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Cheryl Cohen Mosaics Art Center

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Cheryl has walls and shelves full of the basic building blocks of your mosaic. Bins with broken pieces of porcelain, china, glass and jewelry of every color under the sun. If you like something on a shelf that isn't broken? Not a problem. Cheryl hands you a hammer and safety glasses and sets you loose on the smashing table. "People really love smashing plates," she said.



Using these old and essentially discarded materials is known as "upcycling" and creates what Cheryl calls "mixed media mosaics. All the tools of the trade are there to use on your project. Above, Cheryl demonstrates the use of a glass cutting tool.



Basic fun shapes are provided and often used in the birthday parties Cheryl holds for kids. Girls Night Out has been a popular event in the studio as well.



"The mosaic on framed clear glass above must have taken a lot of time to glue all those tiny pieces of colored glass," I noted. "Part of the joy of mosaics is that it slows you down. It's not as exacting as making stained glass art. It's a fun and relaxing thing to do and it's great for any skill level."



The three-section mosaic above includes many of the raw materials that Cheryl likes to work into her art, sometimes using glue or grout which she mixes herself.



All this glass is available to students and Cheryl will give as much or as little oversight as needed.



Cheryl demonstrated her art on this clock she is making for the studio.



She cuts very tiny bits of glass and glues them in place.



After all the pieces are in place, she will drill a hole in the center of this dish and add the hands.



Another mosaic Cheryl created includes upcycled broaches and necklaces.



Cheryl Cohen Mosaics Art Center, 360 Woodland Street, Holliston

Adult Classes

Weekly Classes: (rolling admission – start anytime!)

- Tuesday drop-in mosaics class, ages 8 (attention home schoolers) and up, 10 am-12:30 pm.
- Thursday evening mosaics class 7-9:30

Once a Month:

- Mosaic Weekend Workshops
- January 17th and 18th, February 21st and 22nd, March 28th and 29th
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Fee: \$155 includes materials and Saturday pizza lunch (\$10 OFF for early registration two weeks prior, see website for details)
- 16 and up
- Ladies' Nights Out, Friday 7-9:30, January 23, February 13, March 6th. Bring an adult beverage if you like. Bring friends or come make new ones!

Pricing (can be used toward any of the classes above):

- \$38 for one class
- \$140 for a 4 class pack
- \$325 for a family 10 class pack (can be used by any family member)

Birthday Parties!

Want something different for a birthday party? Come have a mosaics one! The roomy studio can fit up to 18 people.

Specialty Groups

If you have a group of 6 or more and want a class let me know. If you get 8 people you can come for free! Great for friends, family reunions, child and adult birthday parties, garden clubs, craft groups, etc.

Gift Certificates

For art or classes! Take a class with your loved one/friend which makes the gift more special!

Children's Classes

Parent/Child Mosaics Class at Cheryl Cohen Mosaics Art Center, 360 Woodland Street (across from the Middle School), in Holliston

Date: Dec 29th

Time: 1-3:00 pm

Fee: \$30 one family member, \$55 two family members, \$80 three family members, \$95 four family members

Ages: 8 and up

Vacation is a perfect time to learn something new with your child and make art together! Come join us for a fun and rewarding introduction to mosaic art! Learn to use mosaic tools (wheeled cutters and nippers) to cut and shape glass and tile pieces.

You will be provided with a coaster base or a single standard white light switch cover (small standard opening). If you have a different type of switch cover feel free to bring your own light switch cover. Please note, the covers need to be flat. They can be made of any material including hard plastic, just cannot be bendable (non-breaking) nylon covers. Depending on your work speed, feel free to bring one additional cover that you can work on if time is available. All other supplies are included in the class fee.

Beginner Mosaics, five-week session (please register through the Holliston Parks and Rec program <http://www.townofholliston.us/>)

Dates: January 14, 21, 28, Feb 4th, 11th

Grades: 3-6

Time: Wednesdays, 3:30-4:45

Fee: \$95 with an additional \$10 supply fee to be given to Cheryl Cohen at the first class

Your child will learn to safely cut glass and smash plates to form original artwork. A large variety of bases to construct their art are available including light switch covers, boxes, various wooden shapes, wooden squares (in a variety of sizes), frames, etc. Please look on Cheryl's website to see her mixed media mosaic pieces, www.cherylcohenmosaics.com. Also look at her Facebook page to see the amazing work her students do (adult and children).

Mosaics II, five-week session (please register through the Holliston Parks and Rec program <http://www.townofholliston.us/>)

Dates: January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10

Grades: 3-6

Time: Tuesdays 3:30-4:45

Fee: \$95 with an additional \$10 supply fee to be given to Cheryl Cohen at the first class

For those who have taken classes with Cheryl Cohen before, this class is for you! Now that your child has learned the basics about how to cut and shape glass, tile and shards, they can use what they have learned to make light switch covers and mirrors! If needed you will also finish your project from the previous session.

If your child has small, flat, non-porous items that they would like to include in their design, they are welcome to bring them.

Thursday Mosaics, six-week session (registration through Cheryl Cohen Mosaics website, or Hopkinton or Medfield Parks and Recreation programs)

Dates: January 8th to February 12th, next session Feb 26, March 5th, (no class March 12th), 19th, 26th, April 2nd and 9th

Grades: 3-6

Time: Thursdays, 4:15-5:30

Fee: \$125 (material fee included)

Your child will learn to safely cut glass and smash plates to form their own original artwork. A large variety of bases are available including light switch covers, boxes, various wooden shapes, frames, etc. The tesserae (pieces used to make the mosaic design) includes plates, tiles, glass, shells, rocks, buttons, jewelry, mirrors and more.

We will learn the basics of mosaics and your child will make a coaster/paperweight/hook holder and light switch cover (depending on their speed). If your child has small, flat, non-porous items that they would like to include in their design, they are welcome to bring them.

If your child is an ongoing student, projects will be chosen based on skill level.

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