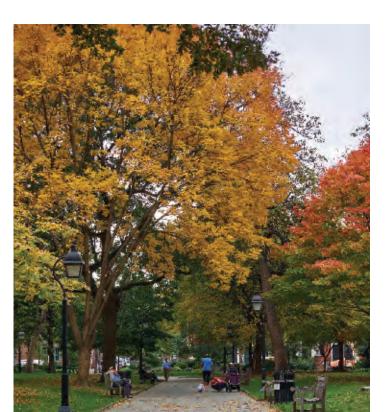
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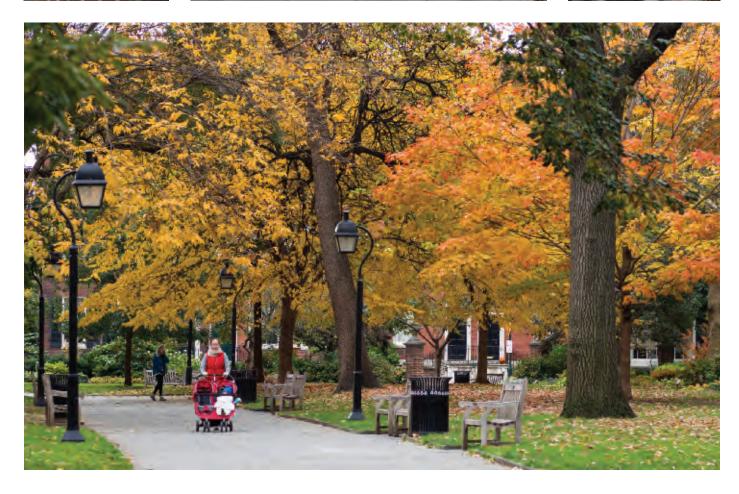


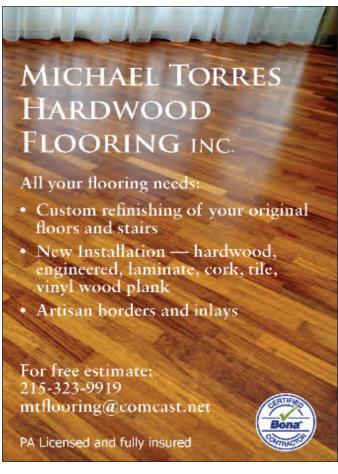














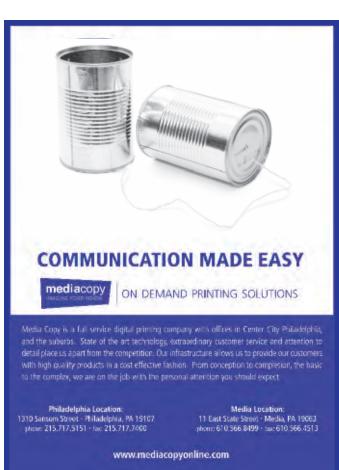
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The Art of Art Classes

Martha Cornog

Coaxing a sculpture from handfuls of mud, drawing people *au naturel*, huffing and puffing hot glass out of a pipe, animating your own doodles — who wouldn't want to be an artist with such cool things to learn?

Hopkinson House itself pops with art, from the coy metal maidens dancing the seasons by the elevators to the creations and collections of the residents themselves (see, e.g., on the House, Fall 2017). Indeed, the City of Philadelphia makes it easy to join the art squad if you haven't already. Behold a dozen energetic organizations devoted to transforming you, dear fellow resident, into an artist, if you're not one now. Several seduce arty-wannabes with special "date-night" classes for couples to learn, imbibe, and bond. If you yourself may not want to cozy up to art, your adult children or younger relatives might appreciate the gift of a class or two with brush, potter's wheel, or glass gear.

Intrigued? You have an abundance to choose from, most requiring fees but some free. These providers are grouped roughly by neighborhood; those closest to Hopkinson House listed first.

Right here in Society Hill, the historic **Physick House** at 321 South 4th Street enables you to grow a garden that will never wilt. Instructor Sarah Maxwell teaches an 8-week course in botanical art: drawing and painting flowers and fruit. Maxwell

is a certified botanical artist and member of the Philadelphia Society of Botanical illustrators. philalandmarks.org/events

Only a bit south, the Philly Art Center at its Queen Village location of 514 Bainbridge specializes in arts and crafts for kids, toddler through tween. For adults, the center offers drawing and painting plus the basics of clay craft and fashion sewing. phillyartcenter.com/queen-village/

A few blocks further away, the Fleisher Art Memorial at 719 Catherine Street proudly proclaims its mission: to make art accessible to everyone, regardless of age, background, or artistic experience — and also regardless of means. Many in its supermarket of courses are free. Peer into the quirky warren of rooms sprawling over four buildings and you'll see drawing and painting, of course, but also jewelrymaking, collage and its 3-D sibling "assemblage," cartooning, sculpture, a variety of fiber arts, even more of a variety of printing techniques, photography, and art history. Its weekend and afterschool offerings for children and teens are so popular that some require a lottery to register. fleisher.org/take-a-class/

"I love turning solid glass into a liquid and back again!" says master glassman Jim Loewer. Wandering southwesterly will take you to his territory at the



Grumman Greenhouse by PAFA alumnus Jordan Griska

Jim Loewer Glass Company,

1241 Carpenter Street.
Loewer gives private instruction to individuals and small groups, all by appointment. Amazingly, with his guidance, jewelry, vases, paperweights, ornaments, and even shot glasses can be created by newbies. loewerglass.com/glassblowing-experiences-dates-classes-lessons/

Due west from Washington Square in the Gayborhood, two clubs for artists have kept genial company for over a century: the 150year-old Philadelphia Sketch **Club** at 235 South Camac Street, and its only slightly younger sibling: The Plastic **Club** at 247 South Camac. Both offer pay-per-session workshops in drawing and painting the figure, with and without drapes or clothing, as well as workshops in printmaking. All are open to the nonmember public. (The "plastic" in Plastic Club refers to art still in progress, not to Tupperware.) sketchclub.org/workshops/ plasticclub.org/wrkshops.html Now head up into Old City to get gloriously messy at The Clay Studio, 137-139
North 2nd Street. One-day workshops and ongoing weekly classes teach handbuilding and the potter's wheel at all levels. Much instruction targets adults, while Saturday programs like "Monster Mugs on the Wheel" aim at youngsters or teens. theclaystudio.org/

Should you be inspired to create something realistic, yet with a modern vibe, meander west to Studio **Incamminati** at 340 North 12th Street. This school for contemporary realist art emphasizes the classical Renaissance tradition: mastering the magic of making something on a twodimensional surface look three dimensional. Part-time students can take onceweekly continuing education courses in drawing and painting the figure, still life, portraits, and landscapes. The studio's workshops are all-day, week-long intensives in similar areas. Emerging continued on page 17



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Ruth Rovner, An Exceptional Person

Ruth Rovner, a long-time resident of Hopkinson House and a retiree from Community College of Philadelphia after 23 years of teaching, is the subject of an article by Susan Snyder in the Sunday, July 22nd issue of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* entitled "Changing Lives with Friendship."

Snyder reports that "Rovner missed her students and thought that it would be nice if she could provide

scholarship help, particularly to high achievers, often in their 30s, 40s, or 50s, who had overcome obstacles."

"Changing Lives with Friendship"

Mission accomplished! Although she didn't have vast financial resources, wrote Snyder, "Rovner started in 2011 awarding a few \$400 scholarships each year to deserving students for things like books and supplies. While the money helped, it was what she did next that really made a difference. She offered her friendship. She takes those who accept to dinners and plays, attends their graduation award ceremonies, aids in their job searches, and maintains contact even after they graduate — 17 in all over the last six years."

Much, if not all, that was reported, shows, as the title indicates, what friendship, concern, and giving of oneself freely can do.



Ruth Rovner

Ruth Rovner, you are an exceptional person!

The Art of Art Classes

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Artists, a curriculum for high school students, offers summer and Saturday school-year programs. www.studioincamminati.org/

Drift still further west to Broad Street, where presides the venerable Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (aka PAFA) at 118-128 North Broad. You may notice first the puckish Grumman Greenhouse sculpture nearby, looking as if an airplane had dived at the academy, kamikaze style — and missed. The nation's first museum and school of fine arts has lost none of its relevance since its 1805 founding; that sculpture actually houses a working greenhouse that helps feed low income families in the region. Beyond degree and certificate programs for professionals, an extensive repertoire of workshops and classes reaches out to the public. Drawing, painting, sculpture, and printmaking —

plus less-usual twists like improvisational stitching, creating graphic narrative, and making pop-up cards — are offered to adults. Moreover, Saturday classes teach drawing and printmaking to high-school students. pafa.org/adult-programs/continuing-education-classes

Veer off towards Logan Circle where at 1916 Race Street, the modernistic building of the Moore College of Art & Design complements the Victorian-built Academy of Natural Sciences and the Franklin Institute's classical edifice. Continuing education courses outside the degree and certificate programs teach interior design, fashion design and merchandising, digital design, and animation — just the thing for veterans of Fleisher's cartooning courses. moore.edu/continuing-education/certificate-programs

Back in Center City, and gracing the Avenue of the Arts at 320 South Broad

Street, lives Philadelphia's other historic art school, dating back to 1870. The erstwhile Philadelphia College of Art, renamed the University of the Arts, now incorporates the former Philadelphia College of the Performing Arts and has added a substantial media and design curriculum. Continuing education courses for "personal or professional enrichment" include drawing and painting and photography, yet also cartooning, animation, filmmaking, design with Adobe's Creative Suite, and the refreshingly oddball

Taxidermy as Wearable Art ("ethically-sourced specimens provided.") cs.uarts.edu/ce/courses

Let us finish our virtual tour in the intellectual and artistic ferment of West Philadelphia, where hums the University City Arts League at 4226 Spruce Street. Its wide roster of classes dip into art and design, pottery, sewing, dance, and engrossments less commonly taught in art school like electronic music and puppetry. Most are for youngsters, but some instruction does cater to adults. www.ucartsleague.org/

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"Alexa: Can you help me today?" A Rundown of the Amazon Alexa Smart Device

Becky Krasley

If you're seeking help ■remembering your to-do lists, setting alarms, staying up on the news or finding a new way to play music, help has arrived! Not to be confused with an advice columnist, the Alexa I am talking about is the virtual assistant developed by online retail giant Amazon about four years ago. Amazon Alexa is a voice command device available in 38 countries to date. Essentially, it's a sleek speaker you can talk to in your home.

How does it work? Unlike a traditional speaker, you can't just plug it in and begin hearing noise with

the press of a button. Alexa was born in 2014, after all, which makes her a futurist and part of the Alpha generation. You know, just like all those babies who can operate their parent's smartphones and take selfies before they can talk. Like any device nowadays, you need a Wi-Fi network connection and another device (such as a tablet or smartphone) to download the companion Amazon Alexa Application to activate Amazon Alexa.

Does it sound complicated? Don't worry, it's not. To activate, first, plug the Alexa adapter into a power outlet. Download the Amazon Alexa application on your device. Follow the instructions within the app to connect Amazon Alexa to a Wi-Fi Network. Wait for the rings around your device to light up (there are step-by-step pictures to guide you through the set-up within the app). Talk to Alexa! This whole process takes no more than 10 minutes. Amazon Alexa is pre-loaded with a variety of skills based on her machine-learning to date; she's a wealth of knowledge just like the internet. The skills are what enable the device to assist you and respond. As you get more comfortable, you can provide Alexa with more skills custom-made to your liking — Jeopardy, meditation, local traffic, recipes and health-related reminders are all useful apps that exist.

What do I say to Alexa? Whatever you want! Alexa is a machine that learns by the more voices and questions it's asked, that's how it knows so much already through artificial intelligence. You can start by

asking about the weather or what's in the news. Just keep in mind, every question needs to start with "Alexa." That's the device's wake-word. For example, "Alexa, what is the weather today?" is the correct way to ask a question. The name "Alexa" was chosen by Amazon to be the wakeword, because it has a hard consonant with the X and therefore could be recognized with higher precision. It's also claimed that the name is reminiscent of the Library of Alexandria, so that makes sense.

I was given an Amazon Alexa a few years ago and it became my most helpful household device. It's made my daily routine more convenient and life less cluttered. Alexa is my new notepad, alarm clock, radio, cookbook and so much more. At times even, comic relief — Alexa tells the best jokes! So, if you think Alexa can fit into your life and you're wondering if Alexa can help, I suggest you download the app, and ask Alexa yourself.





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Salmon and Potatoes

Jane Hickman

Salmon has many health benefits. It is a great source of protein and is rich in those important Omega-3 fatty acids. It is also delicious and very easy to cook. This recipe is one of my go-to recipes for a quick, easy, and tasty dinner. Although fresh herbs are preferred, you can substitute dried herbs, but make sure you use less: dried herbs are three times more concentrated and potent than fresh herbs. Add a green vegetable like green beans, asparagus, or Brussels' sprouts and a glass of white wine!

Chefs' Corner

Note: If you have a favorite recipe, we would love to test it and put it in this column. Send your recipes or requests to jhickman@upenn.edu. Thank you!

Roasted Salmon with Herb Vinaigrette

Yield: Two Servings

Ingredients:

Olive oil

- 1½ medium-size Idaho potatoes, peeled and cut into ¼-inch slicesSalt and pepper
- 1/4 cup red-wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 small garlic clove, peeled and finely chopped
- ½ teaspoon finely chopped fresh rosemary
- ½ teaspoon finely chopped fresh sage
- ½ teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh parsley
- 2 salmon fillets,6 ounces each, skinned

Directions:

- Heat oven to 400°. Brush two shallow 8-inch baking dishes (or use one larger dish) with olive oil. Arrange potato slices in a single layer in the bottom of each dish. Brush potatoes with olive oil, and season with salt and pepper. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, until just beginning to brown.
- 2 While potatoes bake, whisk together vinegar, mustard, garlic, and herbs in a medium-size bowl. Slowly whisk in 6 tablespoons olive oil, until emulsified. Season with salt and pepper to



taste, and set aside. Brush salmon fillets with olive oil, and season with salt and pepper.

- When potatoes are done, remove baking dish(es) from oven and reduce oven temperature to 250°. Place fillets on top of potatoes, skinned side down. Roast 12 minutes.
- Check salmon to make sure it is cooked to your preference.
- 4 Remove salmon from oven. If not serving in baking dishes, use metal spatula to place potatoes and fish on plate. Drizzle each fillet with vinaigrette.
- **5** Serve with a green vegetable.

Aperol Spritz

Becky Krasley

A wine-based cocktail served as an aperitif in Italy Preparation Time: 5 min

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- **2** Combine prosecco followed by aperol in equal parts.
- 3 Add a dash of club soda.
- **4** Garnish with an orange slice.

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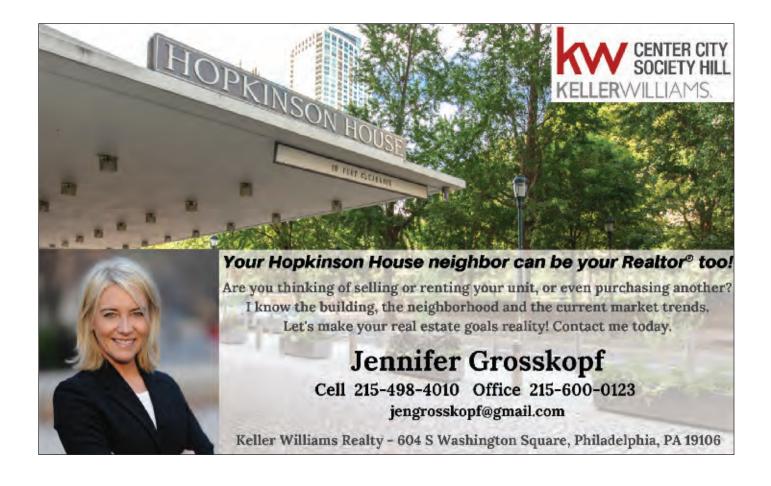
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