

Arts & Crafts

DRAWING

Drawing 101 with Esther Topfer

Drawing 101 is a 'next steps', individualised course for those who have completed our Beginners Drawing course, or who have some drawing experience. Esther will teach you how to look further into what you are drawing and how to extend your practice and grow in confidence, experimenting with different mediums such as charcoal, ink, pastels and more.

6 Sessions

Thursday 6 pm – 8 pm

23 May 2024

\$145 – Some materials required

PAINTING

Beginners Acrylic Painting with Esther Topfer

This practical, hands-on course is perfect for the absolute beginner, or those who would like to extend their current practice. Bring an open mind and a sense of humour as Esther guides you through your individual projects.

6 Sessions

Tuesday 6 pm – 8 pm

21 May 2024

\$160 – Some materials required

PAINTING EXTENSION WORKSHOP

Complimentary Colour Workshop with Pauline Allomes

Create a still life painting using only two colours with the addition of white.

Gain a greater understanding of how colour and light works as we explore the colour wheel.

1 session

Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

16 June 2024

\$95 – Some materials required

PAINTING EXTENSION WORKSHOP

Those Faraway Hills with Pauline Allomes

Capture the illusion of far-away hills in your art, (or as it is really called 'illusionary perspective') in this one-day workshop. Without light we do not have life; we will work on capturing that light in a landscape and bringing alive your painting.

The morning will be spent trying different ways of working, including paint, charcoal and pastels.

In the afternoon you will transfer what you have learnt to a canvas with acrylic paints. You may not finish in the set time, but will have the skills to finish at your own pace once you get home.

1 Session

Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

19 May 2024

\$115 - Materials supplied – bring your own canvas

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WATERCOLOURS

Autumn Leaves with Sandra Morris

Using the variety of colours within our Autumn leaves explore the magic of watercolour with renowned illustrator Sandra Morris (ONZM). No experience is necessary, as Sandra will guide you as you learn about this fabulous medium and how to achieve stunning results with the right tools, the right tips and some tricks Sandra has used in her own art practice.

1 Session

Saturday 10 am – 5 pm

18 or 25 May 2024

\$125 (Materials required for this workshop)

Culinary Delights

BASIC KNIFE SKILLS

With Gina Guigou

Learn how to dice, slice and chop like a chef! In this workshop you will learn how to sharpen and maintain knives, bone and joint a chicken and prepare herbs and greens for pesto. Think of the savings you will make having the skills to break down a whole chicken at home, and no more piles of plastic trays! You will take home your freshly boned and jointed chicken – ready for the oven.

1 Session

Saturday 18 May

9 am – 2 pm

\$145 – Ingredients supplied

CAKE DECORATING

With Christine Budge

Adorn your future cakes by crafting your own artistic designs from icing, under the expert tutelage of Christine Budge, President of the Whanganui Sugarcraft Guild.

This weekend workshop is a sample of how to decorate cakes with flowers and foliage using sugar paste. Make your very own decorations of lilies, carnations, jasmine and ivy leaves by hand with only a few basic tools. Learn how to make net ribbons from flax and mount your designs on driftwood. Techniques in presentation and floral design for effect.

No previous experience is necessary for this workshop. You will be guided through the process to a completed display.

2 Sessions

Saturday 15 June and Sunday 16 June 2024

10 am – 4 pm

\$165 – All materials and ingredients supplied

SAUSAGE MAKING

With Gina Guigou

Join us for an additive-free sausage making workshop. In this delicious discovery of the craft you will make various types of sausage, including one for drying. Experience this hands-on class and take home a selection of your very own scrumptious and meaty creations!

1 Session

Saturday 25 May 2024

9 pm – 3 pm

\$175 – Ingredients supplied

Home & DIY

BONSAI

Bonsai for Beginners with Peter Scammell

Discover the ancient art of bonsai in this hands-on beginner's course. Learn the basics of cultivating and shaping miniature trees as you create your very own bonsai to take home.

Introduction to Bonsai, Pruning, Styling, Wiring, Repotting, Additional Techniques, Styles and After Care.

All materials, including a starter tree, soil, tools, and containers, are provided. Perfect for those new to bonsai. Embrace patience, attention to detail, and a connection with nature as you embark on your bonsai journey. No experience necessary – just a love for plants and a willingness to learn!

6 Sessions

Wednesday 6.00 pm – 8 pm

15 May 2024

\$185 – All materials supplied

SEWING

Sewing for Beginners and Beyond, with Liz Adams.

Stop supporting fast fashion and learn how to sew! For the complete novice or the slightly skilled this course will guide you from set-up and maintenance of your domestic sewing machine through to basic stitches, seams, hems and fasteners. Learn how to upcycle or modify existing garments, or design your own simple project under the expert tutelage of Liz Adams.

8 sessions

Monday 6 pm – 8 pm

6 May 2024

\$175

WOODWORK

Woodwork for Beginners and Advanced with Steve Rhodes

Interested in woodwork? With many years of industry experience, Steve Rhodes is the man to introduce you to the fundamentals of woodwork. He will guide you through a project from start to finish, teaching you how to develop your tooling and machinery skills. For beginners, start your journey with either a bookshelf or coffee table project. For advanced students, Steve is on hand for guidance and advice.

7 Sessions

Tuesday 6.30 pm – 9 pm

14 May 2024

\$195 – timber additional – bookcase/coffee table plan provided upon enrolment

Music

ORCHESTRA

Bandemonium with Tracy Wilson

Do you play an instrument? Do you sing? Then come along to this fun, crazy, eight-week course. The more musicians and singers, the more the fun!

8 Sessions

Tuesday 7 pm – 8 pm

7 May 2024

\$85 – BYO Instrument

Music (Continued)

UKULELE BEGINNERS (Level 1 and 2)

With Tracy Wilson

Have fun with a group sing-a-long using basic ukulele chords and strums, common patterns and songs, and learn how to tune and care for your ukulele. Suitable for complete beginners.

8 Sessions

Thursday 6 pm to 7 pm

9 May 2024

\$85 – BYO Ukulele

UKULELE CHORUS (Level 3+)

With Tracy Wilson

Advance your chord and strum patterns while having fun with a group sing-a-long using basic ukulele chords and strums, common patterns and songs. This is for learners who have completed our beginner class and/or be able to play songs using basic chords.

8 Sessions

Tuesday 6 pm – 7 pm

7 May 2024

\$85 – BYO Ukulele

Professional Development

INTRODUCTION TO AI – TRANSFORMING THE WAY WE WORK

With Lisa Lightband

Welcome to the gateway of endless possibilities—our Introduction to AI course!

AI, or Artificial Intelligence, is reshaping the way we work and interact, much like computers and the internet did in the past. This engaging six-week programme is tailor-made for beginners with zero prior experience, designed to show the exciting world of AI and its real-world applications.

There will be room for discussion around the ethics of using AI also.

6 Sessions

Thursday 6 pm – 7.30 pm

30 May 2024

\$105

AI-POWERED WEBSITE DESIGN FOR BEGINNERS

With Lisa Lightband

Ideal for newcomers, this course seamlessly integrates AI into the learning process, guiding you through website planning, content creation, and design principles. You'll not only grasp the fundamentals but also learn how to build your own fully functional website. Uncover the magic of AI as it simplifies web design, making it accessible and exciting.

6 Sessions

Monday 6 pm – 7 pm

27 May 2024

\$105

Wellbeing

Holistic Wellbeing

Harmony Flow with Whanganui Yoga Centre

This is a unique class that integrates various movement practices such as Tai Chi, ShiBaShi, Brain Gym, Feldenkrais, Yoga, Acupressure, and Aikido, all aimed at promoting harmony, well-being, and relaxation throughout the course.

Gentle movement coordinated with long slow breathing is the cornerstone of this program along with increased coordination, balance, flexibility, body awareness and stress reduction.

8 sessions

Wednesdays 12 – 1 pm

8 May 2024

\$60

Yoga

Yoga with Whanganui Yoga Centre

Ideal for beginners, this course provides a gentle initiation to yoga, emphasizing fundamental poses, breathing methods, and mindfulness exercises. Join us to enhance your flexibility, strength, and holistic wellness.

8 sessions

Thursdays 5.30 – 6.45 pm

9 May 2024

\$80

Specialty

SOCRATES CAFÉ

Socrates Meets Whanganui

Socrates Cafés are gatherings that are held around the world where people from different backgrounds come together, exchange thoughtful ideas and experiences while embracing the over-arching idea that we learn more when we question, and when we question with others. No philosophical background is needed. It is about our own philosophies of life. This is not a debating club but about questioning, open-mindedness and challenging our own assumptions while listening to and respecting the views shared by others.

This is an excellent opportunity for those new to Whanganui, or anyone wishing to meet people.

Fortnightly on Thursday, 10 am – 11 am, at Trinity Church, Wicksteed Street, Whanganui
First gathering in Term 2 2024 is Thursday 2 May.

FREE

To enrol or for more information contact us between 10 am – 3 pm Monday to Friday

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