



**Arts Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 1- 2 pm
BCA Center, 2nd Floor**

In attendance:

Heather Ferrell, Lauren Genta, Emily Kadish, Rachel Kahn-Fogel, Rebecca Schwarz, Melissa Steady, Dana vanderHeyden, Deb Wilkinson, Kiersten Williams

- Intros (5 minutes)- Melissa
- Public Forum (5-10 minutes)
- Art From the Heart (5-10 minutes)- Rebecca
- BCA Studios
 - Adult Classes- (5-10 minutes)- Kiersten
 - Clay Update (5-10 minutes)- Emily
 - Youth, Teen and Family Update (5-10 minutes)- Lauren
- Gallery Education (5-10 minutes)- Heather

Public Forum:

If you are interested in speaking in the public forum, please contact Melissa Steady at msteady@burlingtoncityarts.org at least 1-2 days before the meeting.

Arts Education Committee

The Arts Education Committee includes BCA board members and non-board members and meets 6 times annually. Members of the Arts Education Committee provide experience and expertise in various aspects of life-long learning and connect BCA programs to trends and themes in arts education. The committee evaluates, advises and guides BCA's art education programs, including studio classes, camps, off-site residency programs, gallery education visits and the Art from the Heart program at the UVM Medical Center.

ART FROM THE HEART

Mental Health - new ways that we are supporting mental health

- Pediatric Outpatient Clinic Supports
- Adult Inpatient In person volunteering

Music

- Singing Drum
- Medical student musicians
- Winter music series in the Garden Atrium in development

Art in the Garden (pilot completed this year)

- First Fridays Unplugged music series
- Garden hands on art workshops

Volunteers

- HOORAH new volunteers! & Interns (with new process falling during the pandemic shut down- a silver lining)

FY'22 Total participants= 5,819 (12% more than FY21, 63% more youth)

Volunteer Quotes

“Nurses and child life team clapped as I came onto the unit – so happy to see AFTH.”
Li on the first returning shift to inpatient pediatrics

“A lot of excitement was flowing around the art cart this afternoon. I really enjoyed the little celebrations that were happening as children felt proud of their creations.”

Lara at the CSC

ADULT CLASSES

SUMMER 2022

11 Adult Classes were offered in all different mediums over 8 weeks this summer – 7 out of the 11 classes were full and all of them ran

- 69 adult students participated

FALL 2022 UNDERWAY!

We are gearing up for Fall Classes beginning next week!

- 39 adult classes are being offered over the 12 weeks of our fall session and we have already filled 27 of them
- So far, we have 238 students signed up
- We've revamped our digital program and are offering InDesign and Photoshop again with our updated Digital Lab

- We are planning another session of Print Classes with Inclusive Arts through the Howard Center, hopefully to start in October. BCA provides a group scholarship to help Inclusive Arts cover the cost of this class
- Our new Alzheimer's community class fun through Age Well (<https://www.agewellvt.org/>) has started this fall with 5 enthusiastic participants plus their support staff

PAINTING WITH KARA WARE

BCA Draw, Paint and Print Studios, 405 Pine Street, Burlington, VT

Instructor: Kara Ware

10am-12pm

September 12-October 24, 2022 (no class 10/10)

6 weeks

Join us at the Burlington City Arts Studios in a morning of imaginative and colorful painting with artist Kara Ware. Try out a variety of painting media, tools and techniques. The process of painting engages social skills and often brings up meaningful memories. Students will be encouraged to share these stories through their art and explore their personal interests or artistic goals. This class is an emotionally safe environment, sensitive to the needs of students and caregivers. No experience necessary, all supplies will be provided.

*will work closely with caregivers to provide training for instructor, professional development.

- I've been busy training some new teaching artists and recruiting new figure models (after a lot of turnover over the past couple of years)

STUDIO MEMBERSHIP

The BCA Studios at 405 Pine offer seasonal studio membership for adults (18+) with basic experience who would like to work independently in our drawing/painting, print, clay, or jewelry studios, as well as in the darkroom/digital photography lab. Each studio offers approximately 20-30 hours of open studio time per week. Trained studio assistants are on-hand during all open studio hours for guidance and support. On-site storage for supplies is included.

FY'22= 244 studio members, 236 student members, 85 studio assistants/monitors
43% of studio members were Burlington residents.

CLAY STUDIO

At the start of the summer session in July, I started as the Clay Studio Manager. With summer camps in full swing, 2 adult classes, and almost 60 members using the studio, the clay studio was an active and exciting space to come into.

With the gap between me and the previous manager, the studio was in need of some attention. After all of the summer bustle, we closed the studio for 3 weeks to do a deep clean and reset. In that time the studio assistants and I cleaned, reorganized, and replaced parts in the studio. This time off was really important to create a more sustainable and healthy environment for our clay community. We now have new clay taps for our sinks, new improved wedging table surfaces, a new kiln on the way, lots of clear signage, and a whole lot less clay dust. Members and students have expressed excitement about these improvements.

This coming fall season we have 60 members, 37 from our ongoing membership and 23 from our lottery program. Because of the lottery membership system, there are new and former BCA community members who were able to join the clay studio for the fall session. We have 19 studio assistants, 17 returning and 2 who recently started. We are still in need of one assistant to cover a Sunday afternoon shift. All of our clay classes are full, some filling within 5 minutes! Three multi week classes begin tomorrow, so we will have over 110 people using the studio.

My focus for this coming session is to continue building community and develop a consistent rhythm for the clay studio. Aside from maintenance projects, I hope to create a studio assistant photo wall, update and add signage, and revamp the reclaimed clay process.

I have also put together a wish list of items that would greatly help our studio run smoother:

CLAY STUDIO WISH LIST:

Advancer shelves

<https://www.sheffield-pottery.com/Advancer-Kiln-Shelf-26-Half-12-Sided-p/ssfadv26h.htm>

- Advancer kiln shelves are the strongest, lightest and thinnest kiln shelves in the world.
- They do not warp at high temperature and are rated for use up to cone 16.
- Because they are so light weight they have less thermal mass so you save energy in your kiln firing by spending fewer BTU's heating up your kiln furniture.
- Because they are so thin, you gain stacking space in your kiln. With more efficient stacking your kiln yields more work every firing so they pay for themselves very quickly.
- They have close to zero porosity making cleanup a breeze. Kiln wash is still used if desired.

High Quality Hepa Vacuum

Stone Grinder and Water Tank

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00SCXURVY/ref=cm_sw_r_ap_a_i_375S0ME2SKMJ9MWD9DHC_0

<https://www.makitatools.com/products/details/PW5001C>

Cement Mixer

<https://www.lowes.com/pd/Kobalt-Mud-mixer-cu-ft-1-9-HP-Cement-Mixer/5013934009>

YOUTH, TEEN & FAMILY

SUMMER 2022

We had an incredibly successful 8 weeks of summer! Our Summer Camp on-sale showed record numbers of engagement, reaching 70% sold within 48 hours, 80% sold within 1 week of on sale, and 98% sold before the start of June; data, matched with the stories shared with us, demonstrates how much BCA means to our campers and their families.

I previously sent out a complete report, but here are some highlights:

- Offered all camp staff a professional development training with Laura Bonazinga Bouyea, M.S., CCC-SLP centered on Supporting Active Engagement & Social Exchange for All Learners, and created a Sensory Friendly Toolbox filled with toys and tools designed to soothe or stimulate the nervous system and improve sensory regulation.
- Over eight weeks, we provided joy to **533 campers** (ages 6-18) in half-day and full-day camps.
 - 166 campers stayed with us for a full-day from 8am-3pm. An additional 37 campers stayed with us for an extended day from 8am-5pm.
 - **41% of our campers (221 total) are Burlington residents.**
 - 21% of our campers (144 total) are teens (ages 12-18). **39% of our teens (44 total) are Burlington residents.**
 - In total, **we increased camp spots by 72% over last year, and increased teen programs by 115%.**
- We ran **68 half-day camps at the BCA Studios** across all six studios; offering 53 camps for ages 6-11, and 18 camps for ages 12-18. We ran **3 full-day camps at the BCA Center**; two Gallery Explorers camps (ages 9-11) and School of Foolery (ages 9-14).
 - **17 campers participated in Gallery Explorers** (Ages 9-11). 41% of Gallery Explorers campers (7 total) are Burlington residents.
 - **10 campers participated in School of Foolery** (Ages 8-14). 50% of School of Foolery campers (5 total) are Burlington residents.
- Offered **two weeks of free camps to 13 Burlington School District middle and high school students.** Newly created, Make Your Own Zine (Ages 11-18) explored the

intersection of digital photo, illustration, and printmaking as campers created a zine that celebrates their personalized interests – be it graphic novels, poetry, short stories, or illustrations.

FALL 2022

We kicked off Fall with a Family Make N' Take @ Kids Hop, over the course of the late morning-early afternoon we had 153 visitors stop by to create Galaxy Spin Art! In October we will welcome the Integrated Arts Academy for our annual Fill the Bowl residency.

My approach for Teen programs continues to capitalize on Friday nights being an alternative to Fall sports and activities for Teens, and working to build that transition into programs for young adults that closely mirrors our Adult offerings.

Fall Programming Overview (9 Total Offerings, 13 Classes)

- (2) Youth Programs – Youth Pottery (Ages 6-12) is a 4-week long Sunday afternoon clay class that was a huge success last Fall; DIY Costumes (Ages 6-12) is a daylong program during Burlington School District's October In-Service Day
- (3) Teen Programs – Teen Darkroom Photography and Teen Screen Print are 4-week long medium specific classes; Friday Teen Wheel has become a mainstay Friday night program along with Friday Family Clay and Friday Adult Wheel
- (4) Family Programs – Friday Family Clay, Family Make N' Take @ Kids Hop, Holiday Cardmaking, and Family Photograms – which is a new experiment which came out of parent and family feedback around family-based opportunities in Photography.
- **Currently we are 71% sold (78 of 109 seats), and 6 classes are sold out, for a total net tuition to date of \$3,545.00**

GALLERY EDUCATION- to be presented at next Committee meeting.