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**Mission:** Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

To: Friends and Family everywhere  
From: Cheri and Raven Hill  
Date: October 9, 2021  
Re: Think art!

If you are already starting to think about the winter holidays, this is the perfect time to sign up for art classes at Raven Hill Discovery Center and avoid the stress of shortages and shipping problems. While our mission is to connect science, history and the arts, the art classes are of particular interest to most everyone. Tap into your inner artist and create a special handmade gift for a friend or loved one. Children and adults alike can enjoy fiber, glass, clay and metal classes. Call 231.536.3369 for more information or to book a date and time that fits your family's busy schedule.

A few of the favorite art classes offered at Raven Hill on regular basis include:

- Shibori scarves,
- Handmade paper
- Marbled paper notecards
- Leather pouches
- Fused glass ornaments
- Jewelry
- Clay amulets and tiles
- Copper pendants



*French serti allows artists of all abilities to create intricate designs on fiber—realistic or geometric! What is your preferred style?*



*Sienna shows off her marbled paper. Next step is to use that paper to decorate a notecard or a bookmark.*

Life is all about creating yourself. So, stay curious, listen to the artist within you and enjoy yourself. Learn new skills with us or share your special talents with others right here at the Center, if you are so inclined to teach a class here! Either way, just give a call and we'll make a plan!

Now is the time to learn, create, grow and play. The possibilities are endless for you to get creative **and** get ahead for the holidays. I shared this quote from St. Francis of Assisi before. It is one of my favorites. “He who works with his hands is a laborer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hands, his head and his heart, is an artist.” It’s time to use your hands, your head and put your **heart** into your work. Become your own artist here at Raven Hill.

Art expresses the thoughts, feelings and ideas of each artist. It is a form of communication and creates an impact on all who observe it. It is a visualization of real objects and abstract forms. Art encompasses history through drawings that were a form of self-expression, before the invention of language. Art necessitates a scientific understanding of materials, processes and subject matter. Be prepared! Any art class at Raven Hill will reference connections to the history and science behind that art.



*Anne is rolling out clay slabs for ornamental tiles.*



*Copper pendants need to be heated or annealed before shaping.*



*Fused glass pendants are easy for artists of any age.*

*Clay, metal and glass become manifestations of each individual artist. Remember to call 231.536.3369 and schedule a class for you and your friends or for your extended family—kids and grandparents will all delight in the creative process.*

Remember that all of Raven Hill, including the Smithsonian **Labor Days: History of Work** exhibit, is currently open on weekends—noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays—as well as during most holiday breaks and other times by appointment. For the sake of the children who cannot yet be vaccinated, we continue to ask everyone to mask while inside the Center.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

*Cheri*

### **Why We Work**

Work is practical, providing an income and the means for survival.

Work is challenging, testing our physical and intellectual limits. Work is fulfilling, giving us an identity and a chance to fulfill dreams.

Work is communal, uniting us and sustaining communities.

Work has value. **Why do you work?**

*--Smithsonian Museum on Main Street (MoMS)*

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