

Spring 2018 Disabilities Education Programme From 5 March to 14 May 2018

The Spring 2018 Disabilities Education Programme, which takes place from 5 March to 14 May 2018, includes a wide range of educational offerings for individuals with physical, learning and developmental difficulties to help them discover new ways of self-expression through art. Designed for participants ranging from 3 to 25 years of age, all workshops are facilitated by experienced professionals.

For further information and registration, email education@sharjahart.org or call (06) 5685050.

Sharjah Art Foundation welcomes participants of all abilities, and all events are free and open to the public. Materials will be provided by the foundation.

Key to symbols:



Person who is blind or has low vision



Person who is deaf, hard of hearing or has auditory disorders



Person with physical disabilities



Person with Down's syndrome



Person with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

WORKSHOPS

Workshop: Exploring Drawing and Painting through Six Influential Artists

Mondays, 5, 12 and 26 March, and 30 April and 7 May

10:00 am–12:00 pm for the workshop on each day

Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah

Ages: 6+

In each of the five sessions of this workshop, participants will learn about the work of one influential Middle Eastern artist and then create an art project based on the artist's style. Participants will be introduced to two-dimensional art techniques for drawing and painting by studying Nabil Nahas' Abstract Geometric forms, Samia Halaby's Explosions of Colour, Shaker Hassan Al Said's Cubist Artworks, Thuraya Baqsemi's Expressionism and Ahmed's Morsi's surrealism.



Workshop: Chinese Blossom Scrolls

Wednesday, 7 March

10:00 am–12:00 pm

The Urban Garden, Al Mureijah Square

Ages: 11+

Participants will be introduced to the Chinese art of scrolls, which are created during the spring to welcome new foliage and blossoms. Participants will produce a painting using watercolours, chalk and black ink, and after the painting has dried, they will learn how to make a scroll, which can be hung in The Urban Garden.



Workshop: Upcycle Your Clothes without a Sewing Machine

Saturday, 10 March

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah

Ages: 13+

In this family-friendly workshop, participants and their families will bring in their old clothes to give them a whole new look. Using a variety of different techniques and objects, participants will learn how to sew patches, zippers, buttons, baubles and lace on the clothes to brighten up old outfits and make them look as good as new. Parents and caregivers are welcome to participate in the workshop. Please note that needles and sharp objects will be used in this workshop.



Workshop: Working Backwards from a Sculpture

Monday, 19 March and Tuesday, 20 March

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Sharjah Art Museum

Ages: 11+

After taking a guided tour of the Mona Saudi exhibition, *Poetry and Form*, and the Mohammed Ahmed Ibrahim exhibition, *Elements*, and studying the artists' sculptures, participants will sketch their favourite sculpture and then use tracing paper to break the sculpture down into its basic elements. Using these elements, participants will create up to four abstract two-colour pieces informed by their understanding of Mona Saudi's work.



Workshop: Urban Gardening for Mother's Day

Wednesday, 21 March

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Meeting Point: Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah

Ages: 7+

For the occasion of UAE Mother's Day on 21 March, participants will learn to plant a mini bamboo plant in a pot to take home for their mothers as a gift. This workshop will also teach participants new skills like how to identify plants and how to grow and nurture an evergreen bamboo plant.



Walking Tour and Workshop: Introduction to Portrait Photography

Tuesday, 27 March

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Meeting point: Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah

Ages: 16+

In this workshop, ideal for beginners, participants will be introduced to the basics of portrait photography with both analogue and digital cameras. Starting from the Art for All Centre, participants will walk around different locations in the Al Mureijah area, such as Courtyard C, The Urban Garden and the Corniche, while learning various photographic techniques, including macro photography, shooting from different angles and framing images. This workshop is suitable for those who are visual learners.



Workshop: Make Your Own Ceramic Tiles

Tuesday, 3 April and Tuesday, 10 April

10:00 am–12:00 pm on both days

Sharjah Art Institute, Arts Square

Ages: 16+

In this two-session workshop, participants will learn the art of creating ceramic tiles, which involves designing, painting, firing and glazing the tile. In the first session, participants will design and paint their tile. In the second session, they will fire and glaze their tile and allow the tile to harden. This workshop has been developed for older participants and requires supervision for safety reasons due to the use of an electric kiln, which heats up to extremely high temperatures.



Workshop: Land Art for Children

Wednesday 12 April

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Meeting Point: Al Khan Beach

Ages: 5+

Land Art is a movement that uses natural forms such as leaves, sand or twigs to create artwork. This workshop, mainly suited for younger children, will introduce them to the concept of *Land Art* by teaching them to '*Make Marks in the Earth*', a concept created by artist Richard Long. In this workshop, participants will be given various types of branches, shells and stones where they will make their 'marks' on the sand to create a land art piece together.



Tour and Workshop: Colourful Artwork Carnival

Wednesday, 18 April

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Meeting Point: Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah

Ages: 16+

After a guided tour of the exhibition *Mohammed Ahmed Ibrahim*, participants will be invited to create colourful artworks centred around the themes of nature and motion. Working in groups, participants will start their projects by arranging materials such as leaves, sticks and stencils on canvases. Then they will paint over the objects on the canvases, layer upon layer, to produce an artwork inspired by their understanding of Mohammed Ahmed Ibrahim's work.



Workshop: Make Your Own Creative Clothing

Wednesday, 25 April

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah

Ages: 16+

This workshop introduces participants to clothing design, with a specific focus on drawing, sketching and colour selection. Participants will learn about different types of fabrics and techniques for designing a men's shirt and a women's blouse. At the end of the workshop, participants can take the designs they have sketched to a tailor in the surrounding community to have their designs made into clothing.



Workshop: Introduction to Printmaking

Saturday, 28 April

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah

Ages: 13+

In this family-friendly workshop, participants and their families will learn a introductory and safe technique of printmaking with printscreens. Using acrylic sheets, printscreens, inks, roller brushes, watercolours and watercolour paper; this process enables the creation of a template which can be 'printed' repeatedly.



Workshop: Drawing in Motion

Tuesday, 1 May

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah

Ages: 10+

This workshop presents participants with long rolls of paper, which will be placed on the floor, and asks participants to work in groups to draw lists of objects on different areas on the paper. Groups will continue drawing until the roll of paper fills up. During this process, participants are free to move around, exchange lists and keep the artwork flowing until the roll of paper fills up.



Workshop: Ramadan Lantern Decoration

Thursday, 9 May

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah

Ages: 11+

Participants will learn to decorate their own battery-operated lanterns with glass paint and glass paint marker known as an outliner.



Workshop: Mini Clay Sculptures

Monday, 14 May

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah

Ages: 6+

Participants will be introduced to a new medium of air-dried clay and how to use it. Once they are familiar, they will be taught to make their own mini sculpture. Once the sculpture is dry, they may paint it and decorate it with some ornaments such as recycled found objects like old keys, buttons, beads, and zippers. This project encourages the participants to use a new media and how to recycle items for use in art.

