger Joy Ornament



Hello Fall

Saturday 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. (4 hour class)



Teacher: Dennia Weeks

Medium: Acrylics

Cost: \$30.00

Surface: 10" X 20" Wood

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Surface, photo, instructions, pattern. Board will be base coated.

Supplies for Student to bring: Usual painting supplies and a brush for dry brushing.

Sunday Morning Classes

Lady Bug Picnic

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Noon (4 hour class)



Teacher: Al Bray

Medium: Watercolor

Cost: \$25.00

Surface: 5 x 7" 140# Arches Watercolor paper

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Surface, paint, masking fluid, instruction packet

Supplies for Student to bring: Watercolor palette or butcher tray for mixing paint, brushes suitable for watercolor, ballpoint pen, tracing paper, water soluble graphite paper, two water containers for rinsing brushes (large Cool Whip containers work well) Viva brand paper towels, backer board at least 8" X 10"

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Noon (4 hour class)

Teacher: Karen Wiseman

Medium: Fabric Acrylics

Cost: \$10.00

Surface: Fabric apron – 100% cotton

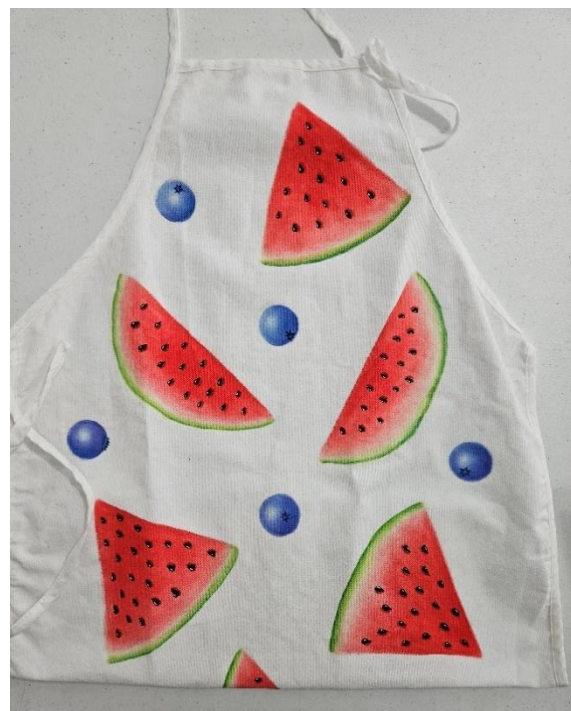
Skill Level: Beginner

Supplies Provided by Teacher: Fabric paints, fabric medium, apron

Supplies for Student to bring: Water basin, pencil, hand-held pencil sharpener, dry palette, paper towels, masking tape, hard surface to tape apron on to paint; paint pots for extra paints, Brushes: Stiff brushes for fabric painting, suggest Princeton Lunar Blenders 1", 3/8" and 1/8"; 1/4" or 3/8" angle shader; small round brush

Note: Apron shown in photo is slightly different from apron provided for class. Real chef's apron will be used in class, in white.

Summer Fruit Apron



Registration Form

(Must be returned by January 21, 2025)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Retreat Fees:

Thursday thru Sunday Members	\$160.00	\$ _____
Non-Members	\$175.00	\$ _____
Friday thru Sunday Members	\$150.00	\$ _____
Non-Members	\$165.00	\$ _____
Late fee after January 21, 2025	\$ 30.00	\$ _____

Optional Fees:

Sales Table only one per person	\$5.00	\$ _____
Special Diet Needs (One-time fee)	\$10.00	\$ _____
Box Lunch/Thursday	\$15.00	\$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

MEALS:

Please check below which meals you will be present for: Cost is included with your registration.

Thursday Dinner _____ Friday Lunch _____ Friday Dinner _____

Saturday Lunch _____ Saturday Dinner _____ Sunday Lunch _____

I would like a box lunch for Thursday at a cost of \$15.00. Please circle which you would prefer:
Ham and Swiss Croissant Chicken Salad Croissant

I am requesting a special diet at meal time (\$10.00 one time fee). Please list what your needs are:

Make check payable to MTA and mail check along with this completed Registration Form to:

Melissa Fox, 59 Spencer Drive, Beechgrove, TN 37018

DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OTHER FEES FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES WITH REGISTRATION.

Class schedule is included in this packet.

Mark classes you wish to take and return with this form.

DO NOT INCLUDE CLASS FEES WITH YOUR REGISTRATION. You will pay the teacher when you go to class. Please bring Class Fee in an envelope with your name on it.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Circle or Highlight Classes you want to take and return with registration

THURSDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

Benita Rhodes, House in the Hollow, Oils
1:00-5:00, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Pam Bradley Spring, Acrylic
1:00-5:00, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENING

Chris Cruz, Mix Media 101
8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Cynthia Ridge, Heron in Thicket, Alcohol Ink
8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNING

Benita Rhodes, Wacky Witches Gourds,
Acrylic 8:00 a.m.- Noon

Al Bray, December Moon, Watercolor
8:00 a.m. – Noon, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Al Bray, December Moon Continued
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Fonda Kopski, Dandelions, Watercolor
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Olivia Wilson, Fairy Wings, Colored Pencil
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Barb Walker, African Paper Beads, Paper/Glue
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING

Dennia Weeks, Hello Fall, Acrylic
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Cindy Moore, Ginger Joy Ornament, Acrylic
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING

Cindy Moore, Santa Christmas Bulb, Acrylics
8:00 a.m.-Noon

Fran Mittlestet, Fuchsia Lilies, Watercolor
8:00 a.m. – Noon

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Carol Winslow, Ana's Day Lilies, Colored Pencils
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Dennia Weeks, Welcome Spring & Fall, Acrylics
1:00 – 5:00, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING

Dennia Weeks, Welcome Continued, Acrylics
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Robin Raymond, Pansy Fresh, Oils
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Chris Cruz, My Art Journal, Mixed Media
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING

Al Bray, Lady Bug Picnic, Watercolor
8:00 a.m. – Noon

Karen Wiseman, Watermelon Apron, Fabric
8:00 a.m. - Noon

DO NOT INCLUDE THESE CLASS FEES WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEES! These are teacher fees, and you are responsible for paying the teacher if you sign up, whether you take the class or not. Please make a copy of this class schedule so you will know what classes you have signed up to take.

Secret Pal Info—

Fill out this form and return with your registration if you wish to participate in the Secret Pal activity at retreat. If you do not wish to participate just leave blank.

Name _____

Favorite Painting Medium _____

Favorite Artist _____

Favorite Color _____

Favorite Treats _____