

IN PERSON CLASS SIGN UP begins Saturday, September 19th. from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

NO PHONE SIGN UP ON SATURDAY, September 19th

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

Saturday is IN PERSON ONLY SIGN UP!!!

Starting on Monday, September 21st, 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

2026 Fall MTGMS Class Schedule

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DONELSON - Fifty Forward Senior Citizens Center

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	Call 615-883-8375 to sign up for classes		
								Member Fee*	Non-Mem Fee*		Kit Fee	Class Room	Instructor(s)
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	10/1	Thu	10:00 AM	10	11	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary	Jim Price/Gary Branscome/Angelica Bridges
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	10/1	Thu	6:30 PM	10	11	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary	Steve Kanies/ Mark Leftwich
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	10/2	Fri	9:00 AM	10	11	3	\$40	\$70	\$50		Lapidary	Gina Simpson/ Terry Goodrich
Chain Maille	All	10/2	Fri	12:30 PM	4	4	3	\$20	\$35	\$15	\$30	Silver	Rita Heffner/Allison Hodde
Silver Jewelry	All	10/3	Sat	8:00 AM	7	2	6	\$40	\$70	\$45		Silver	Eileen Smiley
Intermediate Stained Glass Lab	Intermed-Adv	10/5	Mon	12:00 PM	4	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Art	Debbie West
Silversmithing	All	10/5	Mon	2:30 PM	7	4	3	\$40	\$70	\$40	\$10	Silver	Jennifer Murray/ Christine Lagerson
Intermediate Stained Glass Lab	Intermed-Adv	10/5	Mon	4:30 PM	4	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Art	Debbie West
Silversmithing	All	10/5	Mon	5:30 PM	7	4	3	\$40	\$70	\$40	\$10	Silver	Jennifer Murray/ Christine Lagerson
Small Stained Glass Table Lamp	Intermed-Adv	10/5	Mon	5:30 PM	4	8	3	\$25	\$45	\$55	\$15-\$30	Art	Caroline Buchanon
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	10/5	Mon	6:30 PM	10	11	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary	John Martin/ Jennifer Martin
Silver Jewelry	Intermed-Adv	10/6	Tue	10:00 AM	6	3	4	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver	Eileen Smiley/Kaye Petersen/Peggy Sides
Stained Glass Jewelry	All	10/6	Tue	12:30 PM	6	4	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$30	Art	Jamie Zimish
Silver Jewelry Lab	Intermed-Adv	10/6	Tue	6:00 PM	8	6	3	\$40	\$70	\$45		Silver	Teresa Estes
Silver Fabrication: Basics & Beyond	All	10/7	Wed	1:00 PM	8	4	3	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver	Hugh Bennett\ Melinda Pate
Copper Smithing Open Studio	Intermed-Adv	10/7	Wed	5:00 PM	6	3	4	\$25	\$45	\$25		Silver	Debbie West
Lapidary/Stone Polishing	All	10/7	Wed	6:30 PM	10	11	2	\$40	\$70	\$40		Lapidary	Chrystie Stachura
Picasso Fused Glass Suncatcher	All	10/13	Tue	11:30 AM	6	1	5	\$15	\$25	\$40	\$10	Art	Debbie West
Creating a Cabachon Pendant	All	10/18	Sun	10:00 AM	6	2	6	\$20	\$45	\$20	\$45	Silver	Cameron Dean/Teresa Estes
Intro to Torch Enameling	All	10/24	Sat	9:00 AM	8	1	6	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$60	Silver	Jennifer Murray
Silver Jewelry	Intermed-Adv	10/27	Tue	10:00 AM	6	3	4	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver	Eileen Smiley/Kaye Petersen/Peggy Sides
Intermediate Stained Glass Lab	Intermed-Adv	11/2	Mon	12:00 PM	4	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Art	Debbie West
Intermediate Stained Glass Lab	Intermed-Adv	11/2	Mon	4:30 PM	4	4	3	\$25	\$45	\$55		Art	Debbie West
Leather Christmas Earrings	All	11/3	Tue	12:30 PM	8	2	3.5	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$35	Art	Jamie Zimish
Copper Smithing Open Studio	Intermed-Adv	11/4	Wed	5:00 PM	6	3	4	\$25	\$45	\$25		Silver	Debbie West, Leah Cothorn
Silver Jewelry	All	11/7	Sat	8:00 AM	7	2	6	\$40	\$70	\$45		Silver	Eileen Smiley
Christmas Décor - Wood, Glass & Resin	All	11/7	Sat	10:00 AM	8	1	4	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$45	Art	Jamie Zimish
Silversmithing	All	11/9	Mon	2:30 PM	7	4	3	\$40	\$70	\$40	\$10	Silver	Jennifer Murray
Silversmithing	All	11/9	Mon	5:30 PM	7	4	3	\$40	\$70	\$40	\$10	Silver	Jennifer Murray
WireWrapCabachonPendant	All	11/14	Sat	9:00 AM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$75	Art	Warren Feld
IntroWireWrap/ MixMatch Bracelet	All	11/14	Sat	1:00 PM	12	1	3	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$115	Art	Warren Feld
Resin Ornaments & Jewelry	All	11/15	Sat	10:00 AM	8	1	5	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$55	Art	Kaye Petersen
Silver Jewelry	Intermed-Adv	11/17	Tue	10:00 AM	6	3	4	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver	Eileen Smiley/Kaye Petersen/Peggy Sides
Silver Jewelry Lab	Intermed-Adv	11/17	Tue	6:00 PM	8	6	3	\$40	\$70	\$45		Silver	Teresa Estes
Silver Fabrication: Basics & Beyond	All	11/18	Wed	1:00 PM	8	4	3	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver	Hugh Bennett\ Melinda Pate
Silver Jewelry	All	11/21	Sat	8:00 AM	7	2	6	\$40	\$70	\$45		Silver	Eileen Smiley
Intro to Ring Inlay	All	12/5	Sat	9:00 AM	6	1	6	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$125	Lapidary	Jennifer Murray

Fused Glass Ornaments	All	12/5	Sat	10:00 AM	4	1	6	\$15	\$25	\$40	\$10	Art	Kaye Petersen
Silver Jewelry	All	12/8	Tue	10:00 AM	6	3	4	\$40	\$70	\$40		Silver	Eileen Smiley/Kaye Petersen/Peggy Sides

Courses Offered 2026 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 2026 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.

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.

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					No. in Class	of Classes		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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