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# PAC NEWSLETTER

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## Art Classes with Nick Leeper, S.J.



Nick is an accomplished artist.

His young students are appreciating his talent and knowledge of sculpture.

Elementary and middle schoolers – two afternoons a week – have their fingers and hands covered in clay. These young folks are learning the fundamentals of working in this medium and are creating 3-dimensional and bas-relief sculptures, along with learning drawing and painting skills.

Originally from New Jersey, Nick is a Jesuit in formation and is earning his MA in Philosophy at SLU. Prior to entering the Society, he was a parish faith formation director and a parish administrator. He holds an MS in Church Management from Villanova University and recently taught art at a Jesuit school in the Dominican Republic.



## Artigras

In February, the Church hall was again filled with paintings, sculpture, quilts, drawings, music and good food. New this year: a Mardi Gras cake and Uncle Jim's Band, featuring five young adult musicians including PAC's own, Connor Berry. PAC students, beginners and veterans, delighted the packed house with their performances. Of course, "Misty" was a crowd favorite.

## Search for Volunteers

Our search for volunteer art enthusiasts has given us three Nerinx Hall High School students. Nerinx Hall is an all-girl Catholic high school located in Webster Groves. Their Fine Arts Department offers theater arts, music and photography. Emma (freshman) is working with Nick Leeper, SJ with his after school (middle-school) art students. Cecilia (senior) also helps Nick and is teaching four beginner piano students. Samantha (a rising senior), budding director, will work with Maria Romine to direct PAC's summer play for middle school students.

**We are still looking for volunteer piano teachers from high schools and colleges for beginning students.**

## Give STL Day on May 10, 2023

The tenth annual Give STL Day is on May 10, 2023. Give STL Day is powered by the St. Louis Community Foundation and is part of the Foundation's initiative to expand charitable giving in our community. Over \$4.2 million was donated to local organizations in 2022.

PAC has participated in this giving project for several years.

***Please consider a donation to PAC. Early giving starts 4/10/23. See the Link for giving on Facebook: PACArtsCenter or SBrendaFritz.***

## PAC Receives New Digital Keyboards

PAC is the fortunate recipient of three new portable, digital keyboards from Cardinals Care. These loaner keyboards will allow children to practice at home. Cardinals Care is the team's community foundation dedicated to improving the lives of children. Established in 1997, Cardinals Care gives fans a way of teaming up with Cardinals players and the organization to help children in our community.

## First PAC English Country Dancing a Great Success

Our first English Country Dancing event was a great success. English Country Dancing is a predecessor of American square dancing and dates from the Jane Austen era. Remember the scenes from "Pride and Prejudice" and "Sense and Sensibility"? Maria Romine of Renaissance to Regency Dance, called the steps and taught the dances. We had a wide variety of participants: home school families, date-night couples and our very own parishioners. The next dance event will be held May 19 in the Church hall. Mark your calendars. All are welcome.

Late March and early April 2023 have produced six weeks of laughs and hilarity for middle schoolers at Comedy Classes with Maria Romine. These young folks have been discovering the building blocks of comedy. Their favorite class has been learning the banana-peel fall . . . .also practicing how to fall safely.



**Civil  
War  
"Cot"  
Quilts**

During the time of the Civil War, quilts were very much in demand for the men on both sides of the War. These "cot" quilts were seven feet long and four and a half feet wide - a little longer and narrower than the throws we use today. Potholder quilts were made block by block, beginning with a simple six-inch nine patch pieced by hand. When enough blocks were made, the blocks were then stitched together. OLP Wednesday quilters made 84 potholder blocks at home – no sewing machines involved.

The completed cot quilt will be raffled off in the near future. We all hope you get a chance to see this unique work of needlework art.

## Music, Theater and Improv Activities for Children - Summer 2023

Activities for middle-schoolers during the summer of 2023:

**Theater Camp:** 6/26-6/30 with performance 6/30.

**Improv Camp** 7/10-7/14

**Cello lessons** for middle and high schoolers in June and July . . . . dates to be determined.

To learn about our summer camps and lessons, please call 314/731-6522 or email [pacartscenter@gmail.com](mailto:pacartscenter@gmail.com)

## Adult Art Classes for Summer 2023

**Watercolor/Sharon** - 8 weeks - Mondays, 6/5 - 7/31/23 (Excluding 4th of July) 10-12pm, \$45

**Pottery/Connie** - 8 weeks - Wednesdays, 6/7-7/26/23 9-11am, \$75

**Drawing II/Jane** - 6 weeks - Tuesdays, 5/2-6/6/23 1:30-3:30pm, \$35

We'll be scheduling some Plein Air classes this summer also, Time & Dates TBD.

## Children's Art Classes for Summer, 2023

**Pottery/Connie** - 8 weeks - Tuesdays, 6/6-8/1/23 10-12pm, Free, Grades 3rd - 6th



## Quilting at PAC

The quilters have just finished up their Lenten quilt raffle. . . .it was the best raffle we've had to date.

Work has begun on the 2024 Lenten quilt. It is a reversible queen-sized green embroidered quilt. We can't wait to show it to you.

Stop in and visit us on a Wednesday. We'd love to see you and can show you all the works we have in progress. If you'd like to learn to piece or hand quilt, we have fabrics and tools at your disposal. If you're looking for fellowship and laughter, we have places at our

## Upcoming Craft Classes at PAC

**Mother's Day Flower Pot with Sharon** - Come paint and/or Decoupage a 5 1/2" Clay pot with Sharon. We have several sample pots to spark your creativity. We have all the paint and supplies needed, but if you would like to bring any special embellishments such as a particular napkin design to decoupage, please feel free. Seating limited to 12 artists. **Saturday, April 22nd from 1-3pm. \$20 per artist.** RSVP by Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Spring Iris Board Painting with Grace** - Join Grace as she walks you through painting a fresh, Springtime Iris Welcome board.

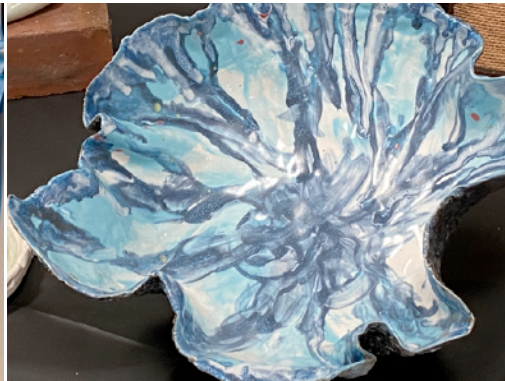
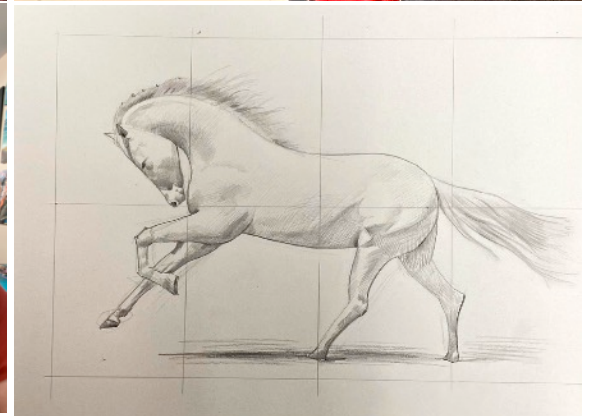
Lots of fun, bring a friend!

**Thursday, May 11th from 6-9pm. \$35 per artist.** RSVP by Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Watch for more class info & photos on Facebook @PAColp8832 & Instagram @pac\_arts\_center

# What's Happening at PAC





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