

From 31 May to
14 June 2017

RAMADAN NIGHTS AT SAF

Education and Public Programmes

Sharjah Art Foundation invites you, your family and friends to join us for Ramadan Nights at Al Mureijah Square on 31 May and 14 June 2017 for Ramadan-inspired drop-in activities and workshops suitable for both adults and children. Come play traditional and contemporary board games, participate in a clothes donation charity campaign, learn new skills in our Islamic-inspired crafts workshops and enjoy a balanced suhoor meal prepared by Fen Café.

RAMADAN NIGHT 1

Wednesday, 31 May 2017

9:30 pm – 12:00 am

Gallery 1, Al Mureijah Square

SUHOOR GAMES

All ages

Ramadan gatherings are never complete without coffee, sweets and board games. To celebrate these traditions, join us to play classics such as carrom, backgammon, Uno and Monopoly as well as contemporary board games designed by Emirati graphic designers and produced in the UAE. Bring your friends, grab a board game and enjoy a selection of delicious snacks from Fen Café for a memorable suhoor.

REVAMPING CLOTHES

Ages: 16+

In keeping with the charitable spirit of Ramadan, participants will collaborate with the tailors of #SAFneighbourhood to upcycle secondhand clothes that can then be donated to others. The clothes will be given a new identity through the fashion sense and handicraft skills of participants, and each piece of clothing will be accompanied by a short letter explaining its personal story. The upcycled clothes will be collected by a local charity foundation to be passed on to the next owners.

Please bring a collection of unwanted clothes from your home to upcycle.

CREATING ISLAMIC GEOMETRIC PATTERNS

Ages: 16+

Participants will learn about different types of traditional Islamic patterns and their origins and then create geometric and biomorphic designs using traditional tools and methods. Participants' experimentation with Islamic patterns will culminate in a mixed media image to take home.

HEALTHY MENU FOR IFTAR

Ages: 7–15

To explore a healthier lifestyle, participants will learn how to make different salads using bowls they brought from home. Participants can express their creativity as they learn how to decoratively cut their vegetables and arrange their salads for an impressive visual presentation. During the session, they will document various recipes in order to take home a number of lessons in food preparation and health.

NATURAL SOAP MAKING

Ages: 7–15

Participants will learn about the science of natural soap making, including information about soap making ingredients such as essences, herbs and oils; soap moulds; equipment and costs. Participants will take home their naturally scented bar of soap.

FANOOS [LANTERN] DECORATION



Ages: 10+

Participants will decorate the traditional fanoos, a lantern used particularly in Ramadan, in a variety of ways, including painting and working with mixed media.

RAMADAN NIGHT 2 – LADIES NIGHT

Wednesday, 14 June 2017

9:30 pm – 12:00 am

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COLLECTIVE MEAL PERFORMANCE: MAKING MA'MOUL

Ages: 16+

In collective Eastern societies, a kitchen functions not only as a place for preparing food but also as a communal space for family members, particularly women, to come together to exchange stories, learn traditional practices and prepare heartwarming meals. Ma'amoul are shortbread cookies filled with dates and nuts that are traditionally prepared for Eid across many Arab countries. Whether you are new to or experienced in making ma'amoul, join this culinary get-together to prepare and taste a batch of homemade ma'amoul cookies and share some of your best stories and techniques around the tradition with other participants.

EXPERIMENTING WITH FOOD PHOTOGRAPHY

Ages: 16+

In this workshop, participants are invited to the amazing world of food photography, where they will learn the basic skills needed to present their favourite dish in a professional way. They will practise their preferred photography techniques with the goal of improving their use of light, food styling and editing.

PAINTING WITH SPICES

Ages: 7–15

Participants will learn about the wide range of aromatic spices available in Souq Saqr. The focus will be on spices used extensively in the UAE, their origins and their potential to produce vivid, earthy shades of colour when mixed with water. Using these spices, participants will produce paintings to take home.

GUESS MY DRAWING GAME

Ages: 7–15

In this session inspired by the classic game Pictionary, participants will be divided into teams and compete to guess the content of each other's drawings as different words are selected from a pile. Participants can improve on their fast-sketching skills whilst having fun.

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