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ART STUDIO

Watercolor for Beginners

One River School

Explore the vibrant world of watercolor painting in this fundamental workshop. Learn through guided painting exercises designed to cover all of the essential techniques. Featuring washes, wet-on-wet, wet-on-dry, blending, and color mixing, students will create beautiful finished compositions. Please call for materials list. \$200
#220-Thursday, Oct 8
RHS Room 138, 7:00-9:00 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Watercolor Level 2

One River School

A strong understanding of how to handle watercolor techniques is ready for Level 2. Please call for materials list. \$200
#221-Tuesday, Oct 6
RHS Room 138, 7:00-9:00 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Mastering Transparent Watercolor

Joel Popadics

New to watercolor or looking to refine your skills, this class will help you paint with greater confidence and control. Using a traditional transparent watercolor approach, students will learn how to create realistic landscapes, seascapes, florals and still-lives. Weekly lessons cover both practical techniques and timeless artistic principles, including color, value, composition, and design. Individual guidance and demonstrations make this class suitable for painters at every level. \$280
#219-Thursday, Oct 8
Ridgewood Art Institute, 2-5 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Drawing

One River School

Unleash your creativity and improve your drawing skills in our engaging adult drawing class for all levels. Explore basic drawing principles such as line, shape, shading, and perspective. In this class students will practice drawing from observation with exercises focusing on still life

setups and portrait sketches. Please call for materials list. \$200
#222-Monday, Oct 5
BFMS Room 124, 7:00-9:00 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Acrylic Painting

One River School

Beginners through experienced painters are welcome. Class will cover in-depth foundational techniques of color theory and mixing, brushwork, opaque, transparent and glazes. Individual attention and instruction on your choice of subject matter, or a subject provided in class, will be provided. A comfortable and stress-free environment to work at your own pace. Call for materials list. \$200
#223-Monday, Oct 5
BFMS Art Room, 7:00-9:00 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Painting in Oils or Acrylics

Anne Winner

Techniques of traditional painting are explored, in either oil or acrylic medium. Beginning and experienced painters are welcome. You will be encouraged to develop your own style through your choice of subject matter. Color theory and structure will be introduced. Materials are not supplied. \$165
#208-Tuesday, Oct 6
11:30-1:30 pm or
#206-2:00-4:00 pm
Unitarian Society/Fellowship Rm
Runs for 8 weeks

Digital Photography

Chuck Solomon

Digital Cameras give the photo enthusiast the opportunity to make great pictures that were never possible to capture on film. Beginner to intermediate student who wants to learn how to use their digital cameras to create stunning photos. You will learn how to take your cameras out of the automatic mode and creatively choose shutter speeds, f-stop, and ISO. You will learn how to get the images off of digital cards and onto a computer and even look at post processing in programs such as Photoshop. Attention will be paid to the different types of digital cameras including DSLR and

mirrorless cameras. We will also cover rule of thirds, selective focus, depth of field, leading lines and shooting jpegs and raw and how to compose an image. Six classroom sessions and one Saturday morning field trip (TBD). You will get a chance to show your work from the trip and an independent project. Best suited for those with adjustable camera, laptop or computer to store and view images and an editing program. \$150
#215-Tuesday, Oct 20
RHS Room 215, 7:00-8:15 pm
6 Weeks & 1 Field Trip (on the Saturday after 2nd class)

Learn How to Paint Mandalas

Takako Ward

Mandalas are a symbol used for meditation, prayer, healing and art therapy. You will enter a peaceful state of mind when painting each piece, making each piece truly one-of-a-kind! We will use dotting tools for three projects in the beginner classes. Materials fee to teacher to be paid at first class. \$120
Beginner - \$18 materials fee
#224-Monday, Oct 12, 19, 26
Advanced - \$50 materials fee
#225-Monday, Nov 2, 9, 16
RHS Rm 138, 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Runs for 3 weeks

COMPUTER LITERACY

File Management Fundamentals

Marya Larkin

During this 3-class series we will focus on the key aspects of file management (organization; storage; retrieval; and backups). Understanding file management not only keeps your data organized, it increases efficiency, data, and security. \$199
#166-Tuesdays-
Oct 13, 20, 27 Nov 3
RHS Room 193, 7:00-9:00 pm

Microsoft Office 365

Marya Larkin

A 3-class series will focus on the Microsoft Productivity Apps: Word, Excel & PowerPoint. We will cover creating workbooks, basic formulas and functions and formatting tips; how to make better PowerPoint slides; and how

to format reports in Microsoft Word. \$175

#153-Wed-Dec 2, 9, 16

RHS Room 193, 7:00-9:00 pm

Quickbooks

Marya Larkin

A three-class series focusing on QuickBooks Online. Topics include setting up and customizing your company; chart of accounts; creating and importing customer's vendor's, products and services; managing your expenses; reconciling your bank accounts & reporting. \$175

#169-Mondays, Nov 30, Dec 7, 14

RHS Room 193, 7:00-9:00 pm

Canva For Beginners

Marya Larkin

A REMOTE beginner two-class series. Learn how to make fantastic, professional graphic designs all for free using the popular online graphic design platform. We will focus on core design skills/tools that are transferable to all your design projects. Whether you have a paid or free Canva account or, just getting started this class will be beneficial to your Canva skills. \$100

#155-Wednesday, Oct 21

1:00-4:00 pm

AI Essentials: Getting Started

Mary Fitzgerald

Curious about AI but not sure where to begin? Learn how to use tools like ChatGPT to save time, spark creativity, learn new things and make everyday tasks easier. \$65

#158-Oct 5, 12

BFMS Room 114, 7:00-9:00 pm

Create Amazing Images & Videos with AI

Mary Fitzgerald

Create stunning images, fun animations and professional looking videos with just a few words. Learn how today's AI tools can turn your ideas into eye catching visuals in minutes. \$45

#154-Monday, Oct 19

BFMS Room 114, 7:00-9:00 pm

Write Your Book with AI: From Idea to Outline in One Night

Mary Fitzgerald

Need help turning your story idea into a finished book? Learn how AI can help you go from a blank page to a book outline in just one evening \$45

#159-Monday, Oct 26

BFMS Room 114, 7:00-9:00 pm

AI GENEALOGY Check out the class in the Hobbies & Interest Section

Learn 3D Printing Design & Create

KiteSteam

2-part class, focusing on Designing using TinkerCAD and exploring BambuLab P1S 3D printers. Focus is on taking YOUR design and printing it. \$95

#156-Thursday, Oct 22

6:00 – 7:30 pm, MAX 6 students

KiteSteam Studio

215 Chestnut Street

Design and Make a T-shirt using

Cricut

KiteSteam

An introduction to how Cricut works, software and the machine itself. We will cut & iron on this design to create your very own unique t-shirt. \$95

#157-Thursday, Nov 5

6:00 – 7:30 pm, MAX 6 students,

KiteSteam Studio

215 Chestnut Street

Custom Glass Jar Making with

Cricut

KiteSteam

Each of you will design your own Glass Jars. We will design, cut and press the vinyl to create your own unique Glass Jars. \$95

#160-Thursday, Nov 19

6:00 – 7:30 pm, MAX 6 students,

KiteSteam Studio

215 Chestnut Street

CULINARY ARTS

NOTE: Class time endings may vary.

Rice Balls & Zeppoles

Joseph Scilleri

Come learn, eat and fully participate as you make rice balls and Zeppoles. We will make plain rice balls and a chop meat and peas rice ball. A homemade marinara sauce will be prepared for dipping. In addition to rice

balls, we will make the popular Italian Zeppoles. Light and fluffy doughnut holes tossed with cinnamon or powdered sugar, dipped in various jams or chocolate. A \$35 food fee is payable on the night of class. Please bring apron and containers to class. \$40

#256- Tuesday, Nov 17

RHS Room 148, 6:30-9:30 pm

Soup & Quiche Time

Joseph Scilleri

Explore our culinary adventures with a heart -arming quiche and soup for those cold winter nights. In this class, you will fully participate in the making of Beef Barley Soup and Quiche Lorraine. They will leave a pleasant taste in your mouth and a pleasant aroma in your home. A \$30 food fee is payable to the instructor on the night of class. Please bring an apron & containers. \$40

#264- Tuesday, Oct 27

RHS Room 148, 6:30-9:30 pm

The Bonus Bite-Stuffed Crust Pizza

Joseph Scilleri

Learn how to make homemade dough, wrap cheese and other assorted toppings inside the crust, and bake a golden pie. The extra topper will be making calzones with the pizza dough. A \$35 food fee is payable to the instructor on the night of class.

Please bring apron and containers to class. \$40

#271-Tuesday, Oct 20

RHS Room 148, 6:30-9:30 pm

Let's do Pot Roast

Joseph Scilleri

This meal is exactly what is needed on those cold days to bring you comfort and deliciousness. You will fully participate on the making of a pot roast with all fresh vegetables in a savory gravy. We will add a specialty salad and bread to compliment the dish. This is a class that you do not want to miss. A \$40 food fee is payable to the instructor on the night of class. Please bring apron and containers to class. \$40

#271-Thursday, Nov 12

RHS Room 148, 6:30-9:30 pm

Appetizer Time

Joseph Scilleri

You will be the hit of the party when you present your family and guests with these mouth watering appetizers. You will fully participate in the making of sun dried palmiers, stuffed mushrooms, potato pie squares and capunata (eggplant relish). Your table will look eye appealing and festive. A \$35 food fee is payable to the instructor on the night of class. Please bring apron and containers to class. \$40
#262-Tuesday, October 13
RHS Room 148, 6:30-9:30 pm

Homemade Ravioli

Joseph Scilleri

Learn how to make butternut squash ravioli and cheese ravioli from scratch. A \$35 food fee is payable to the instructor on the night of class. Please bring apron and containers to class. \$40
#263-Tuesday, Nov 24
RHS Room 148, 6:30-9:30 pm

Cute and Quick Breads!

Angie Shagahaghi

Join Chef Angie in the kitchen to make and bake breads together. Focaccia bouquets, biscuits, scones! Discover the proper techniques to make your doughs unforgettable! We'll also make homemade butter. A \$40 food fee is payable to the instructor on the night of class. \$55
#261-Wednesday, Oct 21
RHS Room 148, 6:30-8:30 pm

Pie Season

Angie Shagahaghi

Join Chef Angie for pie making from scratch! Sweet potato, pumpkin and apple crumble! Choose two flavors to make. Learn the basic for making amazing crust and lattice. A \$40 food fee is payable to the instructor on the night of class. \$55
#255-Wednesday, Nov 18
RHS Room 148, 6:30-8:30 pm

Sourdough Bread

Stacey Antine, MS, RDN

Discover the art and science of traditional sourdough bread baking in this hands-on workshop for adults. Learn step-by-step how to mix, shape, and bake a beautiful

artisan loaf while exploring the natural fermentation process that gives sourdough its signature flavor, texture, and nutritional benefits. Participants will prepare and bake their own delicious sourdough masterpiece to take home and enjoy, and each guest will receive an active sourdough starter with care instructions so they can continue baking fresh homemade bread in their own kitchen within 1–3 days. Whether you're new to bread baking or looking to refine your skills, you'll leave with the confidence, knowledge, and inspiration to create wholesome, handcrafted loaves for family and friends. \$65
#251- TH, Oct 1, 6:30-8:00 pm
HealthBarn USA, 1057 Hillcrest Rd.

Sourdough Discard Focaccia: Turn Scraps into Something Delicious

Stacey Antine, MS, RDN

Learn how to transform sourdough starter discard into a flavorful, light and airy focaccia bread. Class will also gain tips for using sourdough discard into other recipes. \$65
#250- TH, Oct 22, 6:00-8:00 pm
HealthBarn USA, 1057 Hillcrest Rd.

Basic Knife Skills

Erin Marazzo

A sharp chef's knife is the most important tool in the kitchen and knowing how to use it will make it faster and easier to make a meal. Learn how to cut fruits and vegetables in a consistent, reproduceable way for a variety of cooking applications. Bring your own chef's knife. Equipment to sharpen knives will be available. Food fee of \$30 to be paid to instructor at class. \$40
#266-Thursday, Oct 8
RHS Room 148, 6:30-9:30 pm

Spice it up: Add Global Flavors to American Standards

Erin Marazzo

Explore ways to change that flavor profile of dishes to give them a new twist including Thai chicken noodle soup, Korean Meatballs and Harissa Chicken Wings. Food fee of \$30 to be paid to instructor at class. \$40
#249-Thursday, Oct 29
RHS Room 148, 6:30-9:30 pm

Squash: From Garden to Table

Erin Marazzo

Squash are the jewels of the fall harvest! You will learn how to make the most of the season's bounty, how to select, store, and prepare a variety of squash such as butternut, acorn, and delicata. We will explore techniques and recipes for salads, soups, side dishes, and entrees that bring out the best in these nutrient-rich vegetables. You will leave with practical cooking skills, recipe ideas, and the confidence to make squash a flavorful part of your everyday meals. Food fee of \$30 to be paid to instructor at class. \$40
#259-Thursday, Oct 15
RHS Room 148, 6:30-9:30 pm

The Mighty Bean: Cooking with Beans & Legumes

Erin Marazzo

Interested in adding more plant-based protein to your diet, exploring Mediterranean, Blue Zone and sustainable diets; or looking to stretch your grocery budget? Incorporating beans and legumes in your diet is a great option! Learn the basics of bean and legume cookery. Food fee of \$30 to be paid to instructor at class. \$40
#253-Thursday, Nov 19
RHS Room 148, 6:30-9:30 pm

Homemade Mozzarella

RCS Instructor

Learn how to make and stretch your own fresh mozzarella. Bring a container to bring some home. All materials included. \$70
#268—Call for date & time
RHS Room 148

Feeding Fido-Hands On

Stacey Jablin

Author of Chicken and Rice Isn't Good Enough and Canine Nutritionist, Stacey Jablin will lead you in a hands-on class of how to prepare well balanced meals for your dog(s). You will learn what canines need to thrive mentally and physically and about the different types of dog food and what the differences are between air dried, dehydrated and freeze dried. Bring a container because you will leave with fresh balanced

homemade meal for your furry friend. Food fee of \$10 to be paid to instructor at class. \$40
#273-Wednesday, Oct 28
RHS Room 148, 7:00-9:30pm

DANCE

Scottish Country Dancing

Laura Wheeler & Kenny Herbert

Distant cousin of contra and square dance, Scottish Country Dance is a lively social dance form practiced all over the world. Start dancing to toe-tapping music in minutes, keep dancing for a lifetime with endless variations. No partner or special gear is required, just soft-soled shoes and a willingness to move. The foundational movements needed to join the dance at a casual social or elegant ball will be taught. Come be part of a long tradition and vibrant community, all while keeping fit and having fun! \$145
#306-Tuesday, Oct 6
7:00-8:15pm
Sycamore Community Church, 400 Warren Avenue, HoHoKus
Runs for 8 weeks

Intro to Partner Dancing

Christopher Crevatas

Got a wedding or other big social event? This class is for you! Class will introduce students to the basic fundamentals of partner dancing. Explore the key concepts such as body alignment, leading and following, timing, rhythm, and basic steps. Perfect for absolute beginners. \$100
#328-Wednesday, Oct 7
Travell School Tiger's Den
6:00-7:00 pm
Runs for 4 weeks

Wednesday Night Fever-Learn the Hustle

Christopher Crevatas

Learn the basics and beyond of the popular dance that took the 70's/early 80's by storm and now more than ever is back in a big way. \$100
#331-Wednesday, Oct 8
Travell School Tiger's Den
7:00-8:00 pm
Runs for 4 weeks

Ballroom Latin Dancing

Oscar Sanchez

Ready to learn a new skill? Join our Ballroom & Latin dance class and feel the heat of Cha-Cha, Rumba and Swing! As well as classics like Foxtrot and Waltz! It is all about rhythm, confidence and connection. No partner or experience required. \$150
#329-Monday, Oct 5
Travell Elem – Tiger's Den
7:00-8:00 pm
Runs for 6 weeks

Salsa & Bachata

Oscar Sanchez

Ready to have some fun? Join our group class and learn two of the hottest Latin dances-Salsa and Bachata! It is easy, social and totally fun! Bring your friends or come solo, we rotate partners so everyone gets to dance! Single and Partners welcome! \$150
#330-Monday, Oct 5
Travell Elem – Tiger's Den
8:00-9:00pm
Runs for 6 weeks

Line Dancing Beginner

Diana Daniel

Come for a fun experience where you will learn popular line dances. A focus on country and pop music, you will have fun learning classic and new steps to routines such as Good Times and Shivers. You will be well prepared and ready to participate the next time the opportunity presents itself to line up! \$125
#304-Tuesday, Nov 10
7:00-8:00 pm
Travell School Gym
Runs for 6 weeks

Line Dance 2

Diana Daniel

Saddle up and get ready! These classes are structured around already knowing the basic fundamentals of line dancing. Line dances will be a bit more challenging than beginner class. You will begin to learn what "Re-starts" & "Tags" are, while enjoying a faster paced learning setting. \$125
Travell School Gym
#308-Tuesday, Nov 10
8:00-9:00 pm, runs for 6 weeks

Belly Dancing

Sa'Noorah

An introduction to the ancient and fascinating art of Middle Eastern Dancing. Great exercise, aerobic activity with muscle toning movements improving flexibility, posture and coordination. You will have fun and laugh as you learn the basic dance movements. \$120
#305-Monday, Oct 5
BFMS Dance Room, 7:00-8:00 pm
Runs for 6 weeks

Adult/Teen Hip Hop

HeART in Motion Studio - Spex

Learn fundamentals and choreography to dance with joy and boost confidence. \$180
#326-Thursday, Oct 8
8:00 – 9:00 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Cardio Dance Fitness

HeART in Motion Studio-Julie Finkel

A fun Zumba style class focusing on a balance of low-impact movements, choreography, and a pumping heart. No dance experience necessary- this is a class for everyone! Wear sneakers and clothes that are comfortable to move in. \$180
#327-Tuesday, Oct 6
10:15-11:00 am
Runs for 8 weeks

FINANCE & THE LAW

Making Sense of Medicare

Amy Harrison, CFP

Learn about what traditional Medicare covers, the costs associated with the program and how to sign up. \$30 per couple
#352-Tuesday, Oct 20
RHS Room 212, 7:00-9:00 pm

Creating a Social Security Plan of Action

Amy Harrison, CFP

The basics of Social Security and provide ways to help maximize your benefits & optimize your retirement strategy. \$30
#361-Thursday, Oct 22
RHS Room 212, 7:00-9:00 pm

Understanding Annuities

Amy Harrison, CFP

Explore different types of annuities, benefits and how they may be used to generate tax-

deferred growth and possibly lifetime income. \$30 per couple
#362-Wednesday, Oct 28
RHS Room 212, 7:00-9:00 pm

Retirement Planning Boot Camp

Paul Muller, CFP, AEP

Class series will cover investing, IRA strategies, tax planning, healthcare expenses, transitioning to Medicare, estate planning and Social Security. We encourage everyone to attend all three sessions to get the most out of boot camp. However, you can participate in individual classes if your schedule doesn't permit. Price per couple is \$60.

#366-Wednesday, Nov 4, 11, 18
RHS Rm 212, 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Runs for 3 weeks

Taxes, IRMAA, IRA's, Oh My!

Paul Muller, CFP, AEP

Learn how to take proactive steps to navigate potential financial pitfalls by proper planning. Class will cover how to avoid Medicare surcharges (IRMAA), the optimal use of taxable, tax-deferred, and tax-free assets, the implications of a Roth IRA conversion, the recent changes affecting the Stretch IRA and the latest OBBB updates. Price per couple is \$30.

#367-Thursday, November 12
RHS Rm 212, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Estate Planning & Probate

Marize Helmy or Michael Manna

An introduction to essential estate planning tools, including wills, different types of trusts, powers of attorney and advance healthcare directives. How assets are distributed, and the roles of executors, trustees, and the courts. The key differences between living and testamentary trusts, as well as irrevocable and revocable trusts. \$30 per couple

#368-Tuesday, Oct 6
RHS Room 212, 7:00-8:30 pm

Seven Deadly Sins of Estate Planning

Marize Helmy/Michael Manna

Simple mistakes made in estate planning that cause extensive legal expenses, delays, frustration and unintended results as to how their assets pass on after their death. You will learn how to spot

and avoid these errors, understand the importance of proper documentation and titling, and discover practical ways to keep your estate plan current and effective. \$30 per couple.

#360-Thursday, Oct 29
RHS Room 212, 7:00-8:30 pm

GAMES

Beginner Bridge

Patricia Linnemeyer

Learn how to play the exciting card game of Bridge. \$150

#682-Thursday, Oct 8

10:30-12:00 pm

Christ Episcopal Church

105 Cottage Place, Ridgewood

Runs for 6 weeks

Advanced Beginner Bridge

Patricia Linnemeyer

Learn Stayman, Jacoby Transfers, Overcalls, Blackwood and 2 Club opener. \$150

#683-Thursday Oct 8

10:30-12:00pm

Christ Episcopal Church

105 Cottage Place, Ridgewood

Runs for 6 weeks

Beginner Canasta

Modern American Canasta is a classic partnership card game that combines the familiar feel of rummy with deeper strategy, teamwork, and just enough luck to keep every game exciting. Learn the complete game including scoring, strategy, and special hands. Teacher will provide all of the card trays for playing and score sheets. Students take home an instruction booklet, a laminated scoring guide, and a fun new hobby. \$250

#684-Thursday, Oct 8

RHS room 206, 6:30-9:00 pm

Runs for 4 weeks

Beginner Mah Jongg

Arlene Sobel

Have fun while learning to play the American version of the ancient Chinese classic game. Follow the rules of the National Mah Jongg League as you get hooked on this popular pastime, exercise your mind and sharpen your memory, all while socializing with the other players. Bring a current Mah Jongg card to class, which can be purchased from the National Mah

Jongg League, or you can borrow one for use in class. \$130

#667-Tuesday, Oct 6

#680-Wednesday, Oct 7

#668-Tuesday, Nov 3

RHS Room 248, 6:30-8:30 pm

Runs for 4 weeks

Advanced Beginner Mah Jongg

Arlene Sobel

For those who already play regularly and want to improve their game, gain confidence and become an all-around stronger player. Bring a current Mah Jongg card to class. \$105

#669-Wednesday, Nov 4

RHS Room 248, 6:30-8:30 pm

Runs for 3 weeks

HANDCRAFTING

Holiday Wreath Making

RCS Instructor

Are you looking for something to do with a friend? Come and create a show stopping winter wreath for the holidays. It will be a fun experience to share during the holiday season and you will enjoy the fruits of your labor all season long! \$75

#402-December 3

RHS Room 198, 7:00–9:00pm

Autumn Dried Flower Centerpiece

RCS Instructor

Explore your creativity and make a stunning dried floral centerpiece to decorate your home for autumn. These dried "forever" floral centerpieces will be made entirely of dried flowers, so they will last the entire season and then some! \$75

#410-October 12

RHS Room 198, 7:00-9:00 PM

Glass Painted Holiday Ornament

Lyudmila Morhun

Learn basic techniques of glass painting, and create a beautiful ornament to give as a gift or, enjoy for yourself! Bring a friend to share in the experience and kick off the holiday season with a fun and rewarding craft! \$50

#403-Wednesday, Dec 2

RHS Room 198, 7:00–9:00pm

Winter Landscape Acrylic Painting Workshop

One River Art School

Capture the quiet beauty of winter in this relaxing, beginner-friendly acrylic painting workshop. Working on a 16" x 20" stretched canvas, participants will create a serene snowy landscape while learning acrylic painting fundamentals. Through step-by-step guided instruction, you'll explore essential techniques including color mixing, layering, and texture building to create depth and atmosphere. Learn how to develop a cool winter palette, paint the soft glow of a winter sunset, capture shimmering reflections on an icy pond, and bring snowy trees and landscapes to life with expressive brushwork. Along the way, your instructor will demonstrate acrylic painting techniques that make it easy to achieve beautiful, realistic results, no prior painting experience is required. All materials are provided, and every participant will leave with a completed 16" x 20" winter landscape ready to display throughout the season. \$55
#409-Monday, Nov 30
BFMS Cafeteria, 6:30-8:30 pm

Paint your Pet

One River Art School

Turn your favorite furry friend into a one-of-a-kind work of art! Before the workshop, simply email a clear photo of your pet to us, and we'll have your image pre-traced onto a 16" x 20" canvas. During this 3-hour guided acrylic painting workshop, you'll learn acrylic painting fundamentals while creating a beautiful portrait of your pet. Our instructor will walk you through color mixing, establishing a strong base layer, and building realistic fur texture to bring your pet's personality to life. With step-by-step instruction and individualized guidance, every participant will leave with a finished painting to cherish. All materials are provided, and no prior painting experience is necessary. All photos must be received one week ahead of the workshop. Great Gift idea! \$75
#405-Monday, October 19
BFMS Cafeteria, 6:30-9:30 pm

Paint Your House

One River Art School

Celebrate the place where your favorite memories were made by transforming your home into a timeless work of art. To prepare for the workshop, participants must email a clear photo of their house to us at least one week before the event. Your image will be pre-traced onto a 16" x 20" canvas. In this 3-hour guided acrylic painting workshop, you will learn the acrylic painting fundamentals while creating a personalized portrait of your home. Our instructor will guide you through color mixing, paint application techniques, and texture-building to help your house feel warm, inviting, and full of character. You will also learn which brushes and techniques are best for creating architectural details and natural elements like stone, brick, wood, windows, roofing, and surrounding foliage to achieve beautiful, refined results. No prior painting experience is necessary. All materials are provided, and every participant will leave with a completed 16" x 20" painting. All photos must be received one week before the workshop. A great gift idea! \$75
#410-Monday, November 16
BFMS Cafeteria, 6:30-9:30 pm

Crochet Fundamentals

Messalina Morley-Alton

For newbies or as a refresher for those returning to crochet. Cover classic stitches, how to combine them into patterns, gauge color changes and finishing. Call for a materials list to bring to the first class. \$140
#407-Tuesday, Oct 13
BFMS Parent Center
7:00-8:30 pm-Runs for 8 weeks

Crochet CLUB

Messalina Morley-Alton

Join fellow crocheters for a relaxed evening of stitching, sharing, and inspiration. Bring your own project and enjoy a social, supportive space with Messa on hand for guidance and tips. \$100
#408-Thursday, Oct 8
BF, Room 109, 7:00-8:30 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Beginner Needlepoint

Adrienne Conklin & Gretchen Viggiano
of Ridgewood Needlepoint

Learn the art of needlepoint. Students will receive outlined canvas of their initial and detailed stitch guide with diagrams. Learn about straight, crossed and diagonal stitches to complete your canvas. \$125

Additional \$80 materials fee paid to teacher at class. Please call our office 201-670-2777 to provide initial and one light & one dark color for thread.

#404-Thursday, Oct 8

RHS Rm 204, 6:30-8:30 pm

Runs for 4 weeks

Basic Jewelry Making

Vivian Burns, So You Studio

Learn how to use jewelry plyers and tools, findings and fabulous beads to make one of a kind jewelry pieces. \$110

#406-Thursday, Oct 8

BFMS Cafeteria, 7:00-9:00 pm

Runs for 3 weeks

Learn to Sew Class

Vivian Burns

Learn how to work with a commercial sewing pattern to create a garment. You will be advised which garment patterns to choose and types of fabric to purchase. Bring your sewing machine (if you have one). \$140

#401-Thursday, Oct 29

BFMS Cafeteria, 7:00-8:30 pm

Runs for 6 weeks

Sensational Stained Glass

Patty Vangieri

You will be guided through the multi-stage process by a lecture and a hands-on demonstration. As a beginner, you will learn to work with a pattern, using tools, cutting glass, foiling and soldering all while creating a beautiful stained-glass creation. Let's get cutting! Additional material fee payable to the teacher. \$200

#424-Tuesday, Oct 6

RHS Room 194, 6:30-9:30 pm

Runs for 9 weeks

Stained Glass Level 2

Patty Vangieri

Open workshop for those who have taken Level 1 and would like to work independently, but in a

group environment. Join the fun!
Additional materials are available
and fees payable to the teacher.

\$200

#425-Wednesday, Oct 7

RHS Room 194, 6:30-9:30 pm

Runs for 9 weeks

Needle Felting

Brenda Felipe

Learn this fascinating craft that
uses special barbed needles to
entangle and condense wool fibers
into dense shapes. Beginner
friendly and a relaxing process
allows you to sculpt loose wool
into a firm, three-dimensional
object or flat picture. \$25 class
materials fee paid to instructor.
\$100

#508-Wed, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

#509-Wed, Nov 4, 11, 18, Dec 2

RHS Rm 244, 7:00-8:30 pm

Two-4-week sessions

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Tai Chi

Jody Rubel

Introduce 37 posture Yang Style
Tai Chi form. Class will focus on
the "first 3rd" (13 postures) with
special emphasis on balance,
awareness, relaxation, alignment
and flow. \$210

#452-Thursday, Oct 8

Travell Tiger's Den, 6:30-7:30 pm

Runs for 8 weeks

Tai Chi Classic Form

Sword/Fencing (54 Posture)

Jody Rubel

Learn 54 posture. It is a unique
offering exploring this classic form
with wood swords. Good for all
levels of Tai Chi, no experience
necessary. \$210

#453-Thursday, Oct 8

Travell Tiger's Den, 7:30-8:30 pm

Runs for 8 weeks

Yoga: Begin Again & Rebuild your Confidence

Ina Cabrera Franck

Class is for those who have never
tried Yoga or have taken a pause
since their last practice. Perfect for
those who would like a more
gentle, slower paced class. You
will focus on breath work, safe
alignment, stretching, movement,
modifications and meditation.
Open to all levels. \$200

#451-Tuesday, Oct 6

Somerville Sch Gym, 6:30-7:30pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Yoga for Osteoporosis and Osteopenia

Gernot Huber

You will learn a specific twelve-
minute yoga sequence that has
been shown in peer-reviewed
studies to significantly increase
bone mineral density in people
with osteoporosis. Class will help
with improving your posture and
your balance, strength, and
stability to help prevent falls.
Lastly, you will learn better
biomechanics for daily activities to
help prevent vertebral fractures, a
common and serious side-effect of
osteoporosis. Designed to be
accessible to anyone who can get
down to the floor with the help of
a wall or a chair. \$185

#482-Thursday, Oct 8

7:15-8:15pm

Runs for 8 weeks

Adult CPR/AED

Marc Drapkin, GRF Training

The American Red Cross Adult
course equips students to
recognize and care for a variety of
breathing, and cardiac
emergencies involving adults. \$80

#474-Wednesday, Nov 11

BFMS Rm 126, 7:00-9:00pm

Women's Self Defense American Self Defense & Fitness Center

Fred Bargiacchi

Self-defense begins with
awareness, preparation and
prevention. Comprehensive class
will arm you with the tools you
need to keep you out of harm's
way. A great class for all ages,
including senior high schoolers.
\$60

#473-Wednesday, Nov 4

RHS Gym 2, 7:30-9:30 pm

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Collectible Automobiles as a Passion

Bob Austin, Burton Hall, and
Fred Hammond

Whether you own a collectible car
or not, this class is for men and
women who enjoy special interest
automobiles as a hobby or a
passion. The course explores the
world of those cars you do not
need but would love to own.

Emphasis is on the decades from
1940 to 1979. This does not mean
that older classics and newer cars
will be ignored. Class discussions
are knowledgeable and
informative. Discussion topics can
include identifying the right
vehicle for you, purchasing a
collectible vehicle, live and online
auctions, the role of the web,
selecting the right restoration
services, insuring, and more.
Speakers across the spectrum of
classic cars interests are
periodically invited to present to
the class. Class trips to visit
collections and restoration
services can take place during the
semester. \$135

#656-Thursday, Oct 8

RHS Room 248, 7:30-9:30 pm

Runs for 9 weeks

Floral Design

Larisa Shlahet

Learn the art of floral design and
create your own seasonal
arrangement to take home. Let
your creativity be inspired by
beautiful flowers and bolstered by
techniques and tips to make your
designs shine. All materials are
included. Four different class
options. \$85

#121-Fall Harvest

Wednesday, Oct 7

#122-Autumnal Colors

Wednesday, Oct 21

#124-Seasonal Surprises

Wednesday, Nov 11

#123-Thanksgiving Blooms

Tuesday, Nov 24

#125-Winter Whites

Wednesday, Dec 2

RHS Rm 138, 7:00-9:00 pm

Artificial Intelligence for Genealogy: Supercharge Your Family History Research

James Calaski

Discover how modern Artificial
Intelligence can act as your
personal research assistant by
sparkling fresh discoveries, and
looking at your family history from
a completely new perspective. In
this workshop, you will learn how
to: Use AI as a brainstorming
partner to analyze timeline gaps,
suggest missing record
collections. Leverage AI vision
capabilities to read messy cursive,
faded handwriting, and historic

scripts. Translate Foreign Records: Effortlessly translate old parish registers, vital records, and family letters from other languages into clear English. Unpack Complex Documents: Summarize dense, multi-page probate packets, deeds, and legal court records into plain English. \$50

#649-Thursday, Nov 19
RHS Room 228, 7:00-8:30 pm

Style That Fits You: Curating a Wardrobe for Your Real Life & Real Body

Zahavi & Schwartz, LLC

Class will guide you through defining your personal style, identifying your Kibbe body type, and learning how to dress the body you have right now—with confidence and ease. You'll learn how to curate a wardrobe that truly works for you, how to care for your clothing, how to shop intentionally, and how a smaller, well-planned closet can actually create more outfit combinations. We will also cover sustainable shopping tips, packing smart, measuring yourself correctly, and understanding which silhouettes, fabrics, and details best support your natural lines. \$60

#671-Wednesday, Oct 21
RHS Rm 215, 7:00 –9:00pm

Selling on eBay

Rick Feingold

Learn how to sell successfully from start to finish. Topics include: how eBay works, safe trading using eBay Buyer/Seller protection, learning the value of your items, pricing your merchandise, writing a description, taking photos, the bidding and selling process, shipping your goods, eBay fees, collecting your payment, delivery confirmation, handling feedback, and much more. \$60

#663-Thursday, Oct 29
RHS Room 193, 7-9:30 pm

Music Talks – Concerto

Roger Davidoff

Seven presentations comprise this survey course, focusing on a number of Classical Music's greatest concertos in order to cast

a spotlight upon the composers and their extraordinary creations. Composers such as will be covered-Corelli, Vivaldi, Handel, Bach, Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Liszt, Brahms, Grieg, Dvorak, Rachmaninoff, Rodrigo and Schoenberg. \$150

661-Tuesday, Oct 13
RHS Rm 240, 7:30-8:45 pm
Runs for 7 weeks

Art Talks-Seven Great Masters

Roger Davidoff

Class will have six presentations on the work, styles and lives of seven of Western Art's greatest artists including Raphael, Vermeer, Ingres, Renoir and Cezanne. \$150

#662-Thursday, Oct 15
RHS Rm 240, 7:30-8:45 pm
Runs for 6 weeks

NJ Boating Certificate Course

Vinnie Florio, Coast Boating School LLC

NJ State Police approved course in order to operate anything power driven including jet ski. Topics included in the course are boating safety and equipment, trailering, navigation, rules, water sports, knot tying, NJ legal requirements, jet ski, capsizing, and many more topics. \$110

#647-Wed & Th, Oct 21-22 or
#653-Wed & Th, Nov 18-19
RHS Rm 140, 6:30-10 pm

LANGUAGES

French 1

Martine Chahine

The beginning student will learn everyday expressions, greetings, salutations & basic conversation. \$150

#556-Wednesday, Oct 7
RHS Room 216, 7:00-8:30 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

French 2

Martine Chahine

Students who already have a basic knowledge of French. Learn about conjugating verbs in present tense along with nouns to create short sentences. \$150

#557-Thursday, Oct 8
RHS Room 216, 7:00-8:30 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

French Reading Classic Novels

RCS Instructor

The class introduces major works of French literature. The goal is to improve reading, comprehension and the ability to discuss literature in French. \$150

#558-Monday, Oct 5
RHS Room 216, 7:00-9:00 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

French-8 Films, 8 Genres

RCS Instructor

Eight films have been selected representing different genres. Class will discuss the actors, directors, screenwriters, historical and cultural context, as well as the themes explored in each film. A list will be provided so that you can watch before the corresponding class. \$150

#560-Thursday, Oct 8
RHS Room 216, 7:00-9:00 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

100% info Française a

Commentée

RCS Instructor

A fully dedicated to speaking French through the lens of today's world. You will read and discuss current articles from French media. Topics will cover economy, science, nature, beauty, fashion, travel and sports. The focus will be on developing fluency, broadening vocabulary and engaging in meaningful, real-time conversations all in French! \$150

#559-Wednesday, Oct 7
RHS Room 232, 7:00-9:00 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

German Language & Culture for Beginners

Ruth Parks

Introduction to German language and culture. Learn daily expressions, pronunciation, numbers and vocabulary necessary for travel and basic communication. \$150

#571-Tuesday, October 6
RHS Rm 206, 6:30-8:00pm
Runs for 8 weeks

German Language Level 2

Ruth Parks

Students who have a basic knowledge of German. Learn new vocabulary and develop

conversation skills and proper pronunciation. \$150
#572- Wednesday Oct 7
RHS Rm 206, 6:30-8:00pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Japanese 1

Naomi Yamanashi

Introduction to the Japanese culture and language. Learn daily expressions, pronunciation, numbers and frequently used vocabulary. \$150
#564-Monday, Oct 5
BFMS Rm 111, 7:00-8:30 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Japanese 2

Naomi Yamanashi

A continuation for those who taken a beginner course or have some knowledge. \$150
#565-Wednesday, Oct 7
RHS Room 202, 7:00-8:30 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Mandarin Chinese Learning: Know your Energy-Remote

PianPian Wang

Introduction to the Mandarin language. Students will learn the basics of pinyin. The course will cover greetings, talking about family, and friends, and common daily activities. \$150
#576-Thursday, Oct 8
Remote, 7:00–8:30pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Italian 1

Diana Zoino

A beginner-friendly course introduces the fundamentals of the language in a fun and supportive environment. Students will learn basic Italian while building confidence through everyday conversations. Topics include greetings, introducing yourself, family and friends, daily activities, travel essentials, and—of course—the language of Italian food and culture. No prior knowledge is required. \$150
#561-Tuesday, Oct 6
RHS Rm 203, 5:30–7:00pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Italian 2

Diana Zoino

Designed for students with a basic knowledge of Italian, this course expands vocabulary, strengthens

grammar, and builds confidence through practical conversation. Students will improve their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills while exploring Italian culture and everyday situations. \$150

#562-Tuesday, Oct 6
RHS Rm 208, 7:00-8:30pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Italian 3

Diana Zoino

Continue your journey toward fluency in this advanced-level class. Through engaging discussions, interactive activities, and targeted grammar review, students will refine their conversational skills, expand their vocabulary, and improve their accuracy and confidence in speaking Italian. Ideal for students who are comfortable communicating in Italian and want to strengthen their proficiency. \$150

#563-Tuesday, Oct 6
RHS Rm 208, 8:30-10:00pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Spanish 1

Patricia Rodriguez

An easy approach to learning the basics with proper pronunciation and structure. \$150
#566-Monday, Oct 5
BFMS Room 129, 7:00-8:30 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Spanish 2

Patricia Rodriguez

A class for those who have taken a beginner course or have some knowledge. \$150
#567-Tuesday, Oct 6
RHS, Room 226, 7:00-8:30 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Spanish 3

Patricia Rodriguez

Advanced class for students who want to work on conversation and grammar. \$150
#568-Wednesday, Oct 7
RHS, Room 226, 7:00-8:30 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Spanish 4

Patricia Rodriguez

Advanced class for students, conversational. \$150
#569-Thursday, Oct 7

RHS, Room 226, 7:00-8:30 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

PERFORMING ARTS

The Joy of Singing Solo

Kristen Plumley

Do you find yourself always singing a tune in the shower or car? Come on out and share your talent with other like-minded singers. Join this fun class to explore singing for (and sometimes with) other people like you. Solo singing is part of the course; this is not a sing-a-long or choir. Along the way, you will improve your vocal technique through correct breathing and posture, better vocal production and a positive and creative mindset. \$200

#714-Mon, Oct 5, 6-7:30pm
#716-Mon, Oct 5, 7:30-9pm
BFMS Room B8
Runs for 8 weeks + Recital

Beginning Guitar

Joe Lustica

True beginners who are just starting to play the guitar. We will learn the basics of playing and caring for the instrument, as well as easy songs in a variety of genres ranging from folk to rock, pop, and the blues. Students should have their own acoustic or electric guitar prior to enrolling and be prepared to bring their guitar and a small amplifier if they play the electric guitar to each class. The teacher will help with tuning at each class. \$150

#715-Monday, Oct 5
BFMS Band Room, 7:00-8:00pm
Runs for 8 weeks

Intermediate Guitar

Joe Lustica

Intermediate guitarists who are familiar with the basics of the instrument and open chords. We will learn more advanced chords such as barre chords and power chords, and the basics of improvisation using scales, as well as songs in a variety of genres ranging from folk to rock, pop, and the blues. Students should have their own acoustic or electric guitar prior to enrolling and be prepared to bring their guitar and a small amplifier if they play the electric guitar to each class. \$150

#717-Monday, Oct 5
BFMS Band Room, 8:00-9:00 pm
Runs for 8 weeks

PERSONAL GROWTH

Explore Possible Karma & Past Life Connections

Lois Kramer-Perez, C.Ht.

Discover how karma and past experiences may influence your present and future. \$40

#464-Thursday, Oct 29
RHS Room 233, 7:00-8:30 pm

Calling All Empaths: Take Back Your Energy

Lois Kramer-Perez, C.Ht.

Do you leave certain places or conversations feeling completely drained? Learn simple, clearing techniques to help with stress. Through breathing, visualization and anchoring, even the busiest minds find relief. \$40

#465-Thursday, Nov 12
RHS Room 233, 7:00-8:30 pm

SPORTS & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Volleyball (Co-Ed)

Bob Livingstone

Men and women have an opportunity to have fun, exercise, socialize and keep in shape. All classes are co-educational. Both skill levels have a warm up skill drill in the beginning of each class. After the start of the classes, instructors may recommend class changes to keep groups ability-compatible. \$90

INTERMEDIATE 7:30-9:00 pm

#898-Monday, Oct 5
#899-Wednesday, Oct 7
ADVANCED 9:00-10:30 pm
#900-Monday, Oct 5
#901-Wednesday, Oct 7
RHS-Gym 1, Runs for 9 weeks

Power Volleyball League

Bob Livingstone

www.ridgewoodvolleyball.com

An exciting opportunity for competitive, co-ed teams to play one another, Tuesdays & Thursdays. Each night has a round robin schedule followed by playoffs. Each team must field a co-ed roster at all times. Interested teams or single players looking to possibly join an existing team can e-mail Bob at

rcsvball@aol.com or stop by either night for further information. \$600 per team.

#902-Tu & Th, Sept 8 & 10
RHS Gym 1, 7:30-10:30 pm
Runs for 12 weeks

Pickleball-Beginner

Premier Pickleball

Come learn the fastest growing sport in America! All classes include one hour of instruction and 30 minutes of guided play to get you on the courts and having fun. Classes include all the basic shots in the game, court positioning, etiquette, rules and scoring and are taught by certified pickleball instructors. All equipment is provided. Participants must wear sneakers & comfortable clothes. \$200

#854-Tuesday, Oct 6
#856-Thursday, Oct 8
1:30-3:00 pm, Runs for 6 weeks
Hoop Heaven, 132 Hopper Ave
Waldwick, NJ

Pickleball-Low Intermediate

Premier Pickleball

If you have been playing for less than a year or have taken a previous instructional course then this class is for you. You will learn the skills needed to advance to the intermediate level of play. Classes include one hour of instruction and 30 minutes of guided play to get you on the courts. Classes include all the basic shots in the game, court positioning, etiquette, rules and scoring and are taught by certified pickleball instructors. All equipment is provided. Participants must wear sneakers & comfortable clothes. \$200

#855-Wednesday, Oct 7
1:30-3:00 pm, Runs for 6 weeks
Hoop Heaven, 132 Hopper Ave
Waldwick, NJ

Basketball

John DiCostanzo

Full court basketball played for the fun of it. Participants should bring a white shirt and a dark shirt to all classes.

\$110/one night; \$210/two nights
#850-Tuesday, Oct 6
#851-Thursday, Oct 8
BFMS Gym, 8:00-10:00 pm
Runs for 15 weeks

TRAVEL

For trip details: www.rpsnj.us

Day Tours

Gems of New Jersey – Lambert Castle; Paterson Great Falls

The Victorian era's Gilded Age on a visit to Lambert Castle, constructed in 1892 as the home and showplace of silk manufacturer Catholina Lambert. A guided tour will take us through the castle's period rooms and exhibit spaces while revealing all its storied history along the way. An included lunch at a great local spot nearby, followed by NJ National Historic Park, Paterson Great Falls, a 77-foot-high drop of gushing water from the Passaic River. You will cross the newly opened pedestrian footbridge above the falls where you may get misted but will get a great close up falls view and be soothed by its serenity. \$195

#1-Wednesday, October 7

Ladies of Liberty Hall

Discover a treasure trove of American history among the walls of a revolutionary home that transformed into a 50-room mansion. A guided tour through the Liberty Hall Museum will reveal fascinating stories about all the incredible women who lived and labored at this historic home. From the daughter of Governor Livingston whose daring exploits saved Liberty Hall during the Revolutionary War to Mary Alice Barney Kean who worked tirelessly for preservation of historic structures to Abbe, an enslaved woman who attempted to self-emancipate while in Paris, we'll learn the important roles in history these wonderful women played in both our community and in our nation. A visit to the Basilica Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, the fifth largest cathedral in North America, roughly the size of Westminster Abbey and towers as tall as Notre Dame. \$195

#2-Wednesday, November 18

Multi-Day Tours

Van Adventure Small Grp, max 10 people For trip details: www.rpsnj.us

Natural Treasures of New Hampshire – White Mountains and Beyond

Four enchanting nights at the Spellbinding Mountain View Grand Resort; Spa, Gorgeous Flume Gorge at Franconia Notch State Park, The Mysterious Basin, Glacial Erratic Boise Rock, White Mountains scenic drives, lovely Littleton, optional wooded walk to scenic Kilburn Crags, Historic Curran Suspension Bridge, Frost Place, White Mountain Express Gondola to Loon Peak, Glacial Caves, Windy Ridge Orchard, Historic Covered Bridges, Vermontasaurus!, Charming Shelburne Falls; it's Bridge of Flowers, Quaint Pickity Place, all breakfasts, three lunches and two dinners.

#3-October 12-16, 5 days,
\$2,550 Twin; \$2,995 Single – Full payment due upon registration, Final payment/cancellation date: August 5

The Harmony of Nature; Architecture – Historic Lynn Hall

A most intimate, exclusive tour, from 4-8 people Two spellbinding nights among the exquisite modernist design of historic Lynn Hall, Pine Creek Gorge, the PA Grand Canyon, fascinating Lynn Hall History Tour, dark skies perfect for stargazing, serenity Glass Park, an amazing walk on Kinzua Sky Bridge, small town Smethport Mansions, Smethport Old Jail Museum, Intriguing Austin Dam Memorial Park, Williamsport's Millionaires Row, Welcome cocktail; special cocktail hour hosted by Owners Rick & Adam, all-inclusive meals: two breakfasts, three lunches, two dinners

#4-October 29-31, 3 days, \$2,075 Twin; \$1,825 Triple \$350 deposit per person, Final payment, cancellation date: September 1

Soothing Southern Charm: North Carolina's Inner Banks

Nonstop, roundtrip airfare Newark to Norfolk, three cozy nights at the

relaxing Inlet Inn, Beaufort, two dreamy nights at the charming Granville Queen Inn, Edenton, Beaufort historic site, charming downtown Beaufort, Old Burying Ground Beaufort's Double Decker Bus Tour, Beaufort Ghost Walk, Historic Hertford, Turtle Walk of Historic Homes, Latham Whitehurst Nature Park Boardwalk Trail, Wild Horse & Shelling Cruise, Splendid Swansboro, Calico Creek Boardwalk, fall market at Cedar Point, Tryon Palace Gardens, Historic Riverfront Downtown New Bern, North Carolina history center, birthplace of Pepsi, a wonderful small town Washington, quaint Edenton, historic Edenton Trolley Tour, Penelope Barker House, Roanoke River Lighthouse, Cupola House Gardens, Harriet Jacobs walking tour, Maritime underground railroad site, Bennett's Millpond Boardwalk, Cannon's Ferry River Walk, all breakfasts, three lunches, two dinners.

#5-November 9-14, 3 days
\$3,625 Single; \$2,995 Twin
\$350 deposit per person, Final payment/cancellation date: August 15

WRITING

Write Your Way Though

Gwendolen Gross

Course provides five weeks of guided writing prompts to explore any life changes, such as becoming a parent, children leaving for college, retirement, moving, celebrations, and loss. Writers at all levels are welcome to join. \$120
#659-Mondays, Oct 26
2nd Floor Conf Rm Ed Center
49 Cottage Pl, 1:00-2:30 pm
Runs for 5 weeks

How to Create a Children's Book

Rod Gonzalez

If you've ever thought "I have a great idea for a children's book", but didn't know how to put it together, this course will provide you with the tools necessary to make it happen. Learn from a published children's book author and illustrator what it takes to make your idea a reality. The basics such as writing an outline, character development,

illustration, the look and feel of your book and how to properly build a story that is tailored to the right audience. Create a printed and bound book to share, or develop your story and pitch it to a literary agent or publisher! \$125
#658-Wednesday, Oct 21
RHS Room 204, 7:00-8:30 pm
Runs for 4 weeks

Creative Writing

Dr. Reggie Malz

Blending craft, practice, and confidence-building through writing. A unique space for students to explore and develop their writing skills through various methods and approaches under a structured syllabus. The class will focus on creating foundations, generating ideas, developing characters, plot and composition. \$125

#657-Monday, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26
#660-Monday, Nov, 2, 9, 16, 23
BFMS, Rm 107 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Two separate 4-week sessions offered

KIDS & TEENS

Artists & Crafts

Jackie Carter

Somerville-Hands on after school class for grade school children. Each week we will focus on a famous artist, create a craft highlighting that artist, and encourage your child to experiment with a new art technique. The students will be engaged with artwork bingo, songs, dance breaks, and plenty of conversation around the artist. A materials fee of \$25 is paid to instructor at first class. \$175
#943-Monday, Oct 26
Somerville-Art Rm, 4:00-5:00 pm
Runs for 6 weeks

Basic Jewelry Making

Grades 3-8

Vivian Burns, So You Studio

Learn how to use jewelry plyers and tools, findings and fabulous beads to make one of a kind jewelry pieces. \$100
#961-Thursday, Oct 8, 15, 22
BFMS Cafeteria, 5:00-6:30 pm

Learn to Sew Grades 3-7

Vivian Burns

Students will learn foundational skills and how to work with a commercial sewing pattern and a real sewing machine. All materials and the sewing machines will be supplied. Students will first make a patch pillow, 2nd a tote bag and if time allows a pair of pajama shorts. If you have a sewing machine, bring it! Sewing machines will be available to use. \$130

960-Thursday, Oct 29

BFMS Cafeteria, 5:00-6:30 pm

Runs for 6 weeks

Improv Comedy for Kids

Dreena Moran

In this fun, age-appropriate class, we'll learn the fundamentals of improv comedy. Basic acting and comedy techniques are introduced through exercises and games so students use their imaginations to create unique characters and scenes. Teamwork is encouraged to develop skills in pantomime, exploring, emotions, and active listening. \$150

#951-Thursday, Oct 8

Grades 3-5, Location TBD,

4:00-5:00pm, Runs for 6 weeks

#952-Thursday, Oct 8

Grades 6-8, Location TBD

5:00-6:00pm, Runs for 6 weeks

Fencing for Children Gr 3-10

Maksim Zaitsev

Designed to introduce students to the exciting sport of fencing. Often called a physical game of chess, fencing develops endurance, coordination, agility, poise and balance. Fencing also develops concentration and problem-solving skills. Warm-up games, footwork, agility and coordination development, fencing instruction, bouts and fencing games. All necessary equipment is provided. An additional fee of \$10 is to be paid to the instructor for insurance with USFA. \$225

#916-Monday, Oct 5

4:00-5:00 pm, Runs for 6 weeks

Arena Fencing Academy

152 Franklin Turnpike Waldwick

Basketball Offensive Skills Clinic

Grades 3-8 Boys & Girls

Mike Troy

Clinic will focus on individual skill development including ball handling, footwork, defense, passing and shooting. \$150

#962-Nov 5-6

GWMS Old Gym, 9:00-11:00am

ENCORE MUSIC PROGRAM – PRIVATE INSTRUMENT LESSONS

Gary Fink Coordinator

You can study with an actively performing professional musician from the tristate area – at an affordable price. Lessons will give the opportunity for students of all ages to study an instrument. Lesson times will be arranged after school & evenings, lesson time will be scheduled. Brass, woodwind, percussion & string instruments as well as piano, guitar, jazz improvisation, music theory and voice. Following registration, the instructor will contact students and a lesson time will be scheduled. Lessons are 14 or 7 weeks. Please contact Mr. Fink for information regarding children in 3rd Grade or younger. You must contact the instructor in advance of ANY cancellation. Students may schedule two makeup lessons with in the semester if the instructor is given 24 hours' notice of cancellation. Tuition includes a non-refundable \$25 registration fee. Contact Gary Fink at gfink@rpsnj.us

30-minute lessons

beginning students

45-minute lessons

intermediate students

60-minute lessons

advanced students

14 weeks, 30 min. lesson \$575

7 weeks, 30 min. lesson \$310

14 weeks, 45 min. lesson \$780

7 weeks, 45 min. lesson \$465

14 weeks, 60 min. lesson \$1,015

7 weeks, 60 min. lesson \$620

ADDITIONAL KID PROGRAMS

We are always adding new stuff. Check the website (www.rpsnj.us) or call for details & registration information.

Behind the Wheel

Driver's Permit Test & 6 hours of driving instruction available to Ridgewood Residents. A certificate will be sent upon completion of both the Behind-the-Wheel lessons and the classroom course required of all 10th grade students. Please contact the Behind-the-Wheel coordinator, Jennifer Ross at jross@rpsnj.us.

After School Programs

We offer several wonderful after school programs at different locations within the district. Please look for classes such a chess, robotics, drama, art, and cooking on our website or the eNews directly from your school.

Summer Programs 2027

Watch out for our very popular Summer Adventure Day Camp for elementary school children which runs for 6 weeks in the summer (out of town registrations open in early June). Also, our special Cruising into Kindergarten camp for the incoming kindergarten class (Ridgewood residents only).

Other Summer Camps: Summer Music Academy, Space Camp, Racefaster Camp, Basketball Camp, Fashion Camp, Chess Camp Tech Adventure Camp and many others

GENERAL INFORMATION

No classes will be held: November 5, 6 and 26

The Ridgewood Community School offers the opportunity to continue their education and pursue special interests and hobbies. The school is administered through the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

Administrative Office Only Ridgewood Community School 49 Cottage Place Ridgewood, NJ 07450 (201) 670-2777 <i>(Classes are held at various schools & locations, see below)</i>	Website: www.rpsnj.us/communityschool Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Eliza Sudol, Coordinator, esudol@rpsnj.us Angie Stoehr, Registrar, astoehr@rpsnj.us
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CLASS LOCATIONS (all course descriptions give the location of the class)

RHS – Ridgewood High School, 627 E. Ridgewood Ave.

BFMS – Benjamin Franklin MS, 335 Van Dien Ave.

GWMS – George Washington MS, 155 Washington Pl.

Orchard - 230 Demarest Street

Somerville - 45 S. Pleasant Avenue

Travell - 340 Bogert Avenue

Arena Fencing, 152 Franklin Tpk., Waldwick

Christ Church, 105 Cottage Pl.

Ridgewood Art Institute, 12 E. Glen Ave.

Unitarian Society, 113 Cottage Pl.

HeArt in Motion Studios, 615 Franklin Tnpk

Hoop Heaven, 132 Hopper Ave., Waldwick

KiteSteam, 215 Chestnut Street

School closings: If inclement weather: RCS will close if Ridgewood Public Schools close

Satisfaction Guarantee: Ridgewood Community School is proud that our students report a high level of satisfaction with our courses. However, we also recognize our responsibility to those whose class did not fulfill their valid expectations. If you feel it was not satisfactory, or did not deliver what was promised, RCS will issue you a course credit, provided you send a written request with a valid reason within two weeks of course completion.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be September 1, 2026.

3 easy ways to register:

1. Mail: Complete Registration Form and mail in payment.
 2. Phone (Visa and MasterCard), 12-4 pm Monday – Friday
 3. Online (Visa and MasterCard) at www.rpsnj.us/CommunitySchool
- Credit card processing fees and transaction fees will be charged in addition to registration fee.
 - A \$25 per person registration fee is included in the tuition fee, it is **not refundable** for any reason (unless class is cancelled by RCS).
 - Acknowledgements are not sent after registering, report to class on start date.
 - Registrations are processed in the order they are received.
 - Class is subject to cancellation if registration enrollment is low. Register early!
 - Additional fees may be required, see class description.
 - No restrictions on residency to register.
 - RCS classes (except junior classes) are intended for adults, please reach out to office to request exceptions.

Withdrawal Policy & Refunds

- If RCS cancels your course, you will receive a full refund.
- If you want to withdraw from a class before it begins, you must submit your request in writing to RCS **three full business days before the start of the class (not counting the day of class)**. You will receive a refund (less \$25 registration fee). Policy differs for trips and tours, see note on trip page.
- No refund or credit will be given after start of the class.
- If you find a course does not meet your legitimate expectations, we ask that you send a written request to us as soon as the course is finished and complete a course evaluation. We will issue you a **tuition credit** for another RCS course. Refunds are processed in 1-2 weeks (longer for checks).

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