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Adults engage in creative art-making at Friday Night @ KW|AG, Feb 2008. Photo: K.J. Bedford, KW|AG.



Participants add to a scrolling mural in the Interpretive Gallery drawing inspiration from Jennifer Stead's *Meander 100*; Friday Night @ KW|AG, Feb 2008. Photo: K.J. Bedford, KW|AG.

**Gallery Hours:**

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## Adult Studio Classes Inspire New Ideas

*Kitchener, Ontario, Canada* -- Are you called on to be creative in your daily job? Are you looking for new ways to express yourself creatively and to develop your critical thinking skills? The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG) invites adults in Kitchener-Waterloo and neighbouring communities to participate in our new art studio classes and workshops designed especially for adults.

### The Printmaking Studio with Mindy Alexander

Every Tuesday from September 30 to November 18 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Mindy Alexander will conduct a studio class guiding participants in different printmaking methods. Students will have the opportunity to design prints using collograph, linocut and digital techniques. With collograph printing, a collage of different materials and varnish is created, and the pattern transferred onto paper using ink and a press. For linocut printmaking, patterns and shapes are carved into a linoleum surface which is then inked and pressed. Students will also explore mixed media collages and digital duplication over the eight weeks.

"The printmaking classes really help to build confidence in a different art medium that many adults have never tried before," explains Alexander. "The classes are open to beginners in a relaxed atmosphere, and we incorporate collaborative discussions each week that lead to new themes and project inspiration."

### Artist Mentorship with Sheila Macdonald Roberts

KW|AG is also excited to announce its fall artist mentorship classes with artist instructor Sheila Macdonald Roberts. These classes encourage adults to take their artistic practice to the next level. Sheila works with each participant to guide, advise, and offer critique. The group setting also provides an excellent forum for shared learning and feedback. Classes occur every Thursday throughout October and November beginning Thursday, October 9th.

### Adult Saturday Workshops in Animation and Wire Sculpture

KW|AG's new Saturday adult workshops are ideal for those interested in trying new techniques and media. The Saturday, October 25 workshop focuses on the creative process of animated illustrations, taking inspiration from KW|AG's exhibition in the Eastman Gallery.

On Saturday, November 29, the adult workshop guides students in creating innovative sculptures made of wire.

Both workshops encourage adults to take more chances with their art projects and to try something new.

"Developing your creativity helps you in everything that you do," explains



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Buddha boards inspire Friday Night @ KW|AG participants, Feb 2008. Photo: T. Ethelston, KW|AG.

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Jill Klepacki, Public Programs Coordinator, KW|AG. "Fresh ideas are integral to succeeding no matter what you do in your life. Our workshops are designed to widen your perspective and to take an idea to a new and different place."

**The Printmaking Studio**

Tuesdays, September 30 – November 18 | 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
\$170 + GST / 8 weeks

**Artist Mentorship**

Thursdays, October 9 – November 27 | 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
\$170 + GST / 8 weeks

**Adult Workshops**

*Animation:* Saturday, October 25, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
*Wire Sculpture:* Saturday, November 29, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
\$20 (includes materials)

All classes take place at the Gallery located at 101 Queen Street North in Kitchener. To register, call 519.579.5860 or visit [www.kwag.on.ca/section/view/?fnode=44](http://www.kwag.on.ca/section/view/?fnode=44) to learn more.

**About the Art Instructors**

**Mindy Alexander** conducts classes and workshops for both adults and youth at KW|AG. She enjoys creating a welcoming studio setting for students of all ages to explore a variety of art media and techniques while they discover their own ideas and interests. Mindy has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from York University. [www.mindyalexander.com](http://www.mindyalexander.com)

**Sheila MacDonald Roberts** is an established local artist and teacher. She spent four years as a student of well-known artist Adrian Dingle, and attended summer sessions at the Doon School of Art, where she was taught by renowned artists such as F H Varley, A J Casson, Claire Bice, and Yvonne McKague-Housser. Sheila began studies at the Ontario College of Art when she was 17 and was the first female student to be awarded the T. Eaton Scholarship upon graduating. Sheila's wide ranging experiences include a season with the Stratford Festival as a costume painter, where she received the Guthrie award for costume breakdown. Sheila enjoys using all media depending on the situation – oil, watercolour, acrylic, pencil, and encaustic. She also designs jewelry and knitwear.

**About the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery**

Through thoughtful and engaging programs, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG) connects people and ideas through art. The Gallery's exhibits and programs are built on the mission that art is the catalyst for shared experience, dialogue and imagination. The Gallery emphasizes contemporary art, often premiering works by Canadian and international artists. Exhibitions frequently draw upon selections from the 4 000 -work



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permanent collection to provide a forum for dialogue. KW|AG plays a vital educational role in the community, offering a full spectrum of artistic experience for adults, children and families alike. Established in 1956 and operating within Centre In The Square, KW|AG is the oldest and largest public gallery in Waterloo region: roots in the community, eyes on the world. For more information, contact [mail@kwag.on.ca](mailto:mail@kwag.on.ca) or visit [www.kwag.on.ca](http://www.kwag.on.ca).

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