

Berrien Springs Partnership Syllabus – Fall 2021

CLASS TITLE: GVNCP - Backyard Art Zoom

GRADE OR AGE LEVELS: ages 6 and up

START DATE: Sept 23, 2021 **END DATE:** Nov 11, 2021

WEEKS TOTAL: 8 weeks **DAY/TIME:** 3 PM to 5 PM (2 hours per day)

DAY OF WEEK: Thursday, the class is 8 Thursdays in a row

HOURS (REQUIRED): 16 hours total

LOCATION/ADDRESS: DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION :

At your home on Zoom software

MAIN INSTRUCTOR: Zoe Elrick

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Phone: 269-612-8172

Email: galienvalley@gmail.com

Website: www.z-hub.org/galienvalleyncp.html

Please email the instructor to let her know that you signed up for her class.

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS: Zoe Elrick

Zoe Elrick is an award-winning artist with a background in education, culture, science, art, history, as well as landscape architecture and ecology. In 2011, she started the Galien Valley Nature and Culture Program (GV-NCP), in Three Oaks, Michigan. Also, she is a registered landscape architect in Michigan and has worked for Pizzo and Associates, an ecological restoration firm of prairies, woodlands, and wetlands. Her landscape architecture degree is from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Plus, she has taken nature classes in New Jersey at the Tracker School of nature awareness, wilderness living, and wilderness survival.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (websites):

www.z-hub.org/galienvalleyncp.html

www.z-hub.org/nature.html

www.z-hub.org/culture.html

<https://www.facebook.com/GalienValleyNCP/>

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Class is mostly indoors, but students will visit their outdoor backyard too.

This class is both informative and fun! Explore your own backyard. Draw nature and things in your backyard. Start or expand your Nature Journal. Drawing the things of nature helps people to learn about nature. This is a drawing class, a nature class, and a show-n-tell class. On Zoom, talk with classmates about your art, nature journal, and nature in your backyard. In class, we'll draw things such as sticks, leaves, snowy features, tracks, animals, the backyard landscape, backyard map, etc. Each day of class, there will be a few different drawing activities, indoors, as well as one or two nature-exploration activities, outdoors, in your backyard. There will be a lot of free-hand sketching, as well as some tracing too. Plus, students will write at least a little about their backyard and sketches, in their Journal. Parents may help with writing for young students.

Recommended: during class, at least for the first few days of class, parents should assist students with Zoom and the class, for students who are under age 12.

COURSE MATERIALS:

Teacher provides web page with sheets for student to print out at home.

(Required) Required to bring to class (provided by student/family):

- 1. Smart phone, iPad, and or computer (laptop or desktop) with Zoom software. Computer is ideal.**
- 2. Dress for indoors, and have outdoor apparel handy, class is mostly indoors, with visits to the outdoors in the backyard.**
- 3. Digital camera or smart phone to take outdoor photos. Be able to email about 4 photos to instructor, each week. Photos are not necessarily taken every day of class, but it's good to be prepared.**
- 4. Printer to print out sheets art projects.
Every week, print 3 new sheets, before the class period starts on Thursday.**
- 5. clipboard**
- 6. 3-ring binder for art journal / nature journal and a hole puncher**
- 7. lined paper 8.5 x 11"**
- 8. unlined paper 8.5 x 11" (printer paper)**
- 9. tracing paper 8.5 x 11" (25 sheets)**
- 10. pencils,**
- 11. colored pencils**
- 12. colored pens**
- 13. markers**
- 14. optional: an assortment of soft and hard artist pencils (e.g. 2H, 2B, 4B) - just a 4 pencil set or a set with more pencils. Or just the 2B pencil. Optional: especially the 2B pencil can be used in class.**

SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: WEEKLY BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING ACTIVITY

Week 1 – Sept 23 –	Intro
Week 2 – Sept 30 –	Fall Sketches, etc.
Week 3 – Oct 7 –	Map Your Yard
Week 4 – Oct 14 –	Animals, Native to Michigan
Week 5 – Oct 21 –	Trees, Native to Michigan
Week 6 – Oct 28 –	Backyard Sticks are Fun
Week 7 – Nov 4–	Colorful Falling Leaves, Native to Michigan
Week 8 – Nov 11 –	Review

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROXIMATE TARGET DATES:

Each day of class, a student will draw / sketch and write in his Nature Journal / Art Journal.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT - what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status? All classes abide by the following:

1. Student agrees to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.
2. The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff.

Student Assessment: Students to: 1. Be prepared / bring materials. 2. Listen to teacher. 3. Ask questions, if don't understand. 4. Be on time to class. 5. Do class activities. 6. Do activities to the best of ability of age. 7. Respects classmates. 8. Be open to suggestions. 9. Stay on task of class activities. 10. Brings required materials (see list below).

CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.

Attendance: Students need to attend 80% of class hours.

Behavior: Students are expected to be on time, bring required materials (see list below), listen to teacher, follow directions, participate in class activities, and respect classmates.

Weather: Class will be run, no matter the weather.

(Bring) Bring Required Materials:

See above, Course Materials.