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## **THE EVERHART ANNOUNCES UPCOMING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS FOR WINTER AND SPRING OF 2021**

**Scranton, PA** - The Everhart Museum announced today that registration is now open for the popular **Everhart Minis and Junior** as well as the newly created **Creative Expression Lab**.

**In partnership with Marywood University Art Therapy Department,  
the Everhart Museum has created the Creative Expression Lab,**

inspiring kindergarten through sixth-grade artists to express creativity and imagination and explore social and emotional growth. Weekly themes will integrate social and emotional concepts such as empathy, respect, understanding of one's emotions, and developing positive social interactions. The Creative Expression Lab is **hosted by Dr. Ashley Hartman, Assistant Professor of Art Therapy, a board-credentialed art therapist (ATR-BC), and licensed professional counselor (LPC). Art therapists and students from Marywood University's Art Therapy Program will develop and co-facilitate Studio Sessions.**

**Creative Expression Studio Sessions** will occur at the Everhart Museum on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. **Winter Session** runs from February 20th through April 3rd, and **Spring Session** from April 10th through May 22nd. **Member pricing is \$35, and non-members are \$40.**

**Everhart Minis and Everhart Juniors will Explore Printmaking.**

**Everhart Mini students (grades kindergarten through fourth) will have the opportunity to explore the art of composition and stamps used in printmaking.** Students will learn what is unique about the variety of printmaking processes. Together they will explore artwork around them, their influence on their own artwork, how personal preferences and life experiences influence art, and how they can learn from past artists and connect what they learn into each individual creation.

**Everhart Junior students will be exploring composition, collagraph printmaking, and fashionable art.** They will learn various art techniques and better understand the cultural and historical context of each artwork they view.

**Sessions for both the Minis and Juniors are as follows: Winter Session** Virtual Open Studio at 10:00 am each Saturday starting on February 13th through March 27th. **Spring Sessions**, which are hybrid, begin on Saturday, April 10th through Saturday, May 22nd.

Spring Session classes are hybrid and will be offered as kits with a live virtual component to **all** registered students. Limited on-site class seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis once COVID restrictions are lifted for **Spring Session ONLY**.

Kits are unique to the Everhart Museum and can be shipped (additional rates apply) outside of Lackawanna County. To subscribe to updates on classroom availability, contact [assistant.programs@everhart-museum.org](mailto:assistant.programs@everhart-museum.org). Notifications will go out ahead of openings.

*“The programs offered this winter and spring have great potential to enrich arts learning at home,” said Stefanie Colarusso, Director of Programs. “The minis and juniors classes will provide students with the technical skills needed to create a work of art, and the expression lab is a safe space for all learners to express themselves through active arts learning.”*

**Member pricing is \$35, and non-members are \$40 for both the Minis and Juniors.** Kits are unique to the Everhart Museum and can be shipped outside of Lackawanna County.

**To Register for all programs, please visit “LEARN” on the Everhart Museums website at [www.everhart-museum.org](http://www.everhart-museum.org) and click the link for member or non-member pricing.**

Funding for Everhart Minis, Everhart Juniors, and the Creative Expression Lab is provided by money from ArtsEngage!, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania Council of the Arts, and the City of Scranton.

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**The Everhart Museum is currently closed for general maintenance.** For more information, please contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email [general.information@everhartmuseum.org](mailto:general.information@everhartmuseum.org).

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**About the Everhart Museum:** Founded in 1908, the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art, is the largest general Museum in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Everhart Museum is dedicated to the collection, care, and display of a diverse array of objects and specimens, including natural history, science, and fine arts. Through its exhibitions and programs, the Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities. General support for the Museum is received from the Lackawanna County Office of Education & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the City of Scranton. For more information on the Museum, visit our website at [www.everhart-museum.org](http://www.everhart-museum.org) or contact us at 570-346-7186.