

Summer 2026 - Drawing for the Fun of It! - Syllabus & Supplies

Class meets Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Welcome to our Drawing for the Fun of It class! All skill levels are welcome! If you are new to drawing, a suggested materials list can be found below and on the OLLI website for the *Drawing for the Fun of It* class. Handouts will be available on the *Drawing for the Fun of It* webpage just prior to the class.

Dates	Topic/Activity	Instructors
May 27	Pink Rose	JoDell Gray
June 3	Continuation	JoDell Gray
June 10	Still Life	Jeff Layton
June 17	Continuation	Jeff Layton
June 24	Texture - Feathers	Rhonda Riley
July 1	Continuation	Rhonda Riley
July 8	Cartooning	Emma Cox
July 15	Continuation	Emma Cox
July 22	TBD	
July 29	Open House Preparation*	

* August 8 is Open House

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SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST - (Items 1-11 recommended for beginners)

Places to shop for drawing supplies: Amazon, Blick's Art Supply, Art Supply Warehouse, Michaels, Hobby Lobby, Joann's.

Watch video on [10 Essential Drawing Materials for the Serious Beginner](#)

1. Table covering, paper towels
2. Sketching paper or sketch book, recommended size of [9" x 12"](#), [multimedia sketchbook](#) for pen and ink and colored pencil sessions. Paper is thicker and able to handle washes with water. [Bristol smooth paper](#) is best for pen and ink drawings, [Bristol vellum](#) has "tooth" (texture) so it is best for graphite, colored pencils, and charcoal. These papers are best for finished drawings, regular sketch paper that is lighter in weight is fine for preliminary sketches. [Staples Premium, Bright White, Inkjet Laser, 24 lb bond paper](#), 500 sheets. [Newsprint pad](#) (18" x 24" smooth, smaller sizes for rough - use with charcoal).
3. [Graphite pencils, HB, 2B, 4B, 6B, 8B, 2H](#)
4. [Charcoal pencils, HB, 2B, 4B, 6B, White "charcoal" pencil, compressed charcoal](#) and [vine charcoal](#)
5. Fiber tip markers (e.g. Sharpie, etc.)
6. Drawing Board, e.g., masonite board, [commercially available drawing boards](#)
7. Scissors
8. Pencil sharpener, e.g., [Kum two hole long point sharpener](#)
9. [Kneaded eraser](#)
10. [Tortillions or blending stump](#)
11. Ruler with a steel edge.

-----Items above recommended for beginners

12. [T-square ruler, triangular rulers \(30/60, 45/90 triangles\)](#)
13. Small chamois or piece of felt, Q-tip, for smearing charcoal or graphite
14. [Micron Pigma indelible ink pens, .2, .5, .8 size](#) or your preference, or [Staedler indelible pens](#).
15. Toned papers, [Canson pastel pad](#) (multi colors)
16. [Conte' pencils](#) and or [Conte' crayons](#)
17. Black water soluble ink pen, recommended brands: [Speedball Elegant Writer Extra Fine Calligraphy marker](#), [Tombo dual tip pen](#), [Papermate Flair Ultra Fine felt tip pen](#), Gel pen such as [Pilot G2, .7mm and extrafine tip](#)
18. Watercolor or regular colored pencils - 12, 24, 36 color set (whatever you can afford), recommended brands: Blick, Prismacolor, Derwent, Caran d'Arche, Faber Castell
19. Water soluble graphite pencils: [General's Sketch & Wash #588](#), [Derwent Water Soluble Sketching Pencil Pack](#), [Derwent Graphitint pencils](#) (if you want to splurge)
20. Suggestions: [Color wheel](#) and [Value scale](#).
21. [Niji Waterbrush](#), medium size or a synthetic [watercolor round brush, #8 size](#)
22. Container for water.
23. [3M Removable tape, drafting tape](#)
24. Art storage suggestions: [Page protector sleeves](#), 3-ring binder, [portfolios](#), [portfolio case](#).
25. [Spray fixative](#) for graphite and charcoal drawings, [workable fixatives](#).