Summer 2018 Community Outreach Programme

Committed to growing the local creative community, Sharjah Art Foundation’s Community Outreach Programme offers a number of opportunities for participants aged 16 and older to come together and experience the rich artistic heritage and dramatic landscapes of Sharjah. The programme’s immersive activities emphasise public participation, urban research, sustainability and creativity. Spanning a broad range of cultural and visual arts, workshops are facilitated by experienced professionals, art and cultural enthusiasts and members of the community. Sessions are conducted in English and Arabic, according to the needs of the participants.

The Summer 2018 Community Outreach Programme includes engaging community workshops and activities inspired by the photography exhibition *Vantage Point Sharjah 6*; contributions from both artists and urban and cultural researchers; and the cultural and historical influences of #SAFneighbourhood, the area surrounding Sharjah Art Foundation spaces.

All Sharjah Art Foundation events are free and open to the public, and materials and equipment for workshops will be provided by the foundation.

The foundation is committed to making its programmes as inclusive and accessible as possible. Disability access symbols are included in Education and Community Outreach programme descriptions to indicate the accessibility of individual sessions.

*Kindly contact us in advance for any support the participant would need during the course or workshop.

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)

For further information, email community@sharjahart.org or call (06) 5685050, ext. 26 or 45.

To register, please visit www.sharjahart.org/sharjah-art-foundation/events
Workshops

**Workshop: Expressive Stamps**
With Mouza Al Hamrani  
Saturday, 7 July 2018  
11:00 am–1:00 pm  
Meeting point: Gallery 5, Al Mureijah Square

Inspired by everyday expressions and phrases, and influenced by their own cultures, participants in this workshop will employ traditional carving techniques to create humorous hand-carved rubber stamps. They will learn how to use carving tools, inks and mounting techniques to personalise their stamps.

Mouza Al Hamrani is an illustrator and multimedia designer whose work spans a wide range of mediums like digital and traditional illustration, printmaking, and graphic design. Her work is highly stylized and often incorporates graphic elements and humorous captions.

**Sketch Artist Meetup**  
Saturday, 14 July 2018  
11:00 am–1:00 pm  
Meeting point: Fen Café, Al Mureijah Square

Whether hobbyists or professionals, sketch artists are invited to join this meetup to share, critique and discover each other’s work and build a network of peers in Sharjah. This meetup is also a good chance for artists to exchange tips and tricks of the trade, receive feedback about their processes and meet new talent in a relaxed environment. Participants are encouraged to bring their sketchbooks and sketching tools.

**Workshop: Henna as a Traditional Art Form**  
With Azra Khamissa  
Saturday, 28 July 2018  
11:00 am–2:00 pm  
Meeting point: Gallery 5, Al Mureijah Square

Used in multiple civilisations since ancient times, henna is a plant-based dye that can be applied to skin, hair, fingernails, leather and wood. Today henna is most commonly employed for temporary body art, often presented in intricate decorative designs. In this workshop, participants will observe the process of preparing henna paste and learn about its various origins, some of its health benefits and its application. Traditional Emirati and more contemporary designs will be compared.

Azra Khamissa is a Canadian-South African chiropractor and designer with a passion for Henna and traditional minimalist designs.
Workshop: Food Photography
With Nouran Basha
Saturday, 4 August 2018
11:00 am–2:30 pm
Meeting point: Fen Café, Al Mureijah Square

Effective food photography captures and presents even simple homemade food in a stylised and appetising manner. With the guidance of Fen Café’s chef, participants will learn how best to present and capture ingredients and meals to make them look as mouth-watering as possible. They will gain an understanding of various composition and framing techniques that will enhance their food photography skills. This workshop is suitable for beginning and intermediate photographers.

Pharmacist Nouran Basha is a photo enthusiast with a passion for bringing together people from different cultures and backgrounds who share her love for combining breakfast and storytelling through photography.

Workshop: Linocut Printed Posters
Saturday, 11 August 2018
11:00 am–2:30 pm
Meeting point: Sharjah Art Institute, Arts Square

In this workshop, participants will learn about the structure and history of some of Sharjah Art Foundation’s most iconic buildings, including the Kalba Ice Factory and The Flying Saucer. Using this knowledge, they will create posters inspired by the layout and architecture of a building of their choice, applying the linocut printing techniques introduced during the session. Selected posters will be exhibited and sold at the Sharjah Art Foundation shop. The profits will be used to fund public Community Outreach and Education programmes.

Culinary Explorations: Creating Unique Ice Cream Flavours
With Jelly Belly Ice Cream
Saturday, 18 August 2018
11:00 am–4:00 pm
Meeting point: Fen Café, Al Mureijah Square

To beat the summer heat, participants will learn how to concoct unique ice cream creations inspired by the aromas and flavours found in the spice souq of #SAFneighbourhood and the nearby fruit and vegetable market. Under the guidance of Vasco Sousa the mastermind chef behind the creation of Jelly Belly Ice Cream, participants will be divided into small groups and challenged to incorporate different combinations of adventurous ingredients such as spices, candies, fruits, vegetables and even vegan options into their ice cream recipes. The workshop will come to a sweet conclusion with a tasting of each group’s finished product as well as Jelly Belly’s selection of gourmet ice cream.