

## Workshops by Shannyn Snyder



### My Philosophy

As an avid crafter, inspired writer and versatile artist, I have been sharing my enthusiasm for different media with children, ages preschool through teen, for 15 years. With children of my own, I have found many outlets for experimenting with different types of art and sharing their joy in creating something they can entirely call their own.

I have been running private workshops and camps for many years, and I learn something new time I meet a new group of budding artists or writers. When I taught at craft stores, I disliked the “prototype,” those corporate samples that were not necessarily suggestions as to how a finished craft should look. Twenty children would leave with twenty corporate-identical crafts, in part because they copied inch by inch the sample and in part because their well-meaning parents hovered over their work, telling them exactly where to put the googly eye on the ghost or how to strategically place gumdrops on a gingerbread house. For that reason, I bring no samples but an enthusiastic description that children can visualize in their heads and we ask that parents kindly busy themselves outside of the craft room for the hour or two that their children have the freedom to just create without too much guidance.

For teens, it's that and more. I like to hear about their art experience. If they want to turn a Spanish clay vessel into claymation or Chinese Brush Art into Japanese anime, I welcome any chance to learn from them.

With experience as a Girl Scout leader, an art teacher, an event coordinator, an author and poet, a substitute teacher, a camp leader, a student of anthropology, and a homeschool mom, my diverse background lends certain patience and flexibility to the workshops. I leave any the day's stress at the door and lend your children my full attention and invite a social, relaxed atmosphere.

### Locations

I teach at your location – private home, church, school, library meeting room, shop, community center, wherever you can gather a group. I offer private instruction, too.

### Offerings

Here is a list of my currently scheduling workshops, which can be altered to fit a Teen Read Month, a holiday or theme or a lesson plan – anything you may need, just ask. Workshops can also be altered to fit school-age, teen or adult. The best age group ranges tend to be ages 3-6, 7-11, 12 to 18 and 18 and over. It's always great to keep like-ages together so that older kids are not taught on a lower level and, likewise, a 5-year old is not expected to know how to tie a triple knot next to a teen. Some programs, like cupcake decorating, would be fine for ages 5 through teen! Ask me which programs work best for your age group.

Check out our new workshops added for Summer and Fall 2010 and beyond! Lots of new workshops!

NEW! Ecology Series Workshops (Curricula is amended to be Appropriate for Preschool through High School):

- ☐ Water Pollution Workshop
- ☐ Water and Bubble Experiments
- ☐ Love the Earth Crafts with Found Objects
- ☐ Upcycle Clothing Workshop
- ☐ Birdwatchers Bonanza Workshop
- ☐ Flowers, Grass, Bark and Leaves
- ☐ Habitats in Miniature
- ☐ Oceans in Textile
- ☐ Climate Change: Fact or Fiction
- ☐ Eco-Friendly Crafts
- ☐ Coral Reef Art
- ☐ Planetarium Workshop
- ☐ Fairy Terrarium Workshop
- ☐ Earth Day Workshop: Grasses and Trees
- ☐ The Water Cycle Workshop
- ☐ Water Scarcity and Culture: Spotlight on India or Africa (you choose)
- ☐ Water Scarcity and Hygiene: The Gift of Clean Water

- ☐ Printing with Fruits and Veggies
- ☐ Silly Thumbs and Fingerprints: Simple Art with your Hands
- ☐ The Crafts of Northeast Brazil
- ☐ Understanding Oil Spills
- ☐ Homemade Art Supplies (Not for anyone allergic to gluten)
- ☐ Spices of the World: Art and Activities for the Senses
- ☐ From Rags to Riches Bedroom and Party Garland

NEW! Preschool Workshops:

- ☐ Tiny Artists
- ☐ Theatre for Little People
- ☐ Silly Scientists
- ☐ Healthy Chefs
- ☐ Silly Snacks
- ☐ Fancy Nancy Teatime Storytime, Tea Party and Craft
- ☐ Angelina Ballerina Ballet Crafts
- ☐ Shrink Me Shrink Art Workshop
- ☐ ClayPlay

NEW! Book Series Workshops (Appropriate for Elementary Aged)

- ☐ Magic Treehouse Mysterious Crafts
- ☐ How To Train Your Dragon Figurines
- ☐ Black History Month Quilt and Wreath Workshop
- ☐ Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Snacks
- ☐ Misty of Chincoteague Wild Horse Crafts
- ☐ Judy Moody's Mod and Groovy Room Décor
- ☐ Diary of a Wimpy Kid Cartooning and Art Bonanza
- ☐ Junie B. Jones A Bit of Everything Art

NEW! Teen Read Workshops

- ☐ Coraline Craft Workshop
- ☐ Harry Potter Wizardry Craft Workshop
- ☐ Twilight Series Altered Art Journal and Bookmark
- ☐ Steampunk Jewelry Workshop
- ☐ Re-Wired: Jewelry from Tech Components
- ☐ Amurigami and Iwako – Fun with Japanese Art
- ☐ Erase Me Not – Jewelry Using Erasers
- ☐ Poetry in Mixed Media – Four Projects Celebrating Poetry
- ☐ The Jane Austen Club – Book Discussion and Art (Series Recommended)

NEW! Workshops Appropriate for Teen to Adult

- ☐ Colors of Brazil Safety Pin Bracelet (Recommended Mainly for Teens)
- ☐ Poetry in Mixed Media – Four Projects Celebrating Poetry
- ☐ The Jane Austen Club – Book Discussion and Art (Series Recommended)
- ☐ Altered Art Journal for [Birders, Gardeners, the Kitchen, Daily Thoughts – you pick theme]

- ☐ Straw Weaving
- ☐ Basic Batik
- ☐ Introduction to Screen-printing
- ☐ Fabric Stamping
- ☐ Freeform Wire Cocktail Rings
- ☐ Altered Art Textile Necklace
- ☐ Latch-hook Pillows
- ☐ Sponge painting for Upcycling Flea Market Finds
- ☐ [Funky or Romantic] Decoupage
- ☐ Freshwater Pearls and Posies Jewelry (this workshop limited to 10 students and is \$150)
- ☐ Swarovski Crystal Elements Jewelry (this workshop limited to 10 students and is \$150)
- ☐ Fancy That! Unique Headbands for All Hair
- ☐ Marvelous Marbles Magnets and Jewelry
- ☐ Pillow Fight (Pillow-making – you can choose teen room, game room, or, for adults, damask or toile workshop)
- ☐ Ribbon Roses
- ☐ Layered Papers Die Cut – Butterflies and Flowers
- ☐ Layered Papers Die Cut Workshop – Snowflakes
- ☐ Mixing Minerals – Making Mineral Eyeshadows and Highlighters (this workshop limited to 10 students and is \$150)

NEW! The Perler Bead Bonanza – Terrific for Elementary Schoolers through Middle School – make all of the Perler Art you can in two hours! Many designs, colors and ideas!

NEW! Hawaiian Art and Traditions (Fine for Preschool through High School) – learn Polynesian art, symbolism and a little bit of hula!

...and our fantastic regular workshop series....

Fall Watercolor Greeting Cards Workshop

Christmas Cards Rubber Stamping Workshop

Holiday Themed Charm Bracelet Workshop

Around the World Project Workshop

Edible Architecture Workshop

Snowglobes and Snow Experiments

Funny Science Workshop

Posh Pets Workshop

Bedazzle Your Jeans and Hoodies

Embellished Home Décor

A Quick Guide to Stenciling for Home Décor

Fabric Painted Tees and Burnout Scarves

Goth Your Clothes Workshop for Teens

Faux Hair Clips and Extensions for School Spirit Fun

All About Korker Bows (Great for Cheer and Spirit Fundraisers)

Mardi Gras and Carnival Workshop

Dressy Swarovski Crystal Dangle Earrings Workshop

Paper Mache Mirror Workshop

Easy Winter Round-Loom Knitting Projects Workshop

Beginning Beadwork & Jewelrymaking

Three Fall Jewelry Pieces Workshop

Perler Bead Ornament Workshop

I Made That - Four Holiday Gifts Workshop for Kids

Brazilian Beaded Necklace & Earring Set - with some history of the culture of Brazil

Polymer Clay Beadmaking

Valentines Workshop

Crazy Cupcake Decorating

Candyworks Candymaking & Experiments

Summer Journaling - make a journal and learn how to choose topics for journaling, which can be a start for creative writing papers for fall

Summer Smoothies & Icy Creations

Twilight Series Projects for Teens

Altered Art Journals

American Girl Workshop – prices vary depending on how many days, campers

American Girl Camp – prices vary depending on how many days, campers

Drama Girl Workshop – prices vary depending on how many days, campers

Drama Girl Camp – prices vary depending on how many days, campers

Introduction to Cheer and Hip Hop for ages 10 and under

Beach Jewelrymaking

Rubber Stamping Projects for Teens

Colonial Dollmaking

Fairy Dollmaking

Scrapbooking

Advanced Jewelry Projects

Aromatherapy for Teens

Poetry and Short Story Workshop for Teens

Introduction to Chinese Brushstroke Painting

Altered Books

Handformed Clay Vessels

Simple Indoor Herb Gardens

Play with Your Food – Healthy Tricks for Snacks

Dressy Tea Party

Shaker Box Journals and Cards

Quilling

Watercolor for Beginners

Handsewn Projects for Teens

Embellished Flip Flops & Cellphone & Backpack Charms

Fleece Tie Beach Bags

Knifty Knitting Hats (includes take-home tool and yarn)

Embossing Projects

Decorate Your Room Workshop

Lip Gloss, Lotion and Body Works

Workshops are offered at a base rate of \$10 per student, with a minimum of 10 students for Prince William County locations and a minimum of 20 students for all other locations. The minimum cost is paid, even if students do not show up on the day of event. Should you only have 18 registered in Fairfax, for example, a payment of \$200 will still be due. Should you have 20 signed up but only 15 show up on the day of the event, a payment of \$200 will still be due. There is a maximum of 20 students per event, unless otherwise arranged.

Discount pricing is available for two reasons: a) group events, such as teen nights, of 30 or more students, where events will be optional centers or a presentation or b) bulk reservations, in which case I offer one Poetry and Short Story Workshop for \$30.00 for up to 20 students for each regular price workshop scheduled. Regular price for this 90-minute workshop is \$50.00.

Camps are also offered where I can be paid as an employee, i.e. of a County, and/or require a supply fee from the parents instead of requiring a per child or workshop fee. Ask me for details. All cancellations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Advance payment is preferred, but I can accept corporate/organization payment on the day of an event or a post-payment (as is required by some Counties). A final headcount is due to instructor at least 48 hours prior to the event.

Workshops are fun, versatile and exciting. I am happy to provide you a list of references upon request. For fun news about many of my classes, visit my blog at:

<http://www.sassygraceblog.com>

Recently, I have been teaching in the Fairfax County Library System, Chinn Regional Library, Prince William County Library System, Loudoun County Library System, Middleburg Community Center, Michaels Craft Store, Center for the Arts, and many private events.

Some great photos can be found at:

[http://snyderfamily.typepad.com/photos/whispering\\_edén\\_instructi/index.html](http://snyderfamily.typepad.com/photos/whispering_edén_instructi/index.html) (click the arrow at the bottom of the pages for additional photos)

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