



Camera Obscura Art Lab

Santa Monica's community art practice space. For latest updates on dates, times and prices, check online. Flip to the back for contact information.

Artists-in-Residence

8/18/18 - 11/17/18

Aparna Sindhoor

Dr. Aparna Sindhoor is Founder and Artistic Director of Navarasa Dance Theater (navarasa.org), and a teacher, dancer, choreographer, director, actor and singer. For her project, she is choreographing a new evening-length dance work with S.M. Raju and Anil Natyaveda on the theme of love.

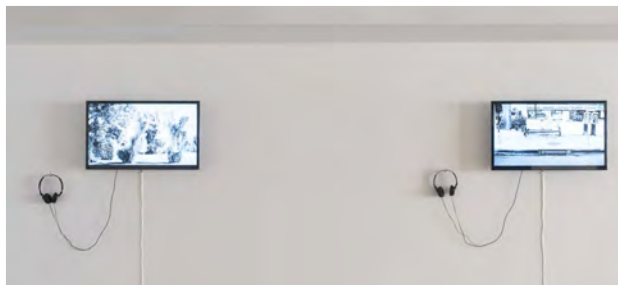


Lisa Diane Wedgeworth

Lisa Diane Wedgeworth is an interdisciplinary artist whose work employs abstraction, performance, video and the collection/archiving of oral histories. For her residency project, she is continuing her investigations into memory, identity and the space she occupies as a Black woman in her 40s, amidst the current political climate.



November Classes and Events



Lisa Diane Wedgeworth, installation view, "Star Tracking"

Making Experimental Video with Lisa Diane Wedgeworth

Saturday 11/3, 11am-1:30pm - \$5

A digital video workshop exploring experimental video making. Lisa will show some of her works and discuss issues to consider when creating abstract, non-narrative, or other experimental time-based art. Bring a camera phone or digital camera, laptop and cables if needed, and

install iMovie or other editing software on your device(s). No device? No problem! Bring paper and pencil to storyboard your experimental video.



Bollywood Dance with Aparna Sindhoor

Saturday 11/3, 12-1pm- \$5

Aparna Sindhoor, her students and company members go through popular Bollywood dance moves inspired by the song and dance routines of Indian cinema. It is fun to learn as well as perform, and it's a great workout! No prior experience necessary, just bring clothes to move in and comfortable shoes.

Open Art Crits at the Camera Obscura

Saturday 11/10, 10:30am-1pm - free

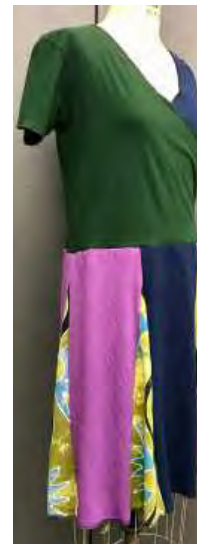
Join a healthy conversation with alumni from Otis College of Art & Design. Stop by to see others' work and share constructive feedback.



Open Drawing Lab with Lisa Diane Wedgeworth

Saturday 11/10, 11am-1pm- free

An opportunity to work independently and intuitively, paring it down to pencil and paper, under the guidance of and with occasional prompts from Studio Resident Lisa Diane Wedgeworth.



Frau Fiber's Sewing Rebellion + Craft Lounge

Saturday 11/10, 11am-2pm - free

Craft Lounge is a monthly no-host gathering of all types of crafting - bring your works in progress and make something with your neighbors.

November's Sewing Rebellion project is addressing the "problem of the t-shirt." The US sells so many t-shirts, many of them made in unethical conditions. Most of us have more t-shirts than we know what to do with. This month the project is creating wrap dresses from discarded t-shirts - bring your unneeded tops to remake.



Song, Dance and Story for all with Aparna Sindhoor

Saturday 11/10, 2-3pm - free

Aparna Sindhoor, her students and company members lead you this workshop is designed for people from different walks of life trying to find their creative voice and express their inner artist. Using simple physical movements, gestures, voice, breath and space, participants will share stories from their life or from their imagination. This workshop is suitable for all ages and abilities. Wear clothes to move in and comfortable shoes.



A Watercolor Journey with Timothy Kitz

Sundays 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 10am-1pm

Cost: \$35 drop-in, \$100 series with \$60 material fee

Join watercolorist and urban sketcher Timothy Kitz in a 6-week immersive watercolor course, open to all levels and drop-ins welcome.

Poetry & the Imagination with Dinah Berland - class reading

Sunday 11/11, 2-3pm - free

Join us for a public reading from members of Dinah's poetry class, who have spent the last five sessions exploring the cultivation and use of imagination in their writing.



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Claiming Creativity: a discussion with Lisa Diane Wedgeworth

Saturday 11/17, 11am-12pm - free

What is pulling at your heart strings? Come and participate or simply

listen as we identify our creative impulses and strategize on how to begin pursuing them.

Aparna Sindhoor & Lisa Diane Wedgeworth: New Work Performance and Exhibition

Saturday 11/17, 3-6pm - free

Join us for the culminating exhibition of studio residents Aparna Sindhoor and Lisa Diane Wedgeworth, showing new interdisciplinary and performance works. Dance performance begins at 4pm.



"I'll Be Your Mirror" Camera Obscura Documentary

Filmmaking Open Worksessions with Echo Park Film Center

Fridays and Saturdays, 11/24-12/22, 10am-12pm

In honor of the 120th anniversary of the Santa Monica Camera Obscura, Echo Park Film Center's nineteen-member cooperative is creating a film that celebrates the beloved optical device. Titled 'I'll Be Your Mirror,' the poetic documentary utilizes analog film tools and animation techniques along with archival imagery and first-person accounts, made with the help of the community.

Drop by during EPFC's open labs to see how the project is progressing and help out with filming, animation, voice overs, soundtracks and more. No experience necessary - free cinematic fun for everyone!

December Classes & Events



Repair Cafe

Saturday 12/1, 12-4pm - free

The Westside Repair Café returns to the Camera to connect the public

those with broken household items with volunteers that demonstrate how to fix them - diverting goods from the landfill and increasing community skills.

A partnership of Santa Monica Resource Recovery and Recycling, Our Time Bank and Santa Monica Cultural Affairs, the annual event is a popular opportunity to learn more about fixing appliances, bicycles, furniture, garments and more! If you have skills to share and want to get involved email ourtimebank@gmail.com.

Large item drop off will be available right in front. Check the facebook event for updates at facebook.com/1450ocean/Events.

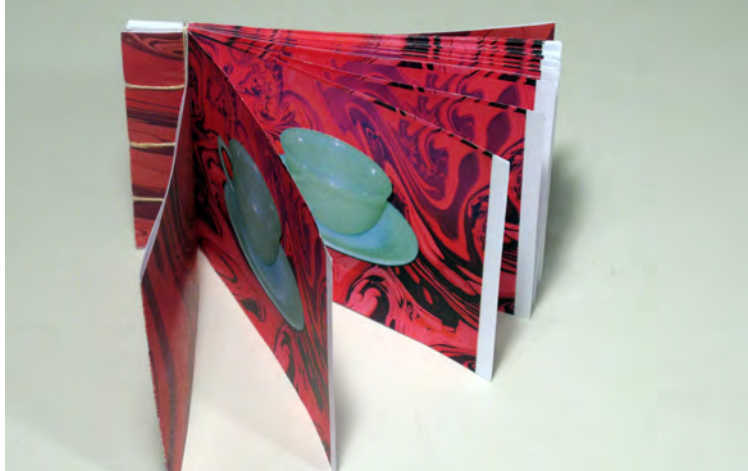


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Cinematic Stocking Stuffers with Echo Park Film Center

Saturday 12/1, 12-4pm - free

Drop by during Repair Cafe as Echo Park Film Center members teach how to make flipbooks, thaumatropes, viewmaster reels and kaleidoscopes as part of their monthlong project, "I'll be Your Mirror," at the Camera Obscura. Workshop Facilitators: Emmett Casey, Paolo Davanzo, Lisa Marr, Shauna McGarry, Beaux Mingus and Gina Napolitan.



Cyanotype Workshop with Echo Park Film Center

Saturday 12/8, 11am-1pm - \$5

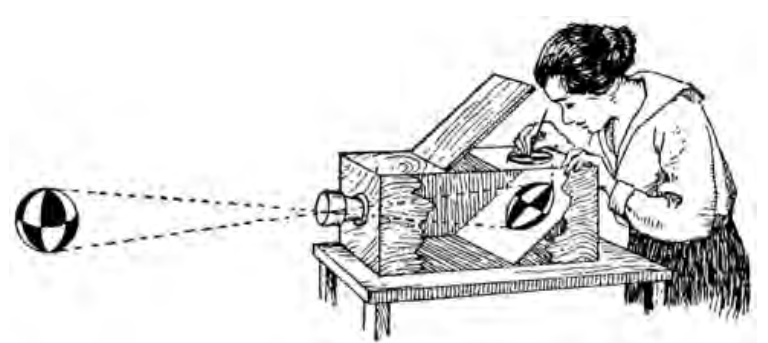
Celebrate the 17th anniversary of Echo Park Film Center with members by learning the lovely art of cyanotype printmaking. Use sun and shadow to watch your images bloom before your very eyes! Cyanotype is a monochromatic contact process that produces beautiful blue and white images.

We'll learn how to make our own simple cyanotype solution and apply it to fabric and paper before adding found objects and sunlight to create unique pieces of art. Workshop Facilitators: Dicky Bahto, Chloe Reyes and Penelope Uribe-Abee.

Frau Fiber's Sewing Rebellion + Craft Lounge

Saturday 12/8, 11am-2pm - free

December's Sewing Rebellion project is inspired by the style icon Andre Leon Talley, long an editor of Vogue Magazine. Join in celebrating the cape, the people that wear them and the season for wearing them! Bring your gently used sheets, curtains and fabrics for cape production.



Make Your Own Camera Obscura with Echo Park Film Center

Saturday 12/8, 1-4pm - \$5

Take home your own unique little box of wonder after this hands-on workshop utilizing a few simple components and an ancient discovery. Workshop Facilitators: Brenda Contreras, Beaux Mingus, Gina Napolitan and Nicole Ucedo.

Poetry with Brendan Constantine

Saturday 12/15, 11am-2pm - \$30

December's theme is, 'Repeat After Me.' Are you writing the same poem over and over? Do you feel you need to break out of a rut? Before you try anything drastic, spend a day with poet Brendan Constantine. The universe may be trying to tell you something! Don't take any vows or abandon good work for the sake of vanity. There may be a way to reinvigorate your art AND address the heart's unfinished business. All levels welcome.



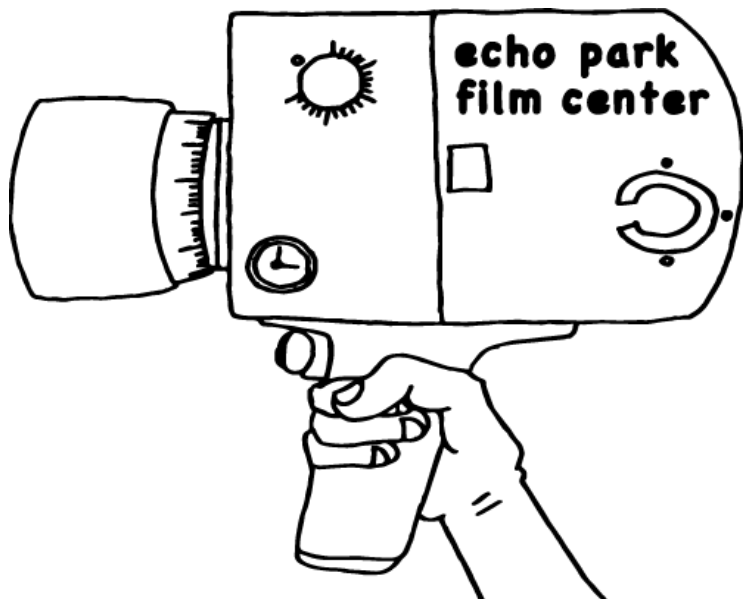
Super 8 and Eco-processing w Echo Park Film Center

Saturday 12/15, 12-4pm - \$5

Using the classic home-movie camera, participants will explore the history, application and tender sophistication of small format filmmaking. After capturing some Super 8 images on a stroll around Pacific Palisades Park, we'll return to the Camera Obscura Arts Lab to process our film using a developer we'll make from organic ingredients

such as instant coffee, local flowers and seaweed!

Stick around after for a brief screening of two Echo Park Film Center "City Symphonies." Workshop Facilitators: Andrew Kim, Nicole Ucedo and Penelope Uribe-Abec.



Home Movie Day with Echo Park Film Center

Saturday 12/22, 12-4pm - free

Bring in your home movies for an afternoon stroll down memory lane! 16mm, 8mm and Super 8 films, VHS and mini-DV tapes, DVDs... we'll screen them, talk about them and share tips on how to store and preserve your precious family history. Have questions about your analog or digital cameras and projectors? Bring those in too and we'll help demystify the process! After we'll show *Free Time & Sunshine: Home Movies In Southern California*, a documentary film created by the Echo Park Film Center Youth Class. Workshop Facilitators: Brenda Contreras, Shauna McGarry and Cosmo Segurson.

Peeking Ahead...

Poetry & the Imagination 2.0 with Dinah Berland

Sundays 1/6, 1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/3 & 3/17, 2-4pm

Cost: \$20 drop-in, \$90 series

What does it take to write poems with imagination? A generative workshop.



Echo Park Film Center screening of 'I'll Be Your Mirror

Saturday 1/26, 4-5pm -free

Join us for Echo Park Film Center's screening of 'I'll Be Your Mirror,' a poetic documentary created onsite at the Camera Obscura in 2018, plus other shorts from EPFC's global documentary practice. Games, prizes, and snacks too!



Lisa Diane Wedgeworth leads an abstract painting class.

The Camera Obscura Art Lab isn't just a place to learn technique. You can express yourself, talk with fellow creators, make connections, and take your knowledge out into the world!



Frau Fiber's Sewing Rebellion participants work on their projects

Visit our website at smgov.net/camera

Stay informed: smgov.net/artsignup

Contact camera@smgov.net or 310-458-2239

Find us at 1450 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica CA 90401

Browse & Enroll: on smgov.net/reserve (location search) or Facebook event pages at facebook.com/1450ocean

Tag us at #ArtSaMo

Getting Here:

Train: metro.net - Expo terminus at 4th St/Colorado, 4 blocks away.

Car: check smgov.net/parking. Structure 6, 2 blocks away at 1431 2nd Street between Broadway and Santa Monica: \$6 for the first 3 hours. Civic Auditorium lot, 5 blocks away at 1855 Main St, entrances on Main or 4th Streets: \$5 all day on weekends only, except during special events.

Bus: BBB Routes 8 and rapid 10, Metro 733.

Bike: Bring a lock!

