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New River Offers Art Classes on Nicholas County Campus

[Summersville, WV] New River Community and Technical College will offer a series of artistic development classes including Watercolors, Drawing, Wood Carving and Pastels beginning Aug. 27. These classes, taught by local artists Deborah Dorland and Bruce Essig, will run for eight Thursday evenings. The class times are staggered so that participants can take one or two classes.

The evening starts at 5 p.m. with Drawing, taught by Deborah Dorland and Pastels, taught by Bruce Essig. The drawing class will be a broad skills development class for those with minimum artistic experience. The class will cover composition advice, perspective tools, materials handling skills and texture blending techniques. The pastels class will allow those students with some past artistic development to increase their talent by teaching the addition of color to their drawings. Students will learn color blending, layering and background coloring.

The second half of the evening includes Watercolor, taught by Deborah Dorland and Wood Carving, taught by Bruce Essig, both beginning at 7 p.m. Students will learn wash techniques, brush handling special effects, paper stretching, and calligraphic strokes. Each participant will paint at least one finished frameable still life to take home. The wood carving class will cover how to hand carve wood sculptures using chisels and development of hand carving techniques. Wood carving is a unique new hobby that could be profitable as well.
These classes are designed for beginners, but can also be a great refresher for those who already have some knowledge and background. Call New River Community and Technical College at (304) 872-4520 to register. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. The tuition for each class is $75.

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