2023 EVENTS

AND A LITTLE MORE ABOUT US.
Art in Common believes in the healing power of the creative arts. We strive to increase compassion and connection in the community. Engaging in artistic expression has been proven to relieve stress and anxiety, increase self-esteem, and create a sense of belonging. We empower people in the community by providing a nurturing space and tools for self-expression.

OUR VALUES

CREATIVITY
Creativity fuels and enriches life and the community.

CONNECTION
Creating and displaying art together builds and strengthens bonds.

COMPASSION
Art is a common language anyone can use, enabling us to understand each other better.

EQUITY
Art should be available and accessible to all.

OUR MISSION
OUR STORY SO FAR...

Art in Common started following a powerful experience. Founder Aimee Jette led art workshops for refugee women from Uganda, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of Congo as part of her work for a refugee settlement agency. Through this work, she discovered that though the language was a barrier, art was a form of expression in which everyone could communicate. Many of the women expressed trauma through their art. Compelled by the experience and a deep desire to help, Aimee to pursued her Master’s degree in Creative Arts Therapy Counseling and founded Art in Common, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering communities to heal through the power of art. Since its creation, Art in Common has led events focused on creating community and bringing populations together to express themselves through art. From poetry events to creating large-scale murals to weekly workshops, Art in Common empowers the community to build connections and heal through the common language of art. Art in Common focuses on communities in need feeling the effects of social issues – whether that’s first responders and healthcare workers suffering from the aftermath of COVID, educators, and students experiencing stress or anxiety, members of the LGBTQIA community experiencing discrimination, or other populations affected by powerful societal circumstances.

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GET INVOLVED

With your help, we can expand our reach and impact on communities in need. Now, more than ever, we need to support our communities as they recover from the emotional impact of COVID and navigate a new normal. Essential connections have been severed, many suffer from grief and loss, and our communities carry a heavy emotional burden due to the pandemic. Reach out to find out how you can directly impact and help support your community.
GALLERY SHOWS & EVENTS
2023 AIC Gallery Shows

January 8, 1-4pm
Aimee Jette, Painting, "Grand Opening"
MFA in Visual Art, Interdisciplinary Arts
IG: @aimeejetteartist  www.aimeejetteartist.com

January 20, 6-9pm
Holli Levy, Encaustic, "An Encaustic Journey"
Artist; Director of Education, Art in Common, Inc.
IG: @hollimlevy  www.hollilevyart.com

April 7, 6-8pm
Kim Dougharty, Collage, "I'm Neurotic"
Artist; Art Therapist; Board Member, Art in Common, Inc.
MA Creative Arts Therapy Counseling

May 5, 6-8pm
Janelle Chandler, Botanical Illustration
MFA in Visual Art, Illustration
IG: @jchandlerartistry  www.jchandlerartistry.com

May 19, 6-8pm
Western Connecticut State University
MFA First Years Show
IG: @wcsu_art

June 9, 6-8pm
Dan Baker, Printmaking / Photography
MFA in Visual Art, Interdisciplinary Arts
IG: @d_baker_

September 1, 6-8pm
Jen Ripa, Painting
IG: @thrivologie

September 29, 6-8pm
Lilah Heyman Painting
MFA in Visual Art, Painting
IG: @lilah.heyman.art

November 3, 6-8pm
Kelsey Gilmore, Painting
MFA in Visual Art, Painting
IG: @kelseygilmorestudio

December 1, 6-8pm
Marcus Escribano, Painting
MFA in Visual Art, Painting
IG: @mesco_photo
In this class, we will continue where we left off in the first art journaling class. If you have taken that course or have some experience with mixed media, this course is for you. I will introduce a new technique, tool, or topic in each class, including color and composition. The idea of Art Journaling is always the same. This is for you. Our main goal is to have fun while learning how far we can go with mixed-media art.

Instructor: Holli Levy

ART JOURNALING 1+2

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ART FOR FUN 101 WORKSHOP
Instructor: Eric Chandler

Helping artists at any level find their way back to what made them love art in the first place. Participants will learn new techniques for creating art that can stretch your imagination, and explore new methods to bring you back to the joy that is art.

GELLI PRINT WORKSHOP
Instructor: Holli Levy

You can use a Gelli Plate to create Monoprints with acrylic paint and other mark-making materials, including stencils, leaves, stamps, and more. Create beautiful prints and papers on their own, or you can use them in your art journal. No experience necessary!

Turning Life Drawing into Painting
Instructor: Lilah Heyman

Students in this course will learn about the basic and foundational principles of still-life painting. Students will learn about designing compositions, color theory, shape, perspective, and value relationships through painting still lifes. This course is designed for students who have a background in drawing and are ready to translate their skills into painting.

BOTANICAL WATERCOLORS
Instructor: Janelle Chandler

Come study botanical water colors with Janelle, a student from the United Kingdom Society of Botanical Artists. Unleash your inner artist with Botanicals in Watercolor, my watercolor painting class! Janelle will guide you through the basics of watercolor painting, color mixing, and brushstrokes while enjoying beautiful flowers. Whether you’re a beginner or looking to refine your skills, this workshop offers the perfect platform to enhance your creativity and bring your paint
COMMUNITY CREATIVITY DAYS
1st and 3rd Saturdays 10am - Noon, Art in Common Gallery
FREE! Just come hang out and create!
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