

From 22 October to
24 December 2016

Community Programme - Autumn 2016

OVERVIEW

Sharjah Art Foundation offers a variety of engaging community workshops and activities that are directly inspired by the ongoing artist exhibitions this season. These immersive workshops, emphasising public participation, urban research, sustainability and creativity, will take place in SAF Art Spaces, the Flying Saucer, #SAFneighbourhood and SAF Urban Garden.

The Autumn Community Programme involves multi-disciplinary art, photography and other community group workshops that are related to three areas: SAF artist exhibitions, SAF Urban Garden and #SAFneighbourhood.

SAF Artist Exhibitions

Sharjah Art Foundation presents a year-round programme of exhibitions featuring the work of local, regional and international artists. This season SAF presents the work of world-renowned artists such as Kamal Youssef, Arnulf Rainer, Yayoi Kusama, Robert Breer, Amir Nour, and many others.

SAF Urban Garden

Designed as a collective space, the garden is a social, learning and creative site for local communities of all ages.

SAF Urban Garden workshops are designed for the community to participate in the nurturing of the garden as well as learning applicable sustainability techniques, socialising and contributing to community discussions.

#SAFneighbourhood

In an effort to reflect, document and learn more about the narratives of the neighbourhood surrounding Sharjah Art Foundation, workshop participants will study the urban environment and create artworks inspired by their learning. The results of the research, along with the completed artworks, will be compiled into an intimate guidebook about Sharjah, which will be handed out to Sharjah Art Foundation visitors.

Workshops

AUTUMN PHOTO WALK

22 October

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Flying Saucer, Bait Al Serkal, SAF Art Spaces

Ages: 18+

Meeting point: Flying Saucer, Sharjah

Drawing inspiration from the artworks of Robert Breer, Arnulf Rainer and Yayoi Kusama, which are on view at Sharjah Art Foundation, we invite you to join our upcoming participatory photo walk, which is open to passionate photographers who are looking to take a playful and creative approach to their practice using paint and digital tools. Starting with a tour of the kinetic works in Robert Breer's *Time Flies* exhibition, participants will learn how to bring objects, gestures and landscapes to life with phone applications such as Boomerang, GIF generators and Snapchat.

Participants will move on to create paintings on acrylic sheets inspired by Arnulf Rainer's *Overpaintings*, using these paintings as filters to capture photos of the landscape of #SAFneighbourhood and then produce their own 'overpaintings',

And finally, after touring Enrico David's *Fault Work* and Yayoi Kusama's *Dot Obsessions*, participants will create a dotted trail through SAF Art Spaces and #SAFneighbourhood using vinyl stickers. Their trail will lead future visitors and passersby into the exhibitions.

This photo walk is part of an ongoing effort to gather a community of photographers and give them the opportunity to experience Sharjah's art and culture scene whilst learning new photography and visual art techniques.

Transportation will be provided from the meeting place at the Flying Saucer to the other art spaces and back.

To register, please send an email to community@sharjahart.org with your name and contact details.

AN INTRODUCTION TO VERTICAL GARDENING

5 November
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
SAF Urban Garden
Ages: 18+

Whether to beautify, brighten up or save space, vertical gardens are a new approach to gardening that provides an alternative way of being green in confined spaces. This workshop in SAF Urban Garden is for gardening enthusiasts and will demonstrate how self-sustaining vertical gardens can be built and assembled to fit any space.

SUDANESE POETRY NIGHT

18 November
5:00 pm - 8:00pm
SAF Art Spaces, Bait Al Serkal, SAF Urban Garden
Open to all ages

Join us on a tour of Amir Nour's *Brevity is the Soul of Wit*, Kamala Ibrahim Ishaq's *Women in Crystal Cubes* and The Khartoum School's *The Making of the Modern Art Movement in Sudan (1945 – present)*, followed by an evening of Sudanese music and poetry in the SAF Urban Garden.

This event is presented in collaboration with the Lamatna Youth Group.

NATIONAL DAY POTLUCK DINNER

26 November
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
SAF Urban Garden
Open to all ages

Celebrate the UAE's National Day with a potluck dinner lit by fairy lights and a zine-making workshop at SAF Urban Garden. Bring along a favourite dish from home that is based on a memory or a story, and prepare to speak about it with the rest of the diners. Participants will learn about the culinary makeup of the UAE's diverse cultures and exchange recipes from home to be compiled into a collaborative zine that they can take home as a souvenir of the night.

Registration is limited. Please send an email to community@sharjahart.org confirming your participation and mentioning the dish you will bring.

TAPESTRIES

24 December

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

SAF Art Spaces, Building F and Collections Building

Ages: 18+

Inspired by Enrico David's *Fault Work* exhibition currently showing at SAF Art Spaces, this workshop invites participants to go on an excursion around #SAFneighbourhood to find and collect unwanted fabrics and materials from textile shops. After gathering a wide variety of patterns and designs, participants will reflect on the mix of traditional methods used to make the fabrics and come to understand the significance of the fabrics as cultural symbols, works of art and items of trade. Participants will then learn how these scraps can be upcycled and woven into tapestries similar to those in David's work.

This workshop is presented in collaboration with Khalid Mezaina.

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