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ART AND SPIRITUALITY CENTER



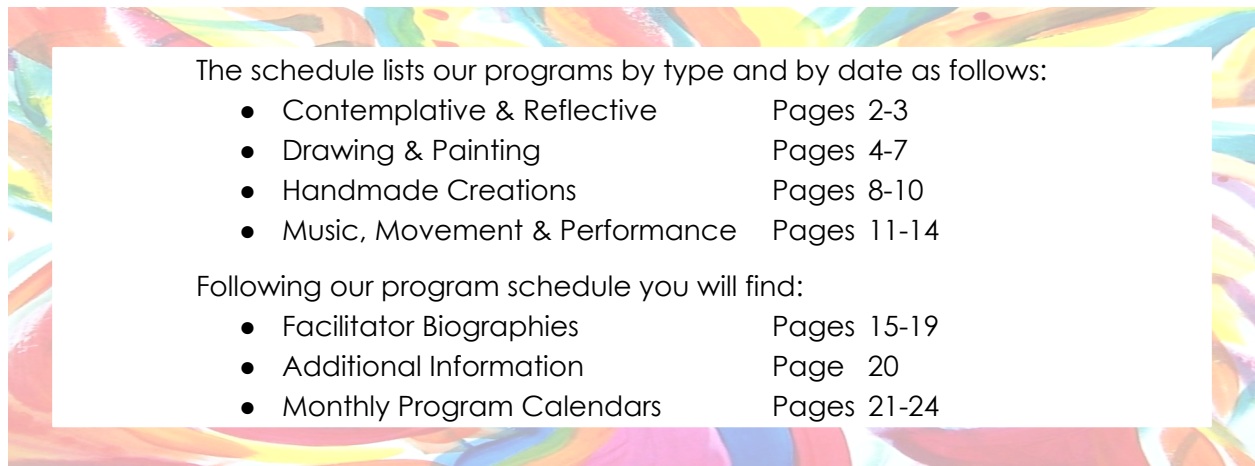
Fall Schedule
September 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

The Art and Spirituality Center is located at Mercy Hospital Downtown in the Marian Building (near the corner of A Street and Truxtun Avenue). Look for the “Welcome to Art for Healing” sign outside of our front door on Truxtun Avenue.

Our Art for Healing programs provide opportunities for art-making, writing, music and other creative experiences free of charge. We hope that each participant may become practiced in the skills of letting go, living in the moment, artful reflection and relaxation. All programs are led by experienced facilitators and are for persons 18 and older (unless otherwise noted) who are seeking respite from stress or health concerns.

You may register online at www.dignityhealth.org/bakersfield/artforhealing, via email at MHB-ArtforHealing@DignityHealth.org, or by phone by calling our Art Registration line at 661-632-5747.

We currently offer both virtual and in-person workshops. Registration is required for **all** workshops and for all participants unless otherwise stated. We ask that you register for our workshops **no more than one month in advance** and only register for workshops you are sure to attend. Many of our workshops reach maximum capacity and a waitlist is created for those who express interest once the workshop is full. If you are unable to attend a scheduled workshop, we request that you contact us as soon as possible so we may open your spot to those on the waitlist.



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Contemplative & Reflective Programs

V Meditation & Healing Breath: Registration required

Wednesdays: September, 4th & 18th, October 2nd & 16th, November 13th & 27th, December 11th
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM via Zoom



During this workshop, you will learn and practice mindful breathing techniques, which will increase oxygenation in the body for greater overall health. These techniques are designed to calm and quiet your nervous system. Additional benefits include entering into a state of deep relaxation, release of stress, increased self-awareness, and peace of mind. These positive benefits are too good to pass up! Join us on this intentional meditation and breathing journey that will leave you feeling light, calm, and grounded.

Facilitated by Gwen Mitchell

V Music & Meditation: No registration required

Mondays: September 9th, October 14th, November 11th & December 9th
via YouTube video link



Did you know that meditation is a simple, fast way to reduce stress and bring inner peace? Join us and take a stress-reduction break by redirecting your thoughts and calming your mind. This video series features live, ambient music and relaxing sounds. Participants are encouraged to watch, listen and relax. These soothing sounds and visual aids will become available on the second Monday

of each month. A YouTube video link will be posted to our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages and will be emailed to those on our email list.

Facilitated by Kyle Whitaker

IP SoulCollage® Circle & Meet-Up: Registration required

Saturdays: September 14th, October 19th, November 2nd & December 21st

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



After an absence of four years, the SoulCollage monthly meet-up returns! SoulCollage®, as created by Seena B Frost, is "an artful expression of self." Our SoulCollage® cards have great wisdom to share with us, and working in community further deepens and enhances our ongoing exploration of the multi-faceted wonders that we all are. We will work with cards we've already created, as well as make new ones. This monthly gathering is for anyone who has previously taken an introductory SoulCollage®

workshop and wants to go deeper into this wonderful work in a safe, trusting environment of unlimited creativity and support. However, for those who are new to SoulCollage®, a brief orientation will be offered at the beginning of each workshop. Join us as we explore new questions and techniques to assist us in our life's journey and unfoldment. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Facilitated by Tracy MacLaren and Rose Lester

IP Creative Meditation & Sound Bath: Registration required

Saturdays: September 21st, October 12th, November 16th & December 14th

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



During this workshop, participants will be introduced to different meditations consisting of five components: physical, mental, emotional, relational, and spiritual mindfulness. Together, we will practice being present to feel happiness and inner peace. We will use techniques that help overcome feelings of anxiety and depression while increasing our happiness with gratitude.

Participants are invited to bring a few items to the workshop to enhance their meditation experience, including a yoga mat, pillow, and blanket. Join us as we quiet our minds, become more connected, and experience a sense of belonging. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

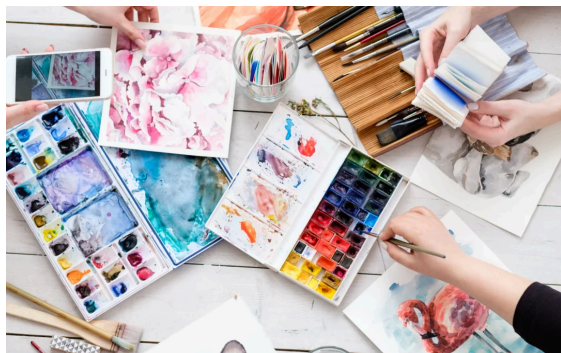
Facilitated by Gwen Mitchell

Drawing & Painting Programs

LP Various Art Mediums: Registration required

Wednesdays: September 4th & 18th, October 2nd, 16th & 30th, November 13th

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



This program will allow participants the opportunity to explore various mediums of art. Together, we will work with acrylic paint, watercolor paint, charcoal, pastels, and others. During each workshop, participants will be guided by the facilitator as they create an inspired piece using the selected media choice, and they will be encouraged to explore it through different techniques and

styles. Each piece of artwork can be completed as an independent piece or through continuous workshops to create a portfolio by the end of the trimester. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Facilitated by Bee Rivera

V Zentangle® Botanicals: Registration required

Thursdays: September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th & December 5th

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM via Zoom



Zentangle® is a meditative drawing process intended to quiet the mind while creating art. It can be enjoyed by people of all ages and no drawing experience is necessary. Throughout these virtual workshops, participants will learn to draw botanical and organic tangles along with other tangle patterns to create an inspired piece of art. Join us as we engage in this mindful activity and achieve a satisfying sense of creative accomplishment. Let's tangle together!

Facilitated by Terry Hall

IP Family Fridays: Art that Inspires Family Bonding: Registration required

(Note: Each participant must be registered individually)

**Fridays: September 6th & 20th, October 4th & 18th, November 1st & 15th, December 6th & 20th
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center**



Research shows that experiencing art with loved ones can be beneficial for child development and family bonding. Experiencing art together allows for focused attention between family members in a one-on-one holistic setting. In this workshop, be prepared to strengthen relationships by spending dedicated time with each other, listening, respecting each other's opinions, and having a wonderful

art piece to show for it. Join us for this artistic intergenerational togetherness experience. So we may provide this workshop to as many families as possible, we ask that a maximum of four members from each family register per session. Children over the age of six are welcome and must participate with an adult family member. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Facilitated by Brittney Rivera

SEPTEMBER



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NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



V Virtual Zentangle®, Meditative Art through Patterned Drawing: Registration required

Thursdays: September 12th, October 10th, November 14th & December 12th

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM via Zoom



If you are looking for a way to unwind from stress, focus your thoughts, and explore your creative side, Zentangle® is for you. The Zentangle® method combines the use of meditation and drawing simple shapes to create beautiful images. During each workshop, participants will be guided by our facilitator to create an inspired work using this relaxing and easy-to-learn method. Join us as we tangle together from the comforts of home!

Facilitated by Terry Hall

NP Neurographic Art: Registration required

Tuesdays: September 17th, October 15th, November 19th & December 17th

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



Neurographic art is a fun, relaxing, meditative art practice that involves drawing freeform lines known as neurolines. The technique was created in 2014 by Russian psychologist, Pavel Piskarov. Neurographic art is said to connect the conscious and unconscious mind through neurons. Come and explore this new and simple modality. Each session will be self-contained and unique. No drawing or art skill

is needed, making it a perfect class for everyone, even if you don't see yourself as creative or artistic. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Facilitated by Rose Lester

V Zentangle® with a Splash of Color: Registration required

Thursdays: September 19th, October 17th, November 21st & December 19th

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM via Zoom



Learn to unwind and calm a busy mind by bringing tangles to life with a little color. Color brings your work to life and adds a bit of personality. Discover this meditative art that will bring you to a state of mindfulness through simple, structured, deconstructed patterns with repetitive steps using a few basic strokes that allow you to create beautiful works of art. This method of drawing can support relaxation, focus, inspiration, expand your

imagination, increase your awareness, and much more. Discover your creativity, knowing there is absolutely no previous knowledge or experience necessary to begin creating! Find your inner artist and express your creativity through the art of Zentangle with a splash of color.

Facilitated by Terry Hall

IP Zentangle®, Meditative Art through Patterned Drawing: Registration required

Thursdays: September 26th & October 24th

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



The Zentangle® method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns in combination with simple shapes. Throughout this program, we will apply the eight steps of Zentangle® to create inspired works of art. As you create these beautiful images, you may experience improved focus, creativity, self-confidence, and an increased sense of well-being.

Join us as we tangle together to create something

beautiful! **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Facilitated by Terry Hall

Handmade Creations Programs

LP Open Studio: No registration required

Fridays: September 6th & 20th, October 4th & 18th, November 1st & 15th, December 6th & 20th

Wednesdays: September 11th & 25th, October 9th & 23rd, November 6th & 20th, December 11th

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center

(Note: Participants must arrive at the start of the session, but may leave at any time)



Your options are open during Open Studio! We will provide the space and materials, or you may choose to bring in your own project and immerse yourself in our calming environment. During Open Studio we will have a variety of activities for you to choose from which may include painting, drawing, beading, collage, polymer clay, and more. You may also choose to read, write, pray, listen to music, or engage in personal reflection. Come on in and stay as long as you'd like. **A materials**

donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.

Hosted by Michael Cisneros and Sara Moore

LP Watercolor Bible Journaling: Registration required

Every Monday: September 9th through December 16th

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



Throughout this program, we will journey through an art challenge to create daily watercolor journal entries throughout the fall season. Our facilitator will provide a list of common words and bible verses to choose from. Participants will reflect upon their chosen word or verse and then sketch or paint a visual connection to it, providing an opportunity to add a creative spiritual

reflection into our daily routines. Participants will meet each week to share and reflect on their journals and visualize what's to come in the week ahead. Join us as we "draw" closer to God and add a creative spiritual connection into our day-to-day lives. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Facilitated by Jan Lemucchi

LP Art Journaling: A Bonding Experience for Family & Friends: Registration required
Fridays: September 13th & 27th, October 11th & 25th, November 8th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



Art journaling is a creative expression of thoughts and ideas through a combination of diary or journal entries and art. During each workshop, participants will practice processing and expressing their thoughts, feelings, memories, and emotions through various art techniques such as writing, drawing, collage, photographs, ripping, tearing, stamping, sewing (and more) in a collected workbook. Gather your family or friends and join us as we strengthen

bonds and journal our way toward inner healing. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Facilitated by Bee Rivera

LP Holiday Card Making: Meditate & Create: Registration required
Saturday: November 9th
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



During this workshop, our facilitator will guide participants to get their imaginations working to craft one-of-a-kind, personal greeting cards for the upcoming holiday season. These cards can be shared with friends and family, or kept as keepsakes. Participants are encouraged to express their creativity and meditate, reflecting on the meaning of the season, why they're creating

the cards, and the value to those who receive them. No special skill is needed to make beautiful designs. Children over the age of 7 are welcome and must participate with an adult family member. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Facilitated by Brittney Rivera

📍 Holiday Clay Creations: (two-part series): Registration required

Saturdays: November 23rd & December 7th

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



There is a great spirituality to working with clay. We form clay with our hands and breathe life into each shape. We put something of ourselves into every creation. Polymer and Sculpey clays can be used to make trinkets, jewelry, beads, pendants, holiday ornaments, and miniature creations of all kinds. Join us as we explore the joy of clay and experience the fun of using our creative imaginations to bring

each shape to life. During the first workshop in this series, participants will create their holiday themed pieces. During the second workshop in the series, participants will bake their creations to cure each piece. No prior experience in clay sculpting is necessary. Children over the age of 10 are welcome and must participate with an adult family member. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Facilitated by Brittney Rivera

Music, Movement & Performance Programs

V Chair Yoga & Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT): Registration required
Tuesdays: September 3rd & 17th, October 1st & 15th, November 12th & 26th, December 10th
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM via Zoom



Improve your physical and mental wellness with gentle movements and methodic tapping. Chair Yoga is a gentle practice that helps to strengthen muscles, increase balance and gain flexibility without causing strain. It also helps with body awareness, mindfulness, and relaxation while incorporating gratitude in daily life. Focusing on your movement, breathing, and how your body reacts to exercise creates a moving meditation that promotes relaxation, reduces stress, and improves mental clarity. Chair yoga may help improve mood and confidence while relieving anxiety and depression. EFT (also known as tapping or psychological acupressure) is an alternative treatment for physical pain and emotional distress. This methodic tapping technique creates a balance in your energy system, treats

pain, and improves symptoms of PTSD, anxiety, and insomnia. Join us as we move and tap our way to physical and emotional healing.

Facilitated by Gwen Mitchell

IP Tai Chi 4 Health: Registration required

(Note: this program includes four separate series, each with a unique focus)

- 1. Waiting to Exhale: Back to School Tai Chi (three-part series)**
Thursdays: September 5th, 12th & 19th
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM @ the Art and Spirituality Center
- 2. Bountiful Harvest Tai Chi (three-part series)**
Thursdays: October 10th, 17th & 24th
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM @ the Art and Spirituality Center
- 3. Holiday Feast Tai Chi: Table Setting to Dessert (three-part series)**
Thursdays: November 7th, 14th & 21st
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM @ the Art and Spirituality Center
- 4. Breath of Life: Finding Qigong in Tai Chi (two-part series)**
Thursdays: December 5th & 12th
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



Tai Chi is the Chinese internal martial art that invites each participant to gently express meditative movement while experiencing a calm and soothing state of relaxation. Whether seated or standing, concentration on circular and sequential movement invites all participants to engage mental focus and obtain an overall sense of well-being. Many participants will experience the

benefits of improved circulation, balance, and increased mental and physical agility with continued practice. We invite you to wear loose-fitting clothing that will allow all joints to move comfortably without restriction. Closed-toe shoes without heels for comfort and ease of movement are recommended. Join us as we enjoy gentle movement and receive a healthy dose of “Happy Qi!” All skill levels are welcome. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Facilitated by Debra Dunn-Yonke

IP Threshold Singers: No registration required

(Note: We welcome new singers. To learn more, please call 661-900-7854)

Fridays: September 6th & 20th, October 4th & 18th, November 1st & 15th, December 6th & 20th

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



We are part of an international network of a cappella choirs whose mission is to sing gentle songs for those at the threshold of life and for those in need of comfort. We offer the gift of singing to bring ease and calm. As singers, the songs we learn also nourish our own bodies and souls. We look forward to welcoming you to our practices. If you would like to communicate kindness with your voice, can carry a tune and are able to hold your part (or sincerely want to learn), please contact us at

661-900-7854. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Hosted by Pat Cowles, Rose Lester, Barbara Mattick, and Anna Murillo

IP Simple Set Tai Chi Playshop-The Wheels Go Round: Registration required

Saturday: October 5th

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



For a taste of a fine internal martial art, this Tai Chi session will be power-packed with definitive and meaningful meditative movements and practices you can use as soon as you begin the session. Together we will practice simple Tai Chi principles that develop calmness and relaxation of the mind and nerves. These practices promote strength and stability of physical balance and reinforce wellness

habits you can incorporate into everyday life. Come prepared to enjoy a smorgasbord full of positive Qi as we sample this simple set of foundational movements. For the best experience, we invite you to wear loose-fitting clothing that will allow all joints to move comfortably without restriction. Closed-toe shoes without heels for comfort and ease of movement are recommended. All skill levels are welcome. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Facilitated by Debra Dunn-Yonke

IP Open Mic Night: Registration required for performers only

Tuesdays: October 22nd & December 10th

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM @ the Art and Spirituality Center



Join us for an open mic night experience where performers gather in a sacred space to share their talents. Whether playing an instrument, singing, sharing poetry, storytelling, or any combination of these art forms, we invite you to bring your instruments and your voices to share powerful and healing messages with the audience, promoting unity and wholeness through your performance.

This is a family-friendly event, and we ask that performers not use profanity or divisive material. Each performer will be assigned a 10-minute time slot and must register in advance. To register, please contact us by phone at 661-632-5747 or via email at MHB-artforhealing@dignityhealth.org. This event is open to people of all ages to attend, and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. **A materials donation of \$5.00 per session is appreciated but not required. For your privacy, please place all donations into our donation box.**

Hosted by Sara Moore & Kelsey Morrow

Meet Our Facilitators



Michael Cisneros joined the Art and Spirituality Center in 2016, volunteering as an Open Studio Host and regularly supporting Family Fridays as a Program Aide. He is a self-taught artist who believes in the empowerment that art brings, as well as the opportunity it provides to express oneself without judgment. He has worked with various peers and clients, allowing him to gain insight and grow his creativity. Open Studio has allowed him to encourage participants in their self-expression through various art mediums including pastels, oils, and watercolors, to name a few. He has witnessed the use of art as a coping skill and intervention, helping to reduce the mental health struggles faced by so many. He finds volunteering alongside such a diverse population in the local community to be very fulfilling. He loves empowering others through art and helping them find their own artistic abilities yet to be discovered.



Pat Cowles has been with the Art and Spirituality Center since its beginning in 2010. She has served on the Creative Council for the last 13 years because she believes in the power of all forms of art, movement, music, and meditation to help calm and heal the heart and soul. Near the beginning of the Art for Healing program, she served as the volunteer coordinator and in that capacity helped with volunteer training and orientation. She also served as an Open Studio Host for a time. Currently, she serves as a Threshold Singers song leader and loves this role. Additionally, she serves on the Threshold Singers leadership team with three other kind souls. She has always believed in the power of music to influence and move us in many ways. Singing softly at the bedside to bring comfort and ease to those who are ill or dying has been one of the great and rewarding honors of her life.



Debra Dunn-Yonke joined the Art and Spirituality Center in 2016 where she currently serves as a Tai Chi facilitator and member of the Creative Council. Her desire to share Tai Chi is inspired by the generous gifts of continuous training offered by Master Trainers, both foreign and domestic, over the years. She is passionate about ensuring Tai Chi is safe, fun to learn, accessible, and available to anyone anywhere. She is certified in multiple orthodox Tai Chi and Tai Chi for Health programs, authorized by the Tai Chi for Health Institutes' founder and Master Trainer, Dr. Paul Lam. She focuses on offering a variety of customized experiences for optimal health and wellness needs, both physical and mental, while exploring opportunities to help others move and feel well. In addition to facilitating, she continues seeking ways to serve while contributing to a collective community experience through this meditative art in motion.



Terry Hall was introduced to Zentangle® in 2011. She immediately fell in love with the art and became a certified Zentangle® instructor in 2017. She joined the Art and Spirituality Center in 2019, where she offers a variety of Zentangle® workshops for all ages and skill levels. She is an active member of the Bakersfield Art Association and also teaches Zentangle® through the Levan Institute. Zentangle® has helped her through many different and sometimes difficult seasons in her life. She is passionate about sharing the positive and healing benefits of this art form with others. Zentangle® is intended to teach you to focus, relax, relieve stress, become more confident in your creative skills, find gratitude, and provide a bit of quiet time. She encourages anyone interested in this meditative art form to allow time to begin this journey. It will benefit not only your creative journey but also your life journey. Destination: meditation.



Jan Lemucchi joined the Art and Spirituality Center in 2023. Since she was a child, she has loved painting in watercolor. She is a self-taught lover of the watercolor technique used in illustrations, drawings, and mixed media artworks. Watercolor is a beautiful medium that allows various possibilities of expression and dates back as far as the Stone Age. A couple of years ago, Jan challenged herself to create a journal during the 40 days of Lent, matching a common word to a bible verse, and then painting or drawing what the word and verse mean to her. This served as a daily spiritual reflection that inspired her Lent Journaling workshop. She is a certified catechist for the Diocese of Fresno, CA, and finds her faith to guide her in everyday experiences. In addition to her passion for art and spiritual reflection, Jan is a California Senior Legislature Senate member which allows her to advocate to improve the quality of life for older adults on a state level.



Rose Lester is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice and has been part of the Art and Spirituality Center team since its inception in 2010. Throughout the past 10 years, she has facilitated numerous creative workshops in-person and virtually and is an active member of the Creative Council. She is fluent in a number of creative modalities, including visual arts and writing. She is a certified SoulCollage® facilitator and is certified in the Creative Journal Expressive Arts method. She has also taught a variety of workshops in the community at large for over 20 years. She believes in the power of creative expression to support healing processes physically, emotionally, and spiritually.



Tracy MaClaren is an ordained Minister, an ordained Buddhist lay teacher, and a Certified SoulCollage® facilitator. Since 2015, she has facilitated many popular workshops at the Center, including Mindful Meditation FLOW, Dreamwork, SoulCollage®, and Healing Drum Circle. She is a long-time student of cross-cultural shamanic practices and has traveled widely to study in-person with some of the most forward-thinking individuals of the last 40 years, including Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, MD; Ram Dass; Marion Woodman; Angeles Arrien, Ph.D.; Jean Houston, Ph.D; and Sandra Ingerman. She is the published author of Making Friends With Time, a collection of daily mindfulness practices, with Foreword by

Ven. Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh, and participates annually in National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). Tracy is a co-founder of the annual Peace Day observance in Kern County, and leads monthly Walks for Peace at Hart Park.



Barbara Mattick joined the Art and Spirituality Center in 2015 as a member and co-leader of the Bakersfield Threshold Singers, and has also facilitated several Nature Journaling workshops. Music, art, and the natural world have been lifelong passions for her. She has made music all her life, and as far back as she can remember, she sang together with her father. At the age of six, she began playing the piano and she began singing in school and church choirs at the age of 12. She earned an Associate's Degree in Music from Bakersfield College. Later, while raising her family, she sang at Cerro Coso Community College in Ridgecrest for approximately 10 years and also taught piano while there. Since returning to Bakersfield, she has sung with the Bakersfield Master Chorale for the past 26 years and currently serves on their board. She has also been studying, drawing, and painting the local flowers, trees, and birds for more than 60 years and finds great joy in sharing these skills with others.



Gwen Mitchell is a certified yoga and breathwork instructor with more than 20 years of experience. She joined the Art and Spirituality Center in 2018 and has facilitated a variety of Art for Healing programs including yoga, Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT), healing breath, meditation, painting, and sketching. In 2002, she began teaching yoga at City of Hope, Adventist Health Glendale, and Pasadena Integrated Healing Center and continues teaching today. In addition, she is a Certified Massage Therapist, a Reiki practitioner, and continues her study of EFT and Qi Gong. She is an active member of the Creative Council, Bakersfield Art Association, CSUB Alumni, and Beta Sigma Phi. She loves people and enjoys connecting with others through art, movement, and healing breath.



Sara Moore joined Dignity Health in January 2020 as the Art and Spirituality Center Supervisor. She has a diverse background in safety, risk, staff development, marketing, and people and project management. She volunteers with a variety of non-profit organizations including Kern County Student Leadership, Hoffmann Hospice, and Casa Esperanza. She leads the Creative Council, whose primary goal is to ensure that programs offered through the Art and Spirituality Center are meeting the unique needs of the community while honoring the vision of Art for Healing. She is currently working towards earning her bachelor's degree in Business Administration & Leadership to enhance her career and strengthen her impact both internally and in the community. She believes in the healing power of the arts and is passionate about sharing experiences to connect, create and heal with patients and community members alike.



Kelsey Morrow is a lifelong vocalist and musician who loves making music in the community. You can often find her with her ukulele downtown at a local lunch spot, playing chill hits for everyone to enjoy. She has been involved in the Bakersfield community theatre scene for over ten years, mainly at The Empty Space, her favorite "little theatre that could." In addition to appearing in musicals and plays, she has vocal directed many shows and loves collaborating with community members to create showstoppers while encouraging better singing habits in both seasoned and novice performers. She also enjoys helping behind the scenes with set painting and building to better hone her artistic skills, being a casual but enthusiastic crafter. She has taught private lessons in both ukulele and voice. She is a graduate of the applied music program at Bakersfield College. She hopes to embolden those around her and in her community to be their proudest and most authentic self and to make their voices heard. She joined the Art and Spirituality Center's Acoustic Remedies team in 2023 where she promotes healing through the power of music.



Anna Murillo has had a lifelong love affair with art, finding joy and beauty in nature, visiting museums, galleries and exhibits, studying art history, and creating. She holds a BA in Art from CSUB with an emphasis on studio. She has been involved with Art for Healing programs for more than 10 years, first as a participant, then Art Cart volunteer and co-host of Open Studio. She became a certified Laughter Yoga leader and teacher and led laughter yoga sessions at the ASC for several years. While not currently practicing Laughter Yoga, she still believes strongly in the healing power of laughter. She has facilitated and co-facilitated workshops including wire sculpture, painting and writing. She is a member of the Creative Council, and a member and co-leader of the Bakersfield Threshold Singers.



Bee Rivera joined the Art and Spirituality Center in 2023. She is a professional artist specializing in acrylic and oil portrait and mural work. She has commissioned artwork throughout the United States, and even in the United Kingdom. Not only is she passionate about art, but equally so about giving back, as some of her volunteer artwork can be found at the Manna House and Junk-Atique Outlet in Bakersfield. Bee was initially a Media Arts major at The Art Institutes, but after taking a hiatus and beginning a family, she decided to pursue a business degree with Colorado Christian University. In her free time, Bee can be found drawing, painting, scrapbooking, crafting, visiting art museums, enjoying the performing arts, strolling down Disney's Main Street, following a Bob Ross tutorial, or fostering kittens. And if there was only one thing she could share with you, she would like you to know that "talent is a pursued interest. Anything you're willing to practice, you can do." (Bob Ross)



Brittney Rivera began her journey with the Art and Spirituality Center in 2014 as an Open Studio Host volunteer. She currently serves as the Art Cart Specialist and Family Fridays workshop facilitator. She has always enjoyed art, which led her to minor in Studio Art at California State University Bakersfield while earning her Bachelor's degree in Psychology. In addition to the Art Cart and facilitating workshops, you can often find her participating in Art for Healing workshops, attending Creative Council meetings, or helping out with other events at the Center. She loves all artistic mediums and encourages everyone to find a creative outlet that they are passionate about.



Kyle Whitaker joined the Art and Spirituality Center in 2019. He has facilitated a variety of musical and creative workshops including Guitar Basics, Ukulele Basics, Music & Meditation and Creative Improvisation. Additionally, he served as a Music Specialist in Mercy Hospital's Acoustic Remedies program for three years. He has substantial experience as a musician including performing, managing, promoting and composing. He also facilitates private guitar and ukulele lessons. He recently added musical theatre to his repertoire with lead roles in Stars Theatre productions of "Mama Mia" and "Annie Get Your Gun" and was a student in the Jazz Studies and Commercial Music programs at Bakersfield College. He is passionate about sharing the healing power of music and guiding others as they progress in their musical journey.

Have our programs been helpful to you?

As we firmly believe that creative expression can help one heal, we invite you to share your stories of how our programs have helped you. These stories may inspire and encourage others, as well as demonstrate to our donors the value of our Art for Healing programs. Please send your story of healing and wholeness to the Art and Spirituality Center Supervisor, Sara Moore, via email to Sara.Moore2@DignityHealth.org.

We want your feedback!

We welcome your suggestions for future workshops and activities as well as feedback on how we may improve upon what we do. Please contact the Art and Spirituality Center Supervisor, Sara Moore, via email at Sara.Moore2@DignityHealth.org or by phone at 661-632-5357 to share your suggestions and feedback.

Join our volunteer team!

If you would like to volunteer to support our Art for Healing programs or offer art-making activities to our hospital patients, please contact the Art and Spirituality Center Supervisor, Sara Moore, via email at Sara.Moore2@DignityHealth.org or by phone at 661-632-5357 to inquire.

Every gift makes a difference.



Please consider making a donation to support our Art for Healing programs. Your gift will help us enhance our programs and continue to provide a variety of workshops at no cost to our participants. You may donate in three ways: donate online by visiting the Friends of Mercy Foundation website at www.SupportFriendsOfMercy.org/Ways-To-Give/Donate-Online or by scanning the QR code, in person by utilizing the donation box located inside the Center, or by mail by sending a check payable to "Mercy Hospital" with "Art for Healing" in the memo to:

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One last thing . . .
























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Thank you!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 CENTER CLOSED	3 📺 Chair Yoga & EFT 10:00-11:00 AM	4 📺 Meditation & HB 10:00-11:00 AM 📺 Various Art Mediums 12:00-2:00 PM	5 📺 Tai Chi 4 Health Waiting to Exhale Series 9:00-10:15 AM 📺 Zentangle® Botanicals 4:00-6:00 PM	6 📺 Threshold Singers 9:30-11:30 AM 📺 Open Studio 1:00-3:00 PM 📺 Family Fridays 6:00-8:30 PM	7
8	9 📺 Watercolor Bible Journaling 1:00-3:00 PM 📺 Music & Meditation YouTube Video	10	11 📺 Open Studio 1:00-3:00 PM	12 📺 Tai Chi 4 Health Waiting to Exhale Series 9:00-10:15 AM 📺 Virtual Zentangle® 4:00-6:00 PM	13 📺 Art Journaling 6:00-8:00 PM	14 📺 Soul Collage® Circle & Meet-Up 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
15	16 📺 Watercolor Bible Journaling 1:00-3:00 PM	17 📺 Chair Yoga & EFT 10:00-11:00 AM 📺 Neurographic Art 1:00-3:00 PM	18 📺 Meditation & HB 10:00-11:00 AM 📺 Various Art Mediums 12:00-2:00 PM	19 📺 Tai Chi 4 Health Waiting to Exhale Series 9:00-10:15 AM 📺 Zentangle® Color 4:00-6:00 PM	20 📺 Threshold Singers 9:30-11:30 AM 📺 Open Studio 1:00-3:00 PM 📺 Family Fridays 6:00-8:30 PM	21 📺 Creative Meditation & Sound Bath 11:00 AM-12:30 PM
22	23 📺 Watercolor Bible Journaling 1:00-3:00 PM	24	25 📺 Open Studio 1:00-3:00 PM	26 📺 Zentangle® 1:00-3:00 PM	27 📺 Art Journaling 6:00-8:00 PM	28
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6	7  Watercolor Bible Journaling 1:00-3:00 PM	8	9  Open Studio 1:00-3:00 PM	10  Tai Chi 4 Health Bountiful Harvest Series 9:00-10:15 AM  Virtual Zentangle® 4:00-6:00 PM	11  Art Journaling 6:00-8:00 PM	12  Creative Meditation & Sound Bath 11:00 AM-12:30 PM
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3	<p>4</p> <p>IP Watercolor Bible Journaling 1:00-3:00 PM</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>IP Open Studio 1:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>IP Tai Chi 4 Health Holiday Feast Series 9:00-10:15 AM</p> <p>V Zentangle® Botanicals 4:00-6:00 PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>IP Art Journaling 6:00-8:00 PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>IP Holiday Card Making 10:00 AM-12:30 PM</p>
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