



City of Mercer Island Arts Council

Staff Liaison Report
January 21, 2026



Updates



Gateway Installation Damage

- Installation at 77th Ave SE & Sunset Highway was damaged in vehicle collision in October 2025
- City filed insurance claim and is developing a restoration plan for the concrete wall and *Gateway* figures
- Once restoration is underway, staff will bring reinstatement plan to Arts Council for review and endorsement
- Updates about the restoration project will be shared on www.mercerisland.gov/publicart



Deane's Children's Park Site Plan

- Progress continues on refining the preferred site plan and report
- City staff and consultant reviewed the preferred design at a workshop in January
- Project team met with Outdoors for All, a nonprofit specializing in adaptive and inclusive recreation programs, to gather inclusive design input for the park
- The preferred site plan and report will be presented at the **April AC meeting**



Boards & Commission Recruitment – Your community needs you!

- The City Council is recruiting for vacant positions on the [Arts Council and Open Space Conservancy Trust](#)
- The recruitment is open through February 20, 2026, apply today – visit mercerisland.gov for more information!
- Questions? Email the [City Clerk: andrea.Larson@mercerisland.gov](mailto:andrea.Larson@mercerisland.gov)



Programs/Events



December Events!

- We finished the year strong with some wonderful community events!
- The Tree Lighting ceremony was held with the amazing talent of the MIHS Choir and Creation Dance Studio...it even “snowed” that night!
- Other events included:
 - Holiday Makers Market, with Chamber of Commerce
 - Community Holiday Party
 - Argosy Ships at Luther Burbank
 - Menorah Lighting with Chabad MI
 - Toy Drives with Vineyard Park and the MI Girl Scouts



CITY OF MERCER ISLAND'S PUBLIC ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW



JANUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 27, 2026



RECEPTION: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 5:30 - 7:30PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HORS D'OEUVRES, REFRESHMENTS

LOCATION:

MICEC GALLERY

MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER

8236 SE 24TH STREET, MERCER ISLAND

GALLERY HOURS:

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9AM - 7PM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY: 9AM - 5PM



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MIVAL ART WORKSHOPS

Create Community

Drawing Light at the Asian Art Museum

with Rebecca Dvorin-Strong

Sunday, Jan 25, 10.30-1.30

Pastel Power

with Jeff Olson

Saturday, Feb 28, 10-3

Lightweight Nunofelt Scarf

with Flóra Carlile-Kovács

Friday, March 6, 10-4

Photo Transfers with Acrylic Painting

with Casey Jo Ailes

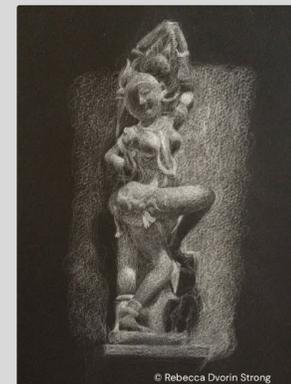
Saturday, March 14, 10-4

**LEARN MORE AND
REGISTER AT:**

MIVAL.ORG/CLASSES



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MERCER ISLAND VISUAL ARTS LEAGUE





FREE
EVENT
NO RSVP
REQUIRED
免费活动
无需注册

百家 ASIAN FAMILY MARKET

Mercer Island Lunar New Year 默瑟岛春节游园会 Celebration

SUNDAY
FEB. 8, 2025
10 AM - 2 PM

**MERCER ISLAND
COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER**

- KUNGFU** | 功夫
- PEKING OPERA** | 京剧
- CULTURAL PERFORMANCES** | 精彩文化表演
- PHOTO BOOTH** | 国风春节拍照打卡
- GAMES & ACTIVITIES** | 多种游戏/活动
- LANTERN MAKING** | 灯笼制作
- FOOD TRUCKS** | 美味餐车



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The City of Mercer Island Presents:

SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

MARCH 7, 2026 | 10AM - 12PM
Mercer Island Community & Event Center



The Mercer Island Senior Resource Fair returns to the Mercer Island Community & Event Center this March!

A free event for Island seniors, their care partners, and families with information on staying active, health and safety, support and respite services, mental health care, volunteer opportunities, and social connections.

- Informational booths from local and regional senior resources
- Connect with experts in senior issues and aging
- Refreshments and seated social areas

Mercer Island Community & Event Center | 8236 SE 24th St.
206.275.7609 | miparks@mercerisland.gov

WINTER PROGRAMS

For our younger kiddos

January - March

Music Together with Mrs. Chrisi

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday (AM & PM), Saturday (PM)

Class Times & Register at: <https://www.musictogetherwithmrschrisi.com>

More than just a music class. Music Together is about connecting--with music, with your child, and with other families in your community. Classes range from 0-5 years and from 5-8 years.

SuperTots Sports

Tuesday AM & Thursday AM

Class Times & Register at: <https://skyhawks.com/supertots>

Led by Skyhawks Instructors, children ages 18 months to 4 years use multi-sport activities to develop motor skills, physical fitness and instill a love for sports.

Art & Us

Thursday AM & Saturday AM

Class Times & Register at: <https://www.petalsartclub.com>

Designed for children ages 2 - 5 years and their grown-ups to explore and create together. Join Becca and Bailey from Petals Art Club each week for rotating art stations and crafts.

Sing With Our Kids

Fridays, 10:30am, no registration needed

More info at: <https://singwithourkids.com>

A community project providing free songs and activities for kids up to 5 years. Come join Nancy Stewart and sing along.

Pre-Ballet

Friday PM

Class Times & Register at: <https://belartsballet.org>

Led by instructors from BelArts Ballet (Formerly Emerald Ballet Theatre), children ages 4-6 years use this joyful introduction to ballet, movement, and music to develop creativity and confidence.



All Programs located at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center

8236 SE 24th St, Mercer Island, WA 98040



NANCY STEWART'S SING WITH OUR KIDS

FREE GUITAR CLASSES



FOR PARENTS,
GRANDPARENTS,
TEACHERS TO LEARN
SIMPLE KID'S SONGS!



THURSDAY, JAN 15, 22, 29: 6:00 - 7:00PM
OR SATURDAY, JAN 24: 1:00 - 3:00PM

- LOCATION: MI COMMUNITY AND EVENT CENTER
- FREE LOANER GUITARS
- COURSE MATERIALS INCLUDED
- ANOTHER FREE SING WITH OUR KIDS EVENT!



REGISTER NOW, EMAIL: NANCY@NANCYMUSIC.COM



OPEN ART STUDIO



Facilitator: Irene Rajagopal

Mercer Island Community & Event Center

Drop-in for this free event - Open to everyone!

No registration required

Please bring your own watercolor paints and paper.

2026 Schedule

10:00 - 11:30 am on the following Fridays

Jan 23 - Color journal: capture unseen colors

Discover hidden hues around you and create your own abstract color journal

Feb 13 - Painting Cats and Dogs

Bring a photo of your pet and paint a colorful portrait full of character.

Mar 13 - Expressive Portraits in Mixed Media

Experiment with watercolor, pastel, and collage to create expressive portraits.

Apr 24 - Painting Venice with Sargent

Learn Sargent's watercolor techniques for light and reflection.

May 22 - Watercolor in Turner's Style

Explore Turner's luminous and emotional landscapes step by step.

Jun 12 - Create a Children's Story Illustration

Imagine a story for children and bring it to life through art.

Jul 24 - Plein Air Painting in the Park - Part 1

Sketch outdoors in Luther Burbank Park.

Aug 28 - Plein Air Painting in the Park - Part 2

Sketch outdoors in Luther Burbank Park.

Sep 25 - Impressionism

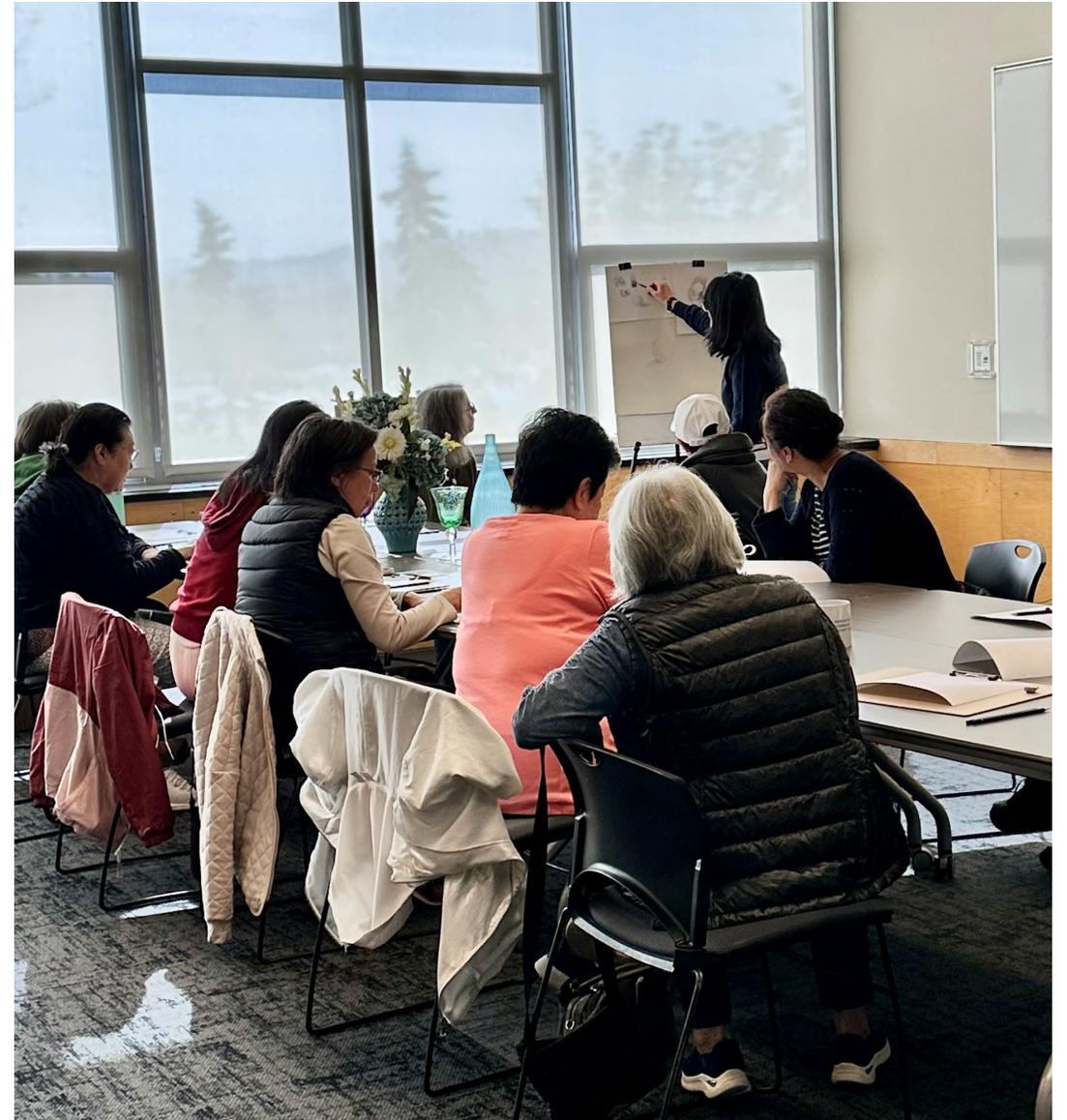
Play with color and light to paint in the spirit of the Impressionists.

Oct 23 - Fall Colors

Capture the brilliance of autumn leaves and landscapes.

Nov 20 - Holiday Cards

Design and paint your own festive greeting cards



Arts Council Planning Schedule

January 21, 2026

- Arts Council Guiding Documents Workshop

February 18, 2026 * Special Meeting*

- Update on Public Art Donation Proposal – Hokusai 20
- Gateway Installation Update

April 15, 2026

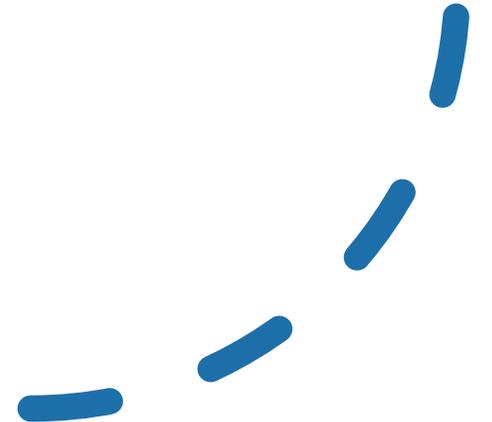
- AIPP 6-Year Spending Plan
- Deane's AIPP Opportunities
- Mercedale Pergola Plaques, Guidelines, and Maintenance Plan

July 15, 2026

- Chair & Vice-Chair Elections
- Clarke & Groveland Master Plans
- 2025 Recreation Division Annual Report
- 2027 – 2028 City Arts & Culture Workplan Priorities

October 21, 2026

- Update Arts & Culture Comprehensive Plan
- 2025 – 2026 Workplan Update
- AIPP Annual Update
- GHOSG Activation Plan Kick-off



Thank you!

