

## Class Descriptions – Middle Folk School 2019

**Acrylic Painting** – *Instructor, Bradley Wilson* – We will explore the exciting medium of acrylic painting and collage. Animals, people, and other subjects will be explored while learning about color mixing, building texture, and how to make a strong composition.

**Blacksmithing** – *Instructor, Jason Lonon* – In this class, you will use fire and simple hand tools to shape iron into interesting things like hooks, forks, and spoons. Set your imagination on fire!

**Broom Making** – *Instructor, Mark Hendry* -- From Harry Potter to Halloween, handcrafted brooms are magical. We will make colorful whisks and besoms for flying...or even cleaning. Come get swept up in the fun! Some hand/arm strength is helpful.

**Cooking 101**– *Instructor, Frances Juhlin* – Join us to bake all kinds of muffins, make pizzas, and explore a few Mexican dishes. Enjoy gathering greens and goodness from the Folk School garden for our salad and potato bar.

**Glass Beads** – *Instructor, Marjorie Langston* – Discover the magic of melting glass to make your own beautiful beads. Plan to go home with a wonderful handful of colorful treasures!

**Music, “Dulcimer”** – *Instructor, Jennifer Rose Escobar* – Learn and perform several tunes on a simple and lovely traditional stringed instrument. Try group arrangements & solos, and possibly spend inspirational time outdoors.

**Origami** – *Instructor, Malachi Brown* – Learn the art of paper folding to transform normal paper into animals, toys, and so much more. You will be astonished at what you can make out of ordinary paper!

**Pottery, “Spin Control”** – *Instructor, Connie Cole* – Relax your hand in the mud and test your patience at the potter’s wheel. Learn to move and shape clay into basic forms such as cups and bowls. Learn the basics of wedging, centering, trimming, glazing, and firing.

**Recycled Cans to Art** – *Instructor, Trish Nicholas* – It’s possible to make fantastic art out of old tin cans. Join us to learn the metalworking techniques. You will be able to create birds, animals, ornaments, and even a clock.

**T-Shirt Quilts** – *Instructor, Nancy Hinds* – In this class, you will learn the basics of machine sewing, inspiring your creativity long into the future. Using fabric strips, frame your favorite T-shirt into a keepsake quilt!

**Tie Dye** – *Instructor, Tina Rice* – Explore the ancient & modern art of tie dye and shibori. Apply your dyeing skills on old & new clothing and fabric. Discover how to design and dye basic and advanced designs.

**Weaving** – *Instructor, Geri Forkner* – Play with dozens of beautiful colored and textured yarns. Learn how to thread and weave on a traditional floor loom. You can weave a pillow, bag, or even a scarf.

**Woodcarving** – *Instructor, Jacob LeGrone* – Explore the properties of wood, safe carving techniques, and oil finishing. Go from rounding out a square piece of wood to creating spoons, figurines, or works of your own design.

**Woodturning** – *Instructors, Brian Cunfer & Alan Leland* – Watch the shavings fly! We will be spinning wood on the lathe and creating pens, bowls, a three-legged stool, spinning top, and even pepper & salt shakers. We may even add color and unique textures to the projects that will WOW your family and friends.

**Woodworking** – *Instructor, James Green* – Learn the basics of woodworking. Build a rustic 5-foot tall Birdhouse Man – it’s like a wooden scarecrow with a full-size birdhouse on top! Discover how to safely use tenon cutters, a band saw, and basic hand tools. Your Birdhouse Man will be the envy of the neighborhood birds!

**Writing, “How to Haiku”** – *Instructor, Tom Painting* – Learn the basics of composing and crafting haiku in English. A Japanese tradition, haiku are thought of as 3-line poems, usually with 17 syllables. We’ll do more! Explore how artful juxtaposition of images, awareness of people as part of nature, and the importance of the seasons add richness to writing, both serious and witty.