



The Left Bank Studio

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The Emerging Artists of the Left Bank Show was a Big Hit!

Upcoming Events

April 6, 13, 20, 27: Watercolor classes and Watercolor Open Studio with Jo

April 6: Open Studio with Rhonda

April 8: Jo is speaking and demonstrating at Reiman Garden's Brown Bag Lunch

April 10: Picture this and Open Studio with Rhonda

May 4: General Open Studio and Mardi Market begin!

May 4: How Charming and Open Studio with Rhonda

May 18: Garden Party and Open Studio with Rhonda

May 21: Emerging Artists Exhibit at Wheatsfield

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The Emerging Artists had a fabulous show at Lucullan's on March 11. Art connoisseurs, friends and family gathered to shower compliments on Jo's students. Guests were amazed. And the refreshments were tasty, too!



***Fresh* location for the next exhibition of the Emerging Artists—Wheatsfield Cooperative in Ames**

Mark your calendar
for May 21st!

Jo's students are currently painting "From the Garden" utilizing the juicy, beautiful vegetables from Wheatsfield Cooperative. Asparagus never looked so good!



Café Close-ups



Jo and Wanda continue to delight visitors to the “Write Brain Café” with afternoon retreats, make and take parties, writers’ treats, lunches and desserts. Wanda is giving away a **cherry pie** this month—just visit the café and sign up for a chance to win! Yum!

Mardi Market Returns Gilbert’s Farmers’ Market

Mardi Market is returning to the Left Bank on Tuesday nights, 4-7pm, beginning in May. Look for home-grown vegetables, herbs, flowers, nuts, baked goods from Sweet Traditions (Wanda White), and crafts like handcrafted soaps and jewelry. If you are interested in setting up a booth to sell your wares, contact Jo. The cost for vendors is \$5 per week.

What can You do at the Left Bank?



The Left Bank is available for your meetings, retreats, and gatherings. Just contact Jo for ideas and costs.



Ladies from Turkey spend a fun afternoon painting with Jo. Make your appointment to be creative with friends or family.



Classes – Classes – Classes

Watercolor Classes with Jo

Now available--

“Watercolor Classes One at a Time”

Tuesdays, 6-8pm or Thursdays, 9-11am

Come and try out a class with Jo. Find out what the excitement is all about. Take them all or as many as you like. This class is focusing on the garden. Jo will continue her demos, but encourages students to paint subject matter of their own interest. Classes end May 18th. Cost per session: \$25. Call now for information or to register: **515-233-1405**



Tuesday is Open Studio at Jo's

A two-for-one deal--When you are in Gilbert for Mardi Market, you can also stop by Open Studio! Watch art in action: demonstrations in watercolors, glass bead making, plastic slumping—who knows what you might see. Join the fun and create your own work of art for \$20 (a supply fee may apply). Open Studio for watercolors has already started and general open studio will start in May.

Jewelry Classes with Rhonda

Try a PMC class this month! No experience is necessary. For a complete list and description of the Winter/Spring classes, please visit silverleafshop.com.

Spring Special! Door prizes will be given away in the April and May classes.



Picture this! & Open Studio – New date!

Make a perfect pair of charms for **Mother*s Day!** Grandparents or Dad might want one, too! We will make a charm featuring the fingerprint and name of a loved one (make one of your child for a sweet keepsake). We will also make a fine silver frame to keep your favorite photo close to your heart. Charms can be strung as a necklace or added to a bracelet (not included). Families are welcome to come in together to work for Mom. (Contact Rhonda for family pricing)

Date: Saturday, 10am- noon April 10

Cost: \$25 plus \$25 supply fee

Coming up in May:

How Charming & Open Studio -- New date!

Date: Tuesday, 6 - 8pm, May 4

Cost: \$25 plus \$25 supply fee

Garden Party & Open Studio -- New Date! With BronzClay

Date: Tuesday, 6 - 8pm, May 18

Cost: \$25 plus \$20 supply fee

PMC Open Studio:

What would you make with a little lump of clay if you knew it would be fine silver when you were done?

Want to create on your own, but don't have the tools and materials? Come to Open Studio. Rhonda will supply tools, finishing materials, and kiln firing. You supply the imagination! You are eligible to come to Open Studio if you have taken at least one PMC class and are able to work independently. Please sign up 24 hours in advance.

Dates: April 6, April 10, May 4, May 18

Cost: \$20 plus cost of PMC products. You may bring your own PMC. Open Studio is free for students completing a class project.

To register for a jewelry class or for more information, please contact Rhonda:

- Call 231 – 1750 or
- E-mail rhonda@silverleafshop.com

Jo at Reiman Gardens

Jo will be speaking and demonstrating watercolors at the Reiman Gardens Brown Bag Lunch on April 8th. Visit the Reiman Gardens website for more information.



Speaking of Reiman Gardens. . .Jo is working on a gnome for Reiman Gardens' new display. The gnome is currently taking up residence in Jo's pink building. If you have any ideas for a great gnome name, we'd love to hear it!

Northcrest Retirement Community Gets Creative

Jo is teaching watercolor classes to the folks at Northcrest. The class is entitled: "Refrigerator Art for my Grandchildren" and the students are creating postcards of their art to send to their grandchildren. It must be fun to get the mail at those households!



The new cookbook is due out in April. Order your copy of Nudes in the Garden today.

The Left Bank Studio & Write Brain Café

**Tuesday -- Friday 11am – 5pm &
Saturday 10am – 3pm
Lunch 11am – 2pm**