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**TROY HISTORIC VILLAGE ARTISAN ARTS PROGRAM OFFERS BLACKSMITHING,
WOODCARVING, YOUTH AND ADULT WATERCOLOR CLASSES.**

TROY, MI- Artisan Arts in the Village are an exciting way to learn new creative skills in a beautiful, historical setting. The program is designed to enrich the community by teaching skills that were useful in the past with viable application to the present. To register for any of the Artisan Arts classes listed, call 248.524.3570.

“This year’s programming encourages visitors of all ages to make art by trying out old time trades and crafts. Our instructors have many years of experience and are considered experts in their fields. Rose Weiss is our resident blacksmith, and teacher of the art. She holds an Bachelor of Fine Arts from Wayne State University in metalsmithing. Doug Evans is our very experienced Woodcarving instructor and a member of the Michigan Metro Carvers. Megan Swoyer-Garbinski is a award winning watercolor artist and often featured in the Troy Garden Walk at the Troy Historic Village. Pete Snodgrass is a instructor and Plein Air Artist who has taught classes to adults for many years. You are sure to find a class that fits your interest this summer at the Village.”

*-Stephanie Suszek, Adult Programs & Services Director
Troy Historic Village*

Blacksmithing classes throughout the summer are a unique way to learn an ancient art. The Blacksmithing Sampler will be offered on 7/12 or 8/9 from 1:00-2:30pm. “Step inside the Wagon Shop and experience the forge as a blacksmith. Know what it’s like to ‘make the anvil ring’ and make a nail”. Ages: 8 & up; under 12 must be accompanied by parent. Price: \$35/student (or \$40/student under 12 with participating parent) for 90 minutes of instruction. The Parent/Child Blacksmithing Primer will be offered on 7/12, 7/19 and 7/26 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. “Discover the world of Blacksmithing by forging iron and a unique experience with your child. Together you will learn proper hand tool use and make fun and useful objects.” Ages 8 & up. Price: \$180/1 parent & 1 child for 6 hours of instruction. Basic Blacksmithing will be offered 7/9, 7/16, 7/23,7/30, 8/6 and 8/13 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. “Learn the tasks of a blacksmith’s apprentice. Discover the amazing forge in our Wagon Shop and learn how malleable hot iron can be. Build a fire, use an anvil, learn proper hand tool use and 8 basic hand forging techniques. Make your own hand tool and more. Ages: 12 & up. Price: \$240/student for 12 hours of instruction”. Registration is required and must be completed two weeks prior to first day of class; call 248.524.3309. Space is limited!

Woodcarving Workshop with instructor Doug Evans of the Michigan Metro Carvers will be held July 26 at 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Each student in this beginner-level woodcarving class will carve a simple wooden caricature to take home. \$40/student (ages 18 and up); includes wood for one project and 3 hours of instruction. Bring a sharp carving knife and safety glove, or call to purchase from the instructor. Must register in advance; registration ends July 15.

Youth Art Class: Petals 'n Paint with instructor Plein Air Artist Megan Swoyer-Garbinski will be held July 29 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. “Head down a garden path and into the ABC Garden where each flower starts with a letter from the alphabet and inspires budding artists to capture Mother Nature’s work on paper. Here, participants will observe and sketch their favorite flower(s) and then paint them with watercolors. Participants will also learn to add a variety of intriguing elements, from candle wax to table salt. \$35/student (ages 8-18), includes cost of supplies. Must register in advance. Registration ends July 15.

Adult Watercolor Workshop with instructor Plein Air Artist Pete Snodgrass will be held August 8 at 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. “Explore textures and the beautiful colors of summer flowers and garden plants with watercolors. No experience necessary.” \$35/student (18 and up only), plus cost of supplies. Must register in advance; supplies list given at registration. Registration ends July 23.

Troy Historic Village is located at 60 West Wattles Rd., Troy MI. The Village showcases ten historic structures in a charming five-acre complex. Visitors of all ages can explore Michigan history by witnessing and sharing the lifestyles of the pioneers who established homes and farms in rural Troy Township during the 1800s. Troy Historic Village serves the counties of Oakland, Wayne, and Macomb, providing a memorable and interactive experience for all visitors. Offering a wide variety of activities for children and a diverse range of lectures and events for adults, the Village aims to enhance appreciation of history while using Troy's rich and evolving story as a backdrop.