

IN PERSON CLASS SIGN UP begins Saturday, September 20th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

NO PHONE SIGN UP ON SATURDAY, September 20th

The phone system is not able to handle the number of calls.

Saturday is IN PERSON ONLY SIGN UP!!!

Starting on Monday, September 22nd, you can sign up for any class by calling Fifty Forward at (615) 883-8375. They will take your name and can accept credit and debit cards over the phone. You can also pay in person at the center.

Classes fill up quickly, so call soon to reserve your place in class.

Classes may have risk. Therefore a student MUST have the mental, physical & eyesight skills to Be Safe In Class. The Instructor will approve your participation during the first class. **NOTE:** if you are member of FiftyForward, center fees are 50% of the non-member fees

2025 Fall MTGMS Class Schedule

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DONELSON - Fifty Forward Senior Citizens Center

					Max	No.	Center Fee				Call 615-883-8375 to sign up for classes			
Title of Course	Experience Level	1st Class	Day of Week	Start Time	No. in Class	of Classes	Hours/Class	Member Fee*	Non-Mem Fee*	Maint Fee	Kit Fee	Class Room	Instructor(s)	
Silver Fabrication:Basics & Beyond	All	10/1	Wed	1:00 PM	8	4	3	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Melinda Pate/ Hugh Bennett	
Copper Lab	Intermed-Adv	10/1	Wed	5:30 PM	7	4	3	\$15	\$25	\$25		Silver Room	Debbie West/Leah Cothorn	
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	10/1	Wed	6:30 PM	10	11	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary Room	Bill Painton/ Chrystie Stachura	
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	10/2	Thu	10:00 AM	10	11	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary Room	Gary Branscombe	
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	10/2	Thu	1:00 PM	10	11	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary Room	Allison Hodde	
Faceting	All	10/2	Thu	3:30 PM	5	12	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Art Room	Allison Hodde	
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	10/2	Thu	6:30 PM	10	11	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary Room	Steve Kanies/ Mark Leftwich	
Jewelry Lab	Intermed-Adv	10/3	Fri	9:00 AM	7	4	3	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Bill Clemens	
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	10/3	Fri	9:00 AM	10	11	3	\$40	\$70	\$50		Lapidary Room	Gina Simpson	
Chain Maille	All	10/3	Fri	12:30 PM	4	4	3	\$20	\$40	\$15	\$30	Silver Room	Rita Heffner	
Flame Painting/Embossing	All	10/4	Sat	10:00 AM	4	1	5	\$20	\$35	\$15	\$30	Silver Room	Rita Heffner/Allison Hodde	
Tiffany Stained Glass	All	10/6	Mon	12:30 PM	8	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Art Room	Debbie West	
Surfite	All	10/6	Mon	1:00 PM	10	6	2	\$20	\$35	\$20		Lapidary Room	Mickey Rathsam	
Silver Smithing	Intermed-Adv	10/6	Mon	2:30 PM	8	6	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Jennifer Murray	
Tiffany Stained Glass	All	10/6	Mon	5:30 PM	8	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Art Room	Debbie West	
Silver Smithing	All	10/6	Mon	5:30 PM	8	6	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Jennifer Murray	
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	10/6	Mon	6:30 PM	10	11	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary Room	John Martin	
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	10/7	Tue	3:00 PM	10	11	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary Room	Michelle McIntyre	
Silver Jewelry	All	10/18	Sat	8:00 AM	7	2	6	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Eileen Smiley	
Leather Christmas earrings	All	10/18	Sat	9:00 AM	10	1	6.5	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$20	Art	Jamie Zimish	
Flame Painting/Embossing	All	10/11	Sat	10:00 AM	4	1	5	\$20	\$35	\$15	\$30	Silver Room	Rita Heffner/Allison Hodde	
Pearl Knotting	All	10/25	Sat	9:00 AM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$85	Art Room	Warren Feld	
BeadWeaveFringe/ Caterpillar Espiritu Bracelet	All	10/25	Sat	1:00 PM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$125	Art Room	Warren Feld	
Silver Fabrication: Independent Work	All	10/29	Wed	1:00 PM	7	4	3	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Melinda Pate/ Hugh Bennett	
Copper Lab	Intermed-Adv	10/29	Wed	5:30 PM	7	4	3	\$15	\$25	\$25		Silver Room	Debbie West/Leah Cothorn	
Jewelry Lab	Intermed-Adv	10/31	Fri	9:00 AM	7	4	3	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Bill Clemens	
Silver Jewelry	All	11/1	Sat	8:00 AM	7	2	6	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Eileen Smiley	
Tiffany Stained Glass	Intermed-Adv	11/3	Mon	12:30 PM	8	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Art Room	Debbie West	
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Discovering Silver: Adventure Begins	Beginners	11/9	Sun	10:00 AM	8	1	6	\$20	\$35	\$20	50	Silver Room	Cameron Dean/Teresa Estes
Silver Jewelry	All	11/15	Sat	8:00 AM	7	2	6	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver Room	Eileen Smiley
Wire Weave Intro/ Mayan Pendant	All	11/22	Sat	9:00 AM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$90	Art Room	Warren Feld
Intro Wire Wrap/ Mix Match Bracelet	All	11/22	Sat	1:00 PM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$115	Art Room	Warren Feld
Keum Boo Foil	All	12/3	Wed	10:00 AM	6	1	3	\$15	\$25	\$10	\$35	Silver Room	Melinda Pate/ Mona Collins
Silver Jewelry Workshop	Intermed-Adv	12/20	Sat	8:00 AM	7	1	6	\$20	\$35	\$20		Silver Room	Eileen Smiley
Love Knot Ring	All	12/27	Sat	9:00 AM	6	1	4	\$20	\$35	\$20		Silver Room	Michelle McIntyre/Eileen Smiley
Wire Wrap Cabachon Pendant	All	12/6	Sat	9:00 AM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$75	Art Room	Warren Feld
Wire Weave 2/ Sun Pendant	All	12/6	Sat	1:00 PM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$130	Art Room	Warren Feld

Courses Offered 2025 Fall Quarter

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THIS IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

NOTE: Classes are subject to CHANGE - Any changes will be posted on SIGN UP DAY

SEE BELOW for how to read this schedule.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS are available on line at:

www.mtgms.org/schools.htm

Click on the 2025 Fall Description link

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NOTE: if you are member of the Fifty Forward Center, class fees are 50% of the non-member fees

Silver Jewelry: There can be additional cost for supplies for this class. It varies by the amount of silver you purchase. On average it would be \$20 and up.

Lapidary: Additional slabs and rocks are available for purchase in class.

Basic Torch Enameling: Reduced kit fee for returning students.

Experience Level - BEGINNERS – means no experience necessary
 INTERMEDIATE – means you must be have all the basic skills plus a little more
 ADVANCED – means your skill level is ahead and you are ready to push yours skills to new levels
 ALL means anyone of any level can take the class
 NOTE: All Fees are a one time charge for the full length of the class.

Below is an EXAMPLE of the schedule and how to read it.

Title of Course	Experience Level	1st Class	Day of Week	Start Time	Max No. in Class	No. of Classes	Hours/Class	Center Fee		Maint Fee	Kit Fee	Class Room	Instructor(s)
								Member Fee*	Non-Mem Fee*				
Chain Maille	All	1/6	Wed	10:00 AM	8	9	2	\$10	\$20	\$5	\$30	Silver Room	Edna Dougherty

How to read this schedule: Example: Chain Maille- All (all levels of student excepted)

Class starts 01/06, a Wednesday. It starts at 10:00 PM. 8 students are allowed in this class. It is an 9 week class, for 2 hours every Wed, at the same time.

If you are a member of FiftyForward, the class fee is \$10, if you are a non-member class fee is \$20.

There is a \$5 maintenance fee and a required kit fee of \$30, both are payable to the instructor when you show up at the beginning of the class. (cash or check only)

The total cost for a Center member is \$45 (\$10 class fee + \$5 maintenance + \$30 kit fee = \$45)

The total cost for a non-Center member is \$55 (\$20 class fee + \$5 maintenance + \$30 kit fee = \$55)

Note: A Kit is a set of required tools/material provided by the instructor that is needed to participate in the class

Some classes do not have a set "kit" fee. These classes do have a material costs, that cost will depend on how much you wish to spend.

Most of our classes are 6, 8 or 12 weeks in length. (Lapidary is 12, 2 hours classes or 24 hours of instruction) One/two/three day classes are special event classes.

Additional classes may be added to the Schedule during the quarter!!!!

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