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Walk on the Wild Side with an Artistic Adventure! Register Now for Summer “Art Kids” Classes at St. Clement’s Island Museum with local artist Ellen Duke Wilson

LEONARDTOWN, MD – Young artists are invited to join local artist and instructor, Ms. Ellen Duke Wilson, this summer to explore fine arts through St. Clement’s Island Museum’s Art Kids classes. Young artists will expand their understanding of art and history while learning to sketch, paint and sculpt. Students will also reflect on how making art can impact society in a positive way for future generations.

“We are so grateful to have the very talented Ms. Wilson back to teach these popular classes,” says Christina Barbour, Site Manager at St. Clement’s Island Museum. “The children have loved coming to each class here at the museum and learning something new in a fun, creative way.”

At the end of each session, all participants create an individualized work of art to share with their family and community. These classes are geared towards children ages 7 to 17. **Preregistration is required and the cost is \$5 per child.** All materials are provided; however, participants are asked to bring a light snack. Parents are encouraged to sign up soon as slots fill up quickly.

This year’s theme is “Southern Maryland Animals Great and Small.” The 2025 class schedule is as follows (12 p.m. to 3 p.m. each day):

- Sketching: Drawing Inspiration from Nature – June 24, 25, 26
- Painting: Crabs and other River Creatures – July 8, 9, 10
- Collage: Assembling Animal – July 22, 23, 24
- Sculpting: Build a Bird – August 5, 6, 7

Each class consists of three sessions in which participants will create a work of art to share in an exhibit opening on August 17, 2024, at Children’s Day at St. Clement’s Island Museum. No prior art experience is required.

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For more information or to sign up, **please call Christina Barbour at (301) 769-4723**. For more information on this or other events, visit [Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum).

About the St. Mary's County Museum Division

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research, and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. These sites include St. Clement's Island Museum, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, the Old Jail Museum, and the Drayden African American Schoolhouse. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, liaison, and community advocate for all St. Mary's County public and private cultural assets. For more information, please visit: museums.stmarysmd.com.

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