

### Course description and Itinerary:

From Wikipedia: In visual **art**, **mixed media** describes artwork in which more than one medium or material has been employed. Assemblages, collages, and sculpture are three common examples of **art** using different **media**. Materials used to create **mixed media art** include, but are not limited to, paint, cloth, paper, wood and found objects.

I call mixed media "making a beautiful mess"! It is so freeing and fun. There are no real rules; with a little guidance and by learning different techniques, your imagination and creativity can run wild. Next thing you know, you will have created one-of-a-kind stunning artwork. It's not about precision or perfection; it's just the opposite. You don't need to know how to draw or paint perfectly; it's more about experimenting, playing, and trying new things.

During the week, we will create our stencils and use rollers to make paper. We will use a gelli plate and handpicked botanicals from the beautiful grounds of The Leadership Center to make our paper. This is because making paper is the key to all things collage and mixed media. We will discuss line and mark-making techniques, paint scraping, splattering, scribbling, asemic (messy) writing, outdoor dribbling of paint, and more. Making a beautiful mess is another key ingredient in collage and mixed media.

We will also talk about color composition and design elements of mixed media, as well as different ways of utilizing a focal point in your compositions. We will learn how to embellish our work. Then, we will put all our new collages into two totally different yet equally gorgeous handmade books or art journals. We will also create custom-printed envelopes with mini collages on the cards, which is a great gift idea. If time allows, we will make a unique, handwoven art tapestry using our collage paper.

We will be busy and learn a lot, but we will also have fun. We have the most beautiful room with a view in which to make our beautiful mess. I know we will get to know each other, forge new art connections and friendships, and share stories while listening to great playlists that will get your artistic mojo going and enhance your creative experience.

Join me in making a beautiful mess. It will change your art-making journey, and I'm confident you will love it!