

Alvarado Academy | Fall 2013 Classes

We have received a grant from Bernalillo County to help provide **FREE, enjoyable, useful classes** for residents of the Alvarado Gardens neighborhood. If you live between the Rio Grande and Rio Grande Boulevard and between the Nature Center and Thomas Village's north boundary, you can sign up for these free classes, taught by your own talented neighbors.

To sign up, call Kathy Chilton (345-3130) or email her at lance@unm.edu. If you have difficulty getting through to her, try Yolanda Homann at 345-3178. All of the classes will be held in the neighborhood at the Nature Center or in buildings at the former All Faiths center or in neighborhood studios.

Class Date Time Place	Description	Instructor
Birding Sat Sep 28 9-11am Nature Center Education Building	Identify the birds in our neighborhood and how to enjoy birding yourself.	Connie Adler and Judith Nelson
Oriental Brushwork Sat Oct 12 1-3pm Private studio (address given when you register)	A neighborhood artist will present techniques for showing the dance between ink, brush and paper. You will be taught some basics of Chinese brushwork in this class.	Pat Marsello Pat is a professional potter and painter who exhibits her pottery and scrolls at galleries and shows in Albuquerque and around the state. She has studied in China to master the brush techniques.
Nature Journaling Sat Oct 26 9-11am Nature Center Education Building	Learn ways to preserve your observations in our nature-rich neighborhood with pen and paper and watercolor.	Margy O'Brien Margy has taught journaling for many years and has completed several projects for the 1% for Art initiative. She is a watercolor specialist and tile artist.
What is Light? Some simple physics Sat Oct 19 9-11am Nature Center Education Building	The properties of light are the oldest part of the study of physics. Learn, through demonstrations and lecture, about ancient to modern ideas of what light is. This class is designed for anyone interested in learning something about light.	Colston Chandler Colston has taught physics at the University of New Mexico for 36 years and has also enjoyed teaching physics to non-scientists.
Nature Journaling Sat Oct 12 9-11am Parking lot of the All Faiths complex at 3001 Trellis NW	Learn how to take care of your bicycle and keep it, and you, safe. The class is geared toward adults and children.	Marshall Kovitz Marshall and Lance Chilton write about the bicycle trails in the city that are a permanent feature on the city website. Marshall has long been a professional bicycle repairman.

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<p>Creating Natural Dyes Sat Oct 12 9-11am Nature Center Education Building</p>	<p>Using native plants, a neighborhood expert will instruct the class in methods of creating permanent and fugitive dyes for use with fabrics or wool or as ink.</p>	<p>Jill Schneider Jill has lived in the neighborhood most of her life and has developed skill in the area of dying with natural dyes and Navajo weaving.</p>
<p>Pruning Around the Neighborhood Sat Nov 16 9-11am Beginning at the Nature Center Parking Lot</p>	<p>Basic pruning information for the kinds of trees and plants in this area, when and how, and how much to prune. Hands on pruning will take place during the class. STUDENTS SHOULD BRING ANY PRUNING TOOLS THEY HAVE.</p>	<p>Marilyn Bettman Marilyn has been farming in the north valley for many years. She sells her produce, including fruit from her home orchard, at the Los Ranchos Growers Market.</p>
<p>Quilt Blocks Fri Nov 8 10am-Noon Stitchology at 2400 Rio Grande Blvd NW (next door to La Montanita Coop)</p>	<p>Create a quilt block with a neighborhood theme. While learning quilting techniques, you will combine one of your squares with others to make a neighborhood quilt.</p>	<p>Melisa Hart Melisa is a seamstress and designer par excellence. She has been sewing most of her life and has recently begun her own business, Stitchology</p>
<p>Knitting TBA Children's Grief Center 3001 Trellis NW</p>	<p>Learn how to begin with basic knitting techniques and a project to start in class and take home to finish.</p>	<p>Laurie Ruskin</p>
<p>Writing: Where Am I Now? The Four Questions Sat Nov 2 9-11am Children's Grief Center 3001 Trellis NW</p>	<p>Four simple questions that help uncover what the heart needs and needs to do. The responses—written, doodled or drawn—are a touchstone for the journaler and a wellspring for the artist and writer. Join writer-illustrator Betsy James for a workshop in this lifelong imaginative tool.</p>	<p>Betsy James Betsy is an award winning author, illustrator, and teacher. You can find her books at Bookworks or on the web.</p>
<p>Neighborhood History Walk Sun Oct 6 1-3pm Starting at the tree at the entrance to the Nature Center</p>	<p>Writers, artists, farmers, bull riders, pyromaniacs, government officials have lived in the neighborhood. Walk along the streets and ditches to learn of the people, the natural history, and the development of the Alvarado Gardens Neighborhood.</p>	<p>Kathy Chilton Kathy has taught walking classes about Los Candelarias, Alvarado Gardens, and the ditches for the University Continuing Education Department and for Oasis. She is co author and illustrator of two guidebooks to New Mexico and illustrator of two New Mexico history books for the UNM Press.</p>
<p>CPR TBA Children's Grief Center 3001 Trellis NW</p>	<p>Learn basic CPR training. By the end of the class you will not be CPR certified but will know how to act in an emergency situation.</p>	<p>April Curley Sherer April is a resident Physician at the UNM hospital and has done CPR training around the state.</p>

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<p>The Apple (computer) Ecosystem Sat Oct 26 9-11am Private home (address given when you register)</p>	<p>Learn the ins and outs of the operating systems (OS and iOS) that power Apple computers, iPads and iPhones and how to make sure all your devices are synchronized. Basics with lots of Q&A.</p>	<p>Don Michaelis Don was co-creator and long-time publisher of <i>The Collector's Guide</i> and has been a user of Apple computers and devices for 30+ years.</p>
<p>Making and Decorating Walking Sticks Sat Nov 9 9-11am Nature Center Education Building</p>	<p>Make yourself a walking stick out of renewable natural materials and then decorate it extravagantly or simply and elegantly. Annie will supply the raw materials. Yucca spear will become useful and decorative objects.</p>	<p>Annie Campagna Annie is a ranger at Coronado Historic Site and has taught this workshop at the monument</p>
<p>Art Using Recycled Materials Wed Nov 13 3:30-5:30pm Children's Grief Center 3001 Trellis NW</p>	<p>Children can turn trash to treasures with several projects to do in class and others as take home suggestions.</p>	<p>Noel Chilton Noel is working on a masters degree in Art and Ecology at UNM and was recently named environmental educator of the year. Much of her art work has been in collaboration with children.</p>

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